

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)**  
**ESF-4**  
**November 30, 2006 Minutes**

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 2007  
\*\*\*\* **Please Note there is NO December meeting\*\*\*\***

**Location:** Kensington Fire Department, 880 Farmington Ave.

**Convene:** Called to order at 7:05pm by President William Austin

**Attendance:** William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Gary Ruggiero (WLFD), Steve Brown (WLFD), Vinny Palmeri (EHFD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Dave Celapinski (EFFD), Jack Farr (RHFD), Tom McMahan (KFD), William Perkins (UCONNFD), Mike Ermita (EHFD), Mark Carr (NBFD)

**Minutes of previous meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup> minutes, passed (Ruggiero/McMahan)

**Treasurers Report:** Checking account: \$4,266.09, Savings account \$4,283.57, Motion to accept report (Perkins/Lapierre) Approved.

**Old Business:**

**Project P/Salamander technology discussion-** There was a sub-committee report on the salamander program/project P. The sub-committee has proposed to purchase the following accountability system for the Capitol Region; an ID tag system for color ID tags with F/F picture on tag and F/F history in the computer program, included is a start-up of 6,000 tags. Approx 200 first responder accountability status boards, a regional Rapid tag system available to tag 1000 first responders on-scene. A host FireTrax software and 43 multiple licenses (1 for each Town). 3- FireTrax Fire Command software programs (CP-8, CP-12 & RCC). 11-FT-DCX scanners with vehicle cradles (one for each task force) & 13 FT-DCI scanners with cradles (additional scanner for each task force + CP-8 & CP-12), *this may be adjusted if tethered scanners can be used in vehicles*. Training from company and money set aside for staff to go out and ID all firefighters in the region. After some discussion there were 2-motions on the floor related to project P. Some questions were raised by members present and will be researched by the sub-committee; how will lost or broken tags be replaced,

will there be a cost to the departments after initial tags issued, will there be a governance committee to keep the program active, will the firetrax command program be available on the MDT system, will there be an accountability protocol established when put in place.

**Motion-** *To purchase the salamander system as described by the sub-committee to improve our accountability system in the Capitol Region during all types of emergencies. (Ruggiero/Perkins) passed unanimous*  
**Motion-** *to spend up to \$200,000 to purchase the equipment needed for the accountability program outlined in Project P. (Ruggiero/Perkins) passed unanimous.*

Training report- nothing to report

Dues Notification- All of the 2006 dues have been sent out. If your Town has not received the dues notice please notify the treasurer (Doug Whalen) for follow-up. The 2006 dues are \$50.00.

Task Force discussion- There was a meeting with the ESF-4 and Hartford County coordinators this month, the following programs are being worked on during the winter months; ESF-4 has identified 11 Task Forces for the Capitol Region, Task Force 51-57, Tolland Task Forces 21, 22 & 23 and there will be some discussion with Middletown to put together Task Force 41 in the southern part of the region. Each Task Force will be asked to put together a Pumper Strike Team that consists of 5-pumpers. This will give the region the ability to call out 11 task forces or 11 pumper strike teams. Beginning in 2007 ESF-4 will be working together with the area fire department to form 3- water tender/tanker strike teams in the region. This program will combine some of the Cities & Towns in the Region for these special strike team call-outs. The Regional inventory of all Fire Apparatus is still active, more information should be available at the January meeting.

MDT update- nothing to report

A person with disability training program- nothing to report

Spring 2007 Drill- more to follow as information becomes available.

Citizen Corp Council meeting- there were over 170 in attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Citizen Corp Conference at Mohegan Sun. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal & Rob Simmons spoke at the conference. The conference will be every year on the last Monday in October.

### **New Business:**

Ad hoc nominating committee for 2007- Bill Perkins will chair the Ad hoc committee with Chris Schroeder & Jack Farr assisting. Nominations for President, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer will be presented to the body.

RCC A05 Project- the regional communication center (RCC) project has \$400,000 for upgrading regional communication centers in the Capitol Region. Manchester (\$250,000), New Britain (\$50,000) and Windsor Locks (\$100,000) are in the process of having upgrades put in place.

FY07 HS grant funding- Connecticut will need to work very hard for money from HS funds as it will be very competitive for 07. Money will be broken down into regions and not by Towns or Cities as in years past.

Minors & Volunteer FD- there will be a meeting with the Department of Labor, CFA and area Fire Chiefs on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Windsor Locks Fire Station on Volunteer Drive. This meeting is open to anyone that has a cadet program and is looking for information.

The next meeting will be hosted by Kensington Fire Department located at 880 Farmington Ave. Kensington. meeting time is 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen  
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer