

HCFDA Meeting Minutes 05/09/2013

Meeting called to order 1840

Treasurer's Report: None (will email once received)

Old Business: None (meeting minutes from April need to be sent out to all members)

Report of Committees:

- FCAM-There will be two meetings in Western MA this coming year. June 12th in Lenox at Cranwell and Dec 18th at the Log Cabin. MCVFA looking for representative from our District to attend meetings. Meetings in Worcester one Tuesday a month. Alternates can represent our organization on committees. Anyone interested, let President know. There is a new 2nd VP of FCAM, Chief Dolorie of Wellsley. FCAM purchasing program going well. Saving many communities much time and money. FCAM working on job descriptions for all positions. Watertown selling t-shirts to benefit officer killed.
- EMS- New OEMS Director had meeting in Holyoke last week. Discussion on National Registry. June 15th new OEMS protocols go into effect. Hamp. Cty. EMS annual banquet at the Elks in Northampton May 23rd. Tickets are available from Lisa Rhoades.
- Fit Tester- In Easthampton getting ready to be sent out for calibration. 2nd Fit tester from Sunderland in Chesterfield with Chief Hewes.
- Air Truck- In service
- Training- Schedule for next semester is out and will be posted on website. Need participation in training meetings. MFA Director Ed Walker will be in Springfield on May 21st at 10:30 to meet with Training Officers to update on Springfield facility. Draft budget presented to group for training. Training program will be 92-96 hour program beginning in September. Locations to be determined based on people in class. \$15/hr. for lead Instructors, \$10/hr. for co-Instructors, there will be two 8-hour structural firefighting days working out of Westover, forcible entry program, foam course, compressed air foam training, officer training, professional development for instructors to get certified to Instructor I level.
- Tech Rescue- Just finished 16 hour confined space rescue training.
- WMFCA- Chief Van Gordon just started facebook page. June 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd New England Fire Chiefs show at Big E.
- DCR- Been busy with fires on Mt. Tom. Fires buring deep about 6-8" down. Make sure to return DOD/FEPP agreements as soon as possible. Rob Hanacek not doing too well. Gil will be reaching out to group to help set up portable garage in his yard in immediate future. Westover has numerous people with red card training and lots of water- will travel as needed. VFA grants due June 3rd for communities eligible with under 10,000 population. Requires 50/50 match.
- New Business- Fiscal 2014 budget presented to group outlining revenue for year based on community dues and a line item budget for the year. Chief Norris explained the Tower money was purposely not included in revenue based on the unknown of how much if any would be received from the COG. Recommendation was to put any money received from COG into the Capital account that would supplement the line item for that fiscal year. All members agreed to this concept. The COG has stated previously that they will use the \$7,200 to paid insurance on

all communications equipment on towers and then the remaining balance will be evenly split between the Hampshire County EMS Association and our Association. Middlefield highlighted in yellow as they have not paid in previous years and we are not anticipating receiving any money in future from them. Chief Norris explained that amounts in each line item were based on historical data reviewed by Board of Directors and documents were brought to meeting for any members to view as requested. Chief Norris then asked if anyone had any concerns about amounts in each line item to be funded in fiscal 2014 to which there were no concerns or recommendations for change. Final budget to be officially accepted at June meeting.

- Good & welfare- Chief Belden thank you card received. Chief Lawton retirement party June 22nd. Email sent to all members with flyer attached with information to get tickets and cost. Mike Spankabel family doing better and home. Dave Mottor motioned \$100 from Association to go towards account set up for family. Action Item-Treasurer to send check. Chief Mottor-Little League \$3/group rate asking about doing something for County will send out information to President to forward.
- Time & Location next meeting- Paisanos in Southampton. June 13th 6PM. Nomination Committee will be appointed by President.

Meeting adjourned at 2030hrs.

Please go to website to view meeting minute notes as needed, draft budget with projected revenue, and training schedule.