

Hampshire County Fire Defense Association

May 8, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 6:29 by President Hewes

Members Present:

Chief Labrie, Chief Spanknebel, Chief Anderson, Chief Nelson, AC Stromgren, AC Nichols, Chief Forgea, DC Douchkoff, Chief Dahill, Charlie Knowlton, Chief Belden, DC Bardwell, Chief Connell, Kevin Connolly (MCVFA Region 4 VP), DC Carpenter, Chief Hewes, Chief Mottor, Chief Columbe.

Minutes from previous meeting: Motion made and 2nd to accept. Passed unanimous

Treasurers Report: \$40,428.44 in checking, no updated balance on Hazmat fund. Motion made and 2nd to accept. Passed unanimous. For the period of October 2013 to mid April 2014 \$3,300 has been spent out of the training budget for instructors. CFSI had a cost overrun due to the cost of changing flights. The total cost incurred was \$3,200.

FY 15 budget was presented to the body. Only correction to be made was change the header to reflect FY15. Motion was made and 2nd. Vote was unanimous.

Motion made and 2nd to add \$200 to the appropriation for CFSI, 2nd. Discussion: This is to cover the additional cost incurred by AC Stromgren in securing flights as a short notice replacement. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business

Reports of Committees:

Communications: The mobile repeater was found in South Hadley. It will be reprogrammed and brought to Granby. Request was made for the Secretary to send out an e-mail to see who has FAMTRAC radios and get the all reprogrammed. AC Stromgren handed out a list of all VHF frequencies used in the county. Please send him any corrections.

Training: A new training committee was appointed, Chief Anderson (Chair) and Chief Spanknebel. There was discussion on the direction this organization wants to take. The committee will meet to discuss them as well as look at a replacement training coordinator. Chief Anderson is going to schedule a makeup burn day for the students who did not get to complete it this semester.

EMS: New Director of EMS has resigned

Mutual Aid: A new check list is going to be established for requesting a task force. There is discussion of having all requests go right to MEMA and bypass the regional control centers

Fit Tester: Back in Easthampton. Training session will be announced soon.

FCAM: September meeting will be at Yankee Candle, might be a night meeting. Sprinkler legislation is still not gaining momentum. Apparatus purchasing program has been so successful that any community that purchased this FY will receive a small rebate.

Tech Rescue: Team recently trained in Chesterfield. Chief Hewes stated it was an impressive sight to watch.

New Business: Chief Mottor is going to be getting prices for pump testing again this year. He is looking at August/September time frame. Discussed a new initiative Chief Madison in Longmeadow is working on, FF Suicides and PTSD. As more info/training comes out it would be good for this organization to be an active partner. Chief Columbe briefed on CFSI. The Western Mass group meet with Congressman Neal, Senator Warren. Western Mass was the only Mass contingent were the only ones to meet with Senator Warren.

Good & Welfare: Next meeting is at Southampton at Paisanos. Meeting adjourned at 7:35