

Members present: Chief Chris Norris, Chief Dave Mottor, Chief David Keefe, DC Edward Wloch, Chief Forgea, Chief Hewes, Chief Spanknabel, DC Bardwell, Chief Belden, Chief Duggan, AC Nichols, Bob Barry, Lee Douckoff, Chief Anderson, DC Carpenter, Chief Nelson, John Wood, Chief Coloumbe,

Treasurer's Report- Monson \$3,002.33. \$5,000 deposit \$36,144 Florence Savings. Motion approved

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

Introduction of Director of Academy- George Kramlinger. The Director spoke about his background in military and fire service. Began career firefighter in Dover, NH. Was career FF there for 7 years. Taught at NH Fire Academy. Hazmat Specialist on USAR team in Beverly. Spoke about training programs at MFA and some of the challenges and limited resources. Spoke about opening Springfield campus and running a recruit class in Springfield this fall, specifically early October. Will graduate the Thursday before Christmas. Construction still ongoing at this location. MFA working on bringing on new Instructors for this facility and teaching this recruit training program. Spoke about transitioning career recruit program to some online eblended learning. Spoke about the transition and getting them more practical evolutions by this transition. This online learning would be done prior to them starting on day one. Stow campus has three new E-One Engines, 4 more KME on order, and out to bid for new aerial. 3 pumps and aerial are designated for Springfield. Applied for hazardous materials grant and dedicated to hazardous materials training. One technician class is offered per year. Another grant will be used to create a railroad response course from some of the hazmat funds. Railroad familiarization will be part of this as well as safety and response procedures. Also want to have a class on the Incident Command of this railroad safety program and possibility a tabletop exercise. Right now there are over 300 programs and teach about 13,000 students across the state. Trying to balance the training across the state. Spoke about cancellation of programs in Western MA and how to minimize cancellations of programs. Any ideas please let him know.

**Old Business-** Meeting minutes from April meeting read. Minutes read and approved.

**Radio committee-** no report

**Training Committee-** Spoke about possible need for a separate Junior FF training program. AC Nichols will get Chief Coloumbe the name and home address of all Instructors. Spoke to Director about need to have Springfield burn building available for doing live burns. June hazmat essentials will be held in Easthampton. Instructor I program will be coming to Easthampton this fall.

**EMS-** EMS banquet went well at Elks. Linda Moriaty looking for support on the Donnelly amendment for increased funding to WMEMS. Contact your local representative about this.

**Mutual Aid-** Task forces discussed. Looking to set up meeting of executive board to review cards. Spoke about Athol activations and cancellations. Spoke about need for training and need for training Dispatchers.

**FCAM-** ambulance billing bill. Email went out to everyone to write to representatives. This is emergency transports only. Only for municipal based services. Bill only for scene to hospitals. Community paramedicine program going in different direction. PFFM going forward with a program called Florian care. Met today at MFA to review ambulance specs. SCBA and PPE upcoming to review specs. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, ambulances will have to be purchased with a load system based on change in KKK specs.

**Hazmat-** All new trucks in districts. Director will not be retiring anytime soon. In Granby today at Dickinson farm for a response. Dickinson farm make up solution to clean and it exploded and made a mess. Steering Committee will have one representative from each of the Counties, and Team Coordinator and Training Coordinators.

Air Trailer- Deployed to Buckland last week.

**CFO/Continuing Ed-** DC trip went well. Had meeting with Congressman Neil. He introduced the first responder administration for opioide bill. Went to congressman McGoven office and Senator Markey. Senator Warren met with group. Came up to \$1,600 per person. Next year's meeting got moved back to second week of May.

**MA Call/Vol-** Deadline for applications to upcoming July class are due May 26<sup>th</sup>. Class capped at 40. Applications need to be complete including the medication exam. Western MA class has 12 in Hatfield and 7 in Dalton. MFA class is full

**Tech Rescue-** No report

**WMFC-** No report

**By-Laws-** Proposed changes under Article 8, section 2, added were DFS, MEMA, Eversource, MSP, DCR for membership. Motion made by Chief Duggan, seconded by Chief Forgea to accept all as members.

**SAFE trailer-** Cummington has it June 16<sup>th</sup>. Rain date June 17<sup>th</sup>. In Ware going to Belchertown next. Hatfield has June 15<sup>th</sup>, Northampton June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Fit test-** In Amherst. Four on the waiting list. Please don't schedule until you need it.

**MEMA-** Mitigation grants out. There will be 3 upcoming training programs for this grant. June 3 in Lanesborough Fire, June 8<sup>th</sup> in Agawam, and June 10<sup>th</sup> in Greenfield. EOC operations training will be June 3,4, 5<sup>th</sup> in North Adams. Evac and Shelter Conference will be on June 23 in Pittsfield, June 24<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. IED awareness will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> Cummington Community House and June 25<sup>th</sup> Agawam.

**DCR-**no report

**DFS-** Reminder about new code that took effect January 1, 2015. Please be aware of this and update all of your forms. Firework season coming up. If you get a permit, with the old code on it, do not accept the permit. Needs to be all on the new forms. Reminder that you need new ticket books and there is only one vendor you can use. Western MA Fire Prevention conference coming up June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business-** This past Tuesday night there was a class in Easthampton on working with the media. Matt Caron from channel 22 was there.

New budget will be brought forward for next months meeting.

**Good and welfare**- Tomorrow is Chief Madison's last day in Longmeadow. Chief Duggan will be retiring July 24<sup>th</sup> and his retirement party will be July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Elks. Call Melissa for tickets. June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> is New England Chiefs meeting.

**Time & Date next meeting**- TBD possibility Glendale Grill in Easthampton.

**Meeting adjourned 2015**