

Members present: Chief Chris Norris, Chief Dave Mottor, Chief Sue Labrie, Chief Russ Anderson, Chief Bill Beldon, Ret. Chief Bill Tracy, Chief Brian Duggan, Chief Dave Hewes, Asst. Chief Nichols, Pat Carnavale(MEMA), Chief Ted Bock, Deputy Jonathan Bardwell, Deputy Bruce Carpenter, Gil Loud (DCR), John Wood (DFS), Troop Gura, Trooper Mark Reidy, Chief Columbe, Chief Nelson

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM by Chief Mottor

Minutes from last meeting read by Chief Norris approved by membership. Moved by Chief Duggan second by Chief Labrie

Treasurer report: Florence \$36,104.44. Monson account- \$4,003.64, \$5,000 CD in Monson Savings. No report from hazmat account from COG. Motion to accept by Labrie second by Duggan.

Old Business- Spoke about basic training six program and funds for that. Executive Board moved funds around to be able to fund another training program for that. Also spoke about getting together working group to review run cards for mobilization again. Basic six will start end of April and finish beginning of June. About 24 people have expressed interest in this program. Spoke about making sure training doesn't conflict with MA call/vol training program beginning the end of June. Discussion also followed on allowing Junior members to attend this basic six training program. Concerns were on insurance and proper coverage.

Radio committee- No report. Chief Anderson mentioned that HCFDA had a second tactical frequency. Chief Anderson is working on filing paperwork to get this back.

Training Committee- Classes upcoming include High voltage class in Granby, and May 21st in compressed natural gas in Amherst and May 22nd in East Longmeadow. Hazmat 101 will be in Easthampton in June, date to be determined. Discussion followed on flashover class and requirements for attendance. Chief Norris spoke that personnel need completion of recruit career, call/volunteer, or a MFA basic structural program.

May 19th in Easthampton will be a class on social media. Times will be 6PM-8PM. Chris will send out posting for this.

By-Laws- Updated bylaws were posted on the website. Please view website so we can vote on this next month.

EMS- 1st Responder program completed at VA last week. Looking to potentially doing another one in the fall. Hampshire Cty. EMS annual meeting will be May 14th at the Elks. HCFDA May meeting will be May 21st in Northampton. Westhampton Fire starting up their ambulance service tomorrow at the basic level.

Mutual Aid- Old run cards were used for Deerfield fire. Currently all response cards are under review. Air show is on May 16th and 17th in Westover. Thinking between 300-500 thousand over two days. Plan accordingly with these people and resources in the area.

FCAM- Ambulance group purchasing in process. These will be three year contracts. PPE and SCBA should be coming out soon. Talks about administration vehicles to follow in future.

Hazmat- Trucks were on scene here in Belchertown to view new vehicles. Region will have three trucks and have 2 support trucks coming possibly at the end of June.

CFO- No report

MA Call/Vol- Class announcements for July have gone out. Get all completed applications in ASAP including medical exams and physicals.

Tech Rescue- Just completed trench training this past week.

WMFC- Looking at different funding for JFIP program. AG Healy will be at Western MA Chiefs meeting in May.

SAFE trailer- Schedule is out. Call Chief Labrie.

Fit test- In Belchertown now. We have prices on new testing units. We are looking at getting a new one in the immediate future.

MEMA- June 24th from 4-8PM class will be on bomb awareness. June 25th 9-1 will be same class. ICS 300 class in Dalton will be in evenings on May 19th-21st, and 26th-28th from 6-9:30. Reminder of terrorism exercise on May 14th, location to be determined. Please sign up for this.

DFS- Hiring new Instructors for western MA. New building may be open on September 30th. State police investigation- New investigation personnel Brian replaced Mike O'Neil.

DCR- Hadley class red card class went well. Field session will be in May some Saturday. Will need to take pack test after that. Pelham tower will be going up this weekend. Goshen will be another week or two out. Greg Whitter promote to Warden in District 6. Plan is to have Greg do a lateral transfer when Gil retires in two years. Greg's job will be posted shortly. Drew Morse has resigned. Another seasonal position ends tomorrow. Still two people down right now.

New Business- Chief Tracy spoke about Goshen radio tower and some of the initial parts are in his barn. Looking to get guidance on what to do with it. Discussion followed on if committees don't have anything to report we would skip those reports and also putting together an agenda prior to meeting for all to see.

Good and welfare- Chief Lozier is May 9th. It's a surprise. Call Athol fire for tickets. Hatfield has gear rack on wheels for anyone that wants it. Call Chief Belden.

Time & Date next meeting- May 21st in Northampton **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!!!!!!**