

## **Hampshire County Fire Defense Association Monthly Meeting**

**Jan 8, 2015, 18:10 - location:** Amherst

Meeting officially opened by Vice President Walter Tim Nelson

**Minutes from the last meeting:** Accepted as transmitted

### **Secretary / Treasurers report:**

- Checking account Florence savings \$36,104.44/ Haz Mat account: Trying to meet with COG. Monson savings \$5,671.90/ Monson saving \$10,000
- Application for membership: none

### **Old business:**

**Radios** – WMLAC build out continuing / Lindsey and Bernie on new radio committee through homeland security and oversight committee. CMED coming out with new frequencies

**Nomination committee:** NA

**Training:** Survey sent out to members. We have an estimated 30 members available for a basic six class for the first half of the year and thirty for the second half. Approximately 24 for the Call I/II program in fall. Discussion on what members want. Survey stated some members feel it's good and some don't feel it's enough training. Committee investigated having MFA do a FFI class estimated cost \$20-\$30 thousand / FFI/II program \$70k. Committee was asked to go back to MFA and get per student cost. Also if we start using Springfield live burn there is a concern that the 10 year gear status will come into play. More discussion next meeting.

**Mutual aid:** Nothing new.

**Legislative Breakfast:** March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Log Cabin

**Haz Mat:** New trucks delayed in by June

**Air Truck:** Group is asking for a report so we can see how much it's being used. It's a valuable asset however we do not know its use. Many other air units around today vs its inception.

**SAFE Trailer:** In Storage

**Fit Test:** Being repaired will start the circuit when repaired

**FCAM:** Pro development conference Feb 3-5 Boxboro

**Masscall** – NA

CFI – Washington trip coming up anyone interested get your name into President

**Tech Rescue** – NA

**Western MA** – Next meeting Jan 22 Italian Club Westfield

**Fire Marshal's Office** – Email system down for Western MA

New Code in affect also there is a contradiction in the code for open fires 75' feet from a home not 50'

New ticket books coming out end of February

New permits on web

Gas stations – nozzle clips allowed at nozzle replacement

**New Business:**

Chief Duggan made a motion that we invite the representative from DEP to discuss open burning regulations / motion passed.

**Good & Welfare:** NA

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10:** The next meeting on 2/12/2014 in Hadley

**MEMA** – Was at meeting demonstrating the ability to assist with simulated drill modules/ table top drills to include local mapping and hazards.

ICS class Feb 24 and 25 Agawam 8am – 4 Pm

EMD Quarterly Last week of February

PIO Class March 3&4 Umass 8-4

Umass Active Shooter drill March 19<sup>th</sup> Umass PD 8-4