

Meeting minutes from December 12, 2013- Hampshire County Fire Defense Association

Members present- Chief Mottor, Labrie, Hewes, Norris, Coloumbe, Duggan, AC Nichols, Chief Nelson, AC Stromgren, Chief Anderson, DC Carpenter, Chief Dahill, Chief Belden, DC Bardwell, DC Douckoff, DC Wloch, Chief Spanknabel, Chief Workman, Chaplain Bruce Arbour, Marshal Coan, Deputy Marshal Ostrowsky,

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours by President Hewes.

Treasurer's Report- \$46,998.30 in books. Wrote \$2,020 in payments for training. Of this amount, \$1,480 went towards 10-4 Training for the forcible entry training in Goshen on December 8th. Remaining amount was for Instructor pay. Any Instructors being paid over \$600/year will need to have a 1099 generated for tax purposes. Our initial cost for "I Am Responding" for the tech rescue program has been minimized to \$75/year.

Marshal's Report- Build out on Springfield on target. They will be rehabbing the current burn building and breaking ground in February/March. They are prepared to go out to bid and buildout will take about 16 months with a tentative open date of June 2015. Hope is to utilize this facility to hold Western MA recruit classes and minimize back log and waiting list. Marshal has requested money for this facility for three engines, tower ladder, protective clothing, etc. In addition, they are replacing two Engines in Stow and have 4 million to put towards new hazmat units. Marshal spoke about current legislation he is aggressively pursuing to have any Firefighter with at least 10 yrs. In a group 4 retirement to carry that same retirement position over to any admin positions within DFS in order to make eligible in State employees. Marshal also pursuing legislation for hazmat reimbursement and finding alternatives to not have homeowners liable for mitigation costs when a response is needed for a true emergency our unforeseen circumstance. SAFE awards are being mailed out tomorrow. Training Council looking to fill one position for full time Chief. Encouraged Western MA to have their voice in this process and bring forward names of any interested individuals.

Deputy Marshal- Spoke about build out of NFPA 1 and the effort being put into making sure 527 CMR's are reflective in this new document. They are trying for a blended document that does not have a bunch of amendments, but is one comprehensive document.

DC Marshal spoke about FF 1/2 training and the current two programs beginning in January that will have the eBlended program. Looking to minimize current time constraints of program as current program is 6 months long. Chief Coloumbe brought forward the ongoing need for another program out here in Western MA.

Intermission for Dinner and fire alarm activation in which all Chiefs evacuated through the emergency exits with Chairs blocking the egress.

Bruce Arbour, Chaplain spoke about corp of Fire Chaplains and resources they have. He wanted his cell phone number given to all which is 413-883-3051 and anyone who needs anything can call him anytime.

Radios- Make sure to get Lindsay your correct radio information for your respective Departments. They will also be working on a County wide comm plan for large scale incidents.

Training- 28 people attended the forcible entry program

By Laws- Chief Belden will be emailing out proposed changes to be voted on at the January meeting. In particular is Article 4- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions, Article 5- duties of this position, Reports of Committees added SAFE trailer report.

FCAM- Steering committees document coming out. Professional Development February 4th, 5th, 6th. Collective purchasing program to expand to PPE. Email will come out from FCAM looking for personnel to assist on this committee. Log Cabin meeting well attended. FCAM meeting in April will be in Ware.

New Business: AFG regional grant submitted for live fire mobile training unit in the amount of \$160,000 with initiative by Chief Anderson.

501C3 being finalized.

Mobilization draft handed out to group to switch from 3 groups to 2 groups. We will vote at the January meeting on this. Once this is finalized, "Go bags" will be given out to each group.

Chief Mottor thanked everyone for their support for the fatal MVC in Easthampton last week.

Chief Spankabel thanked everyone for their support for the fire in Hadley a few weeks ago.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris