

Meeting minutes from the four western mass county training representatives and MFA

The meeting was held at Glory Days Rest. In Easthampton 11:30-2:00 on 2/27/2013

Attendees: Chief Anderson, Chief Calahan, Chief Green, Chief Morrissey, Dir. Walker , Dep. Dir Klucznik and Mark Pare

- 1) The Call/Vol class (in Springfield) enrollment date is pushed back to 3/15
 - a. It currently has 30 enrolled so there is room
- 2) The DFS/MFA west site is moving forward
 - a. The burn building will have some repairs/upgrades soon. It should be ready for this C/V class to use
 - b. The target for the new facilities to be completed 2015
 - c. The new facility will have the command/simulator training available
- 3) The MFA wants chiefs to know you can request the training trailer/props without having to request the classroom portions normally associated with them.
 - a. You can ask for the Maze trailer without having the SCBA classroom portion
 - b. If you have an EVO in-house program you can get just the driving prop.
 - c. If you want to do skills development you can request the live fire trailer
 - d. The flashover trailer/trainer is in need of repairs and might not be available this spring
- 4) MFA wants to offer a one day symposium on the wild-land fire/urban interface challenges; MFA has identified a fire chief from the western portion of the country to come in this fall.
- 5) The county coordinators asked for MFA to take a leadership role with DCR in revitalizing the S-130/S-190 training
 - a. We stressed quality not quantity for this program
- 6) Requesting a class from MFA – use the request form in the new course catalog or from on-line and submit to MFA
- 7) MFA will come to your community and work with you to develop a command/control simulator training session. They will take pictures of your facility look at water supply challenges, manpower/equipment and then build the program so your members can “fight the fire before you have it”. A great opportunity for pre-fire training and mutual aid coordination.
- 8) MFA reminds us of the fire prevention officer program.
- 9) We discussed the low participation in the quarterly fire prevention sessions. MFA is going to try a different notification method in hopes of getting the message out in a better format. (remove it from the DFS briefs monthly email or at least send the information out a second time targeting the training/fire prevention officers.