

## Hampshire County Fire Chief Association meeting minutes

Meeting held in Westhampton

April 10, 2014

Members present:

Chief Norris, DC Douchkoff, Chief Mottor, Chief Labrie, Gil Loud (DCR), Chief Forgea, Chief Bak, Chief Belden, Ret. Chief Judd, Chief Dahill, Chief Anderson, DC Carpenter, Chief Columbue, Assistant Chief Stromgren, AC Nichols, Chief Dahill, John Wood (DFS), Haley Dunn (WMECO), Chief Spanknabel, Chief Nelson, Retired Chief Gaj

Total funds:

Chief Columbue talked about executive board meeting with COG to moving hazmat funds to a higher interest earning CD.

Red Cross- Steve Napoli and Mary Nathan were here. Red Cross reorganized and are now based out of Springfield. Mary will still be the point person for this region. Mary is diaster coordinator for region. Red Cross monitors fire calls that come in. They get text messages that there is a fire. They will call to see if we need any assistance. Handed out flyer (see attached). They will come out with cooler with drinks and snacks. They will work with family to identify needs of food, clothing, and shelter. Anyone who is displaced from home will get this service. Even if they are staying with relatives, they will come out and provide funds for food and clothing and guidance. They also offer mobile kitchen that is housed in Springfield. This can be used for scenes that are long in duration. Takes about 4 hours to get that up and running. They need to purchase supplies prior to getting this up and running. Currently focusing on prepartdness. They will meet with any community groups and talk about prepartdness efforts. Regional shelter in this area is Smith Voke. Red Cross will open shelters in local communities as needed. Cindy Hann is Mary equivalent and handles other areas. All Hampshire Regional equipment is being stored at Hampshire Mall. There are 100 cots there right now. Red Cross has partnered with the DART's and SMART's for animal shelters for individuals needs. It is now required by State law that any shelter that opens up will need to have animal capabilities as well.

### Reports on Committee's:

Communications: WMFCA will be purchasing new batteries for all the radio caches. The money is there. They are looking at what type of batteries to get. Chief Norris updated group again on the HCOG communications oversight committee. All Goshen Tower money will go towards the three towers to pay for the equipment, etc. on the three

towers of Plainfield, Goshen, and Cummington. Hampshire Cty EMS will meet May 7<sup>th</sup> to give there OK to see if the funds will be used to go towards this cause.

**Radio:** Interops meeting will be next week. Motorola discontinued the minitor V and are now shipping minitor VI. VI have a five channel model. You can only listen to two channels at a time.

**Training:** New sign in sheets have been developed for attendance in our County classes (see attached). Also new form has been developed for Instructors to get paid (see attached). Discussion followed on doing 1099 for some Instructors. Talked about getting a CPA to do this for next year and budget appropriate. Both forms were adopted and voted on to accept to implement. Discussion followed on Instructors pay and who qualifies for specialty pay. Hazmat op classes are offered by MFA and are free of charge. Live burn class scheduled for April 26 in Westover. Discussion followed on number of people attending and conflicting date with Civil Service exam. Based on last months meeting, only 8-10 people will be attending this live burn. Discussion followed on changing the date to a later time. No action taken and burn to be held as scheduled. Discussion followed on looking at Brookfield as an option for doing live burns in the future as well. Chief Norris and Chief Coulombe to visit site. May 10<sup>th</sup> Billy Goldfelder will be speaking in Western, MA. Please get people to respond. Call/Volunteer program beginning in July in Hatfield. Get names in.

**CSFI:** Ret. Chief Barkman going.

**SAFE Trailer:** Ware has it the end of April to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Still under cover in Chesterfield at Berkshire Hardwoods.

**Hazmat:** Class May 3 in Easthampton 8 hr. refresher class. Ice rinks are required to be permitted as a hazardous materials process. 527, section 33 applies.

**Fit Tester-** At Ware FD right now and then going to Easthampton.

**District 10 Report-** Fire Towers are up and running now. Goshen is still all snow cover. A couple small fires occurring right now. Weather goes out on Pelham fire tomorrow every day at 10 AM and again at 1PM. Been giving predicted class day to Control for tone tests at night. Working on tagging excess property right now and will be contacting Departments. Many times DEP has said that noon time is the time to burn due to air quality. Discussion followed on DEP website not being updated and not up and running on Sundays. Anyone that has had problems, please reach out to DEP to express concerns. Website has been terrible.

**FCAM:** Chiefs getting in trouble for “things”. Recently Chiefs have been going to President. Any issues, please go to our District Rep. Who is Chief Mottor. Mentoring Chiefs are available as needed. Procurement problems have come up recently. Anyone who is a strong Chief, many communities are looking at this and seeing if it is beneficial. Communities also looking at contracts.

**Marshal's Office:** NFPA 1, a review committee is up and running. NFPA 1 will be coming out in 9-12 months. This will be training prior to implementation. All MA amendments will be in one book. 527 will be incorporated into this document. 1 book and 1 book only. Some talk about FPO 2 being rolled out after NFPA 1 rolled out which will be 9-12 months. Fire Safe cigarettes are priority for our rep, John Wood, and it will be extremely difficult to get assistance immediately from him. You will get put on list. Hampden Cty. Writing letter to Marshal about their concerns with immediate access with our rep.

**Tech Rescue-** No report

**EMS Report:** No report

**New Business:** Executive Board to meet with COG to take control of hazmat funds and make account for these funds. Motion made by Columbe seconded by Norris. All in favor. Members requested letter sent to Marshal about John responsibilities for SAFE cigarettes and not prioritizing fire departments. **All voted in favor of writing letter. Norris will take care of.**

Mark Wert- 617-281-4696 is contact at DEP for website if there are any complaints or issues.

Jennifer Hoyte got hired by DFS to fill Dana's spot in code compliance.

Haley Dunn- WMECO meeting last week in Northampton. Anyone who needs maps of critical information maps please let her know. Also make sure she has correct contact information. She also has training CD's to those who need. Haley number's 431-787-9446 for those who need to contact her for business.

**Good and Welfare**- FCAM at Theresa in Ware April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: May 8, 2014 in Hatfield. Location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 2015

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Norris

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FIRE DEFENSE ASSOCIATION



Dedicated To Promoting Regional Training, Mutual Aid, and Emergency Response Capabilities.

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## Instructor Pay Requisition

Date:

Instructor's Names:

Location of Training:

Hours:

Number of Departments attending:

Number of Students:

Name of course:

Additional Comments:

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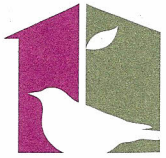


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### Official Training Attendance Roster

Course:	Date:			Course Hours:
Printed Name	Rank	Department	Signature	

Instructor Signature:



## Hospice of the Fisher Home

March 7, 2014

Hampshire County Fire Defense Association  
200 West Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Dear Donor,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$50.00 to Hospice of the Fisher Home in memory of Judith Couchon. Your gift is a tribute to the life of Judith, and it will help us to provide for other patients and families under our care. We will notify the family of your donation.

Hospice of the Fisher Home provides a special service whether being cared for at home or in our residential hospice. We offer supportive care for people in their final days, weeks or months of life. We also offer spiritual and emotional support to their families.

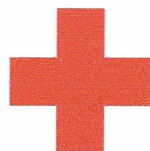
Thank you again for your gift to the Hospice of the Fisher Home. Community and public support, through memorial gifts and donations help us do what we do best--to care for our patients, family and friends. We are grateful.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maxine Stein".

Maxine Stein  
Executive Director

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## **American Red Cross**

Pioneer Valley Chapter  
506 Cottage Street  
Springfield, MA 01104

**1-800-564-1234**

### **What does the Red Cross Disaster Action Team do:**

- Provide basic emergency needs for families and individuals affected by fire, flood or other disaster  
We can provide food, shelter, clothing, mental health, and assistance with medication replacement.  
We will complete a damage report either from our own observation or from first responders' reports.  
We offer resource and referral guidance.  
We will work with families and other agencies to enable long term recovery.  
We do not duplicate services of another agency.
- Provide hydration or hot beverages and snacks to first responders / utility crews at the scene
- Provide meals for responders and work crews on a disaster scene when the incident is of a long duration

### **When should you call:**

- Please call us when you have a family that has been displaced from their home and they need assistance with basic emergency needs such as food, clothing or lodging.
- When you need help with providing hydration and meals to your crews at a disaster that is lasting longer than 4 hours.

### **How to contact us:**

- **1-800-564-1234**
- The operator will take your information including address of incident, number of families/people affected and if emergency personnel will need drinks/snacks. They will immediately pass this info on to our Disaster Team dispatcher.
- The Disaster Team dispatcher will return your call within 15 minutes to confirm our ETA.

### **Other:**

- Once we receive your call, we call our available volunteers and have them report to our Emergency Response Vehicle. Please allow up to two hours for the team to arrive at the incident scene. They are all volunteers.
- We can not respond to issues that are caused from landlord negligence.
- We can not provide shelter to hotel guests. Should an incident arise involving a hotel, we can open a service delivery site to assist the hotel management in working with the displaced guests.
- If you have a fire in your community and the families have a place to stay but you think they may need help with food, clothing, mental health or long term recovery assistance, please call us.