

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
December 17, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: January 21, 2010
Location: RCC Center, 321Olcott St, Manchester

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 6:00pm (Dinner)

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Dave Lockwood (BBFD), Tom Arceri (BBFD), Gerald Bancroft (BBFD), James Barton (WPFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Dave Czapinski (FFD), Bill Riley (BFD), Jamie DiPace (AFD), Michael Trick (AFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Chris Schroeder (NFD), Steve Bianchi (WFD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), Dave Billings (MFD), Bob Bycholski (MFD), John Oates (EHFD), Will Perez (EHFD)

Public Comments: no public comments

Guest Speaker- No Guest Speaker

Minutes of previous meeting: motion to approve November minutes (Lapierre/Lockwood) approved.

Treasurers Report: treasurers report not available. Postponed to January meeting.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- The meeting of December 10th were passes out to members
Salamander system- Warehouse Point needs apparatus tag information. Information will be provided by Doug Whalen.

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New Business

January meeting location- the January meeting of the CRFCA will be held in the "new" RCC center at 321 Olcott Street Manchester. The building should be ready for the January meeting but if not the Bloomfield center FD will host meeting.

State Budget Impact- Fire schools may be cut in this year's State budget process. All departments should be aware of the impact this may have on education of new firefighters and continued training of existing firefighters.

Ever bridge system- Ever bridge emergency notification system is the system approved by DEMHS & the State since October 2009. There is a 2-day training course to learn how to work the system. Fire Officers should attend the training course to understand the system and how it plays into your Town/city. There is a major campaign to register the system and get it up and running.

East Hartford multiple alarm fire- John Oates did a quick review of the multiple alarm fire in East Hartford. The warehouse fire had a big start very quickly and the FD took a defensive attack early into the fire. There were multiple exposures to contend with and early arriving FD Officers called for multiple alarms early in the fire. MDC played a major role with supply of MDC maps to the command post. Command kept ordering resources until they finally got some in staging, early into the call every arriving apparatus went directly to a water source and went to work. Command kept 2- apparatus in Town for other calls. Most of the fire attack was with master streams. Chief Oates said he accounts -0- injuries on a strong supervision at the fire scene.

Canteen calls- Jamie DiPace stated HTFD county dispatch called for the canteen through RICS and it took over 40 minutes to get canteen to a scene. There was also concern that when calling for a regional hazmat team there may be a delay in response due to RICS and the dispatchers understanding of the system.

DEMHS trailers- it was noted that when a DECON trailer is fixed and is ready to go back on-line please call DEMHS check repairs so they can pay the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Note: There was a social dinner before the meeting and a social meet & greet after the meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer

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