

Members present: Chief Chris Norris, Chief Dave Mottor, Chief Russ Anderson, Chief Bill Beldon, Chief Nelson, Chief Ted Bock, Chief John Workman, Deputy Ed Wloch, Deputy Jonathan Bardwell, Deputy Bruce Carpenter, Haley Dunn (Eversource), Chief Dave Hewes, Chief Brian Duggan, Chief Tom Coulombe

Meeting called to order at 6:06PM by Chief Mottor

Treasurer report: \$5,671.90 in Checking account, \$36,104.47 in Florence Savings Bank

Old Business-

**Radio committee-** Chief Norris updated group on the communications subcommittee for the Hampshire Hills communications project. Spoke about the assessments and how the determination was made between primary users and secondary users and the fees associated with this. Spoke about the purpose of these fees was for upkeep and maintenance and future purchases as needed for replacement. Chief Norris mentioned how each town for this user group has already received letters of explanation about the system and the proposed fees for FY 16. Group was reminded that we voted to have all the funds from the Goshen Tower go towards this project to help offset the costs associated with this communications equipment. Chief Norris and Chief Forgea are currently the two members representing HCFDA on this subcommittee and anyone who would like to take Chief Norris spot, please let him know.

**Training Committee-** MFA doing up a quote for the FF I program for delivery to County. WMFCA hosting a class in May "saving those who save other". Flyers were sent out to all Departments. Peer Support network trying to get out to each County for training on QRS. Purpose is to bring awareness about behavioral/mental challenges being faced by emergency first responders. Red card class in Hadley will begin in March. Much of the class is now on line.

**EMS-** New Director Michael Kass has been appointed. Hampshire Cty. EMS will be conducting a first responder training program at the VA in Northampton on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1800-2200. A flyer will be sent out to Departments for registration. There will be no fee for this program.

**Mutual Aid-** Starting with blizzard, task force needed from the east, they probably wouldn't come out due to the problems they are dealing with in the snow.

**Bylaws-** No report

**FCAM-** Professional development was success. Moving to DCU next year. Planning will start in two weeks.

**Hazmat-** Request was made to have new trucks brought to meeting in Spring. Two upcoming retirements on the steering committee.

**CFO/CFSI-** Mottor and Welch going. Reimbursement will be \$1,500/person

**MA Call/Vol-** no report

**Tech Rescue-**no report

**WMFC-** JFIP program going well. Questionnaire may be sent out shortly.

**SAFE trailer-** no report

**Fit test-** In Hatfield. Going to Belchertown next. Then Granby

**MEMA-** no report

**New Business-** Will add Linda Moriarty to contact email list. Haley Dunn- WMECO is now known as Eversource. Contact numbers all the same.

Good and welfare- None

**Time & Date next meeting-** Westhampton on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1800.

Meeting adjourned at 1935 hours