

## Hampshire County Fire Defense Minutes

March 3/14/13 Ware MA

Meeting called to order by Chief Norris

Accepted minutes from last meeting

Accepted treasurer's report

Radio-Meeting with the COG for sustainability of the county radio system. SPD will keep the system running but the communities that use the system will need to fund it over time to keep it running. A committee will be formed to look at funding primarily from the communities that are the users. The police need to look at the same issues.

Discussion regarding C-Med programming issues. Some services cannot communicate with C-Med. Discussion regarding some communities will not reprogram their radios until a formal letter comes out from C-med with the frequency information. Voted to send a letter to WMEMS for clarification on C-Med channel programming.

Training-Discussion about the need to train our trainers to the proper levels, and how to protect the association as well as the instructors from liability. Should they be working for themselves, for their respective departments, or as contractors. We will look into these areas for the near future. We will look into insuring our instructors. The training committee will be doing a budget to submit to us. This will include a list of classes. The training committee will look at how to use our resources as well as MFA resources. Training committee will talk with MFA about more officer development classes. MFA props are available to our communities.

EMS-Backfill available for the PHTLS class. 1 Day PHTLS class will be run for first responders. AFG grant for EMT and Paramedic training is coming. Meet and greet with the new director of OEMS will be held April 30<sup>th</sup>. All encouraged to attend.

Mutual aid-None

By-Laws-Changes to the by-laws presented previously voted on and adopted. Request that the by-laws require that any changes in dues will be published before 1 January.

Air Truck-Plainfield has the truck, unsure if they have paid their dues. President will report next month.

Fit Tester-In Amherst now. Needs service. Norris will put pictures of HCFD assets on web site.

CFO-Deputy Chief from Ware going to CFSI

FCAM-Do we want DCR to put people in towers on in a truck. Voted to ask for people in towers.  
Bid program going well. There will be two FCAM meetings in west mass this coming year.

WMFCA-Tech rescue trailers are in. MCV next meeting in Granby.

New business-None

Fire Marshal-Quarterly training May 21, 23 in Springfield. Call Christine Mitchel with questions  
on the FPO class, 978-567-3204. Watch the DFS briefs for upcoming classes.

Next meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> in Bergy.

Meeting adjourned.