

Minutes for Hampshire County Fire Defense 11/13/2014 at Ware FD Start: 18:25 ending 19:39

Attendees: Northampton, Amherst, Granby, Easthampton, Westhampton, Hatfield, Ware, Belchertown, Hadley. Special Guest- MEMA, Western MA Electric

Vice President Chief Motter conducted meeting / Chief Anderson filled in as Secretary

**October minutes** – Approved

**Treasure report** – NA

**Secretary** – NA

**E-board** - attempts to reach Lydia King from the HCOG have gone unreturned. The board has not had any success attempting to get answers on the status of our hazmat money.

**Guest messages**

**MEMA** – Holding upcoming training,

ICS 300 Oxford fire Dept. Dec. 2,3,4 (8am -4pm)

Region 2 Quarterly Cert Meeting Dec. 4-(6pm – 8pm) Agawam

Region 3 Quarterly EMD meeting Dec 11 (9am – 12 and 6pm-8pm) – Agawam

When would group like to see hazard city? TBD

Asked for any requested training / non mentioned

**District 10** Red card class starting in February at Hadley fire. Starts 2/24/2015 and runs through 3/28 schedule to be mailed separately

**Western MA Electric** – No news other than applying for rate increases.

**Radio** –interops WMELC issues being resolved

New code plugs and hard copy of frequency's emailed to all members

V-tac should be loaded into local radios

Live burn having issues with cache radio / Chief Motter to review with Chief Roy

**Training**- Live burn at Westover 27 students took part. Discussions about live burn in spring group discussion was positive if we could afford it.

Talk of making next class 6 full days

Mixed reviews back on class committee looking for more input

Hi voltage class scheduled for March in Granby plus another in county

Hazmat Ops class available if anyone wants it 4hrs- 24hr versions available see Duane

Chief Coulombe asked if we would be interested in opening the 6 week program up to folks outside the Hampshire county arena and if so what would the cost be. Chief Motter to follow up.

Members voted to cancel spring seminar with Chief Getz, issues with returning information and new competition.

**EMS** –NA

**Mutual Aid** –NA

**Hazmat** – New trucks ordered

**Air truck** – Brake job needed

**Fit Test** – South Hampton / Belchertown/ Granby / East Hampton / District 2

**Training council appointments** – Hampshire County to send letter of endorsement for Chief Turner and Chief Burger of Great Barrington. Motion made and approved

**CFO**- who is interested in attending this year?

**FCAM** – SCBA and PPE purchasing in the works.

Chief Motter running for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP seat of FCAM / should he get elected the HCFD E-board has appointed Chief Anderson to take his place on the district 10 e-board seat.

Pro Development conference has outgrown its current location and moving to the DCU center in Worcester 2016

**Masscall** –NA

**Tech Rescue**- NA

**WMFC** – Chief Motter and Commissioner Conant out recruiting

**SAFE Trailer** – NA

**New Business** – Members voted to reapply for mobile burn prop as priority has improved capping cost at \$200,000

Motion made and approved to have HCFD secretary send a letter of endorsement in support of Chief Motter to FCAM and his bid for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Hampshire County Regional Planning Committee is offering their 501c3 status should we want to fall under their legal umbrella.