

Meeting October 10, 2013

Members present: Chief Mottor, Chief Hewes, Chief Norris, Chief Nelson, Assistant Chief Stromgren, Chief Belden, Deputy Chief Bardwell, Deputy Chief Douchkoff, Ret. Chief Judd, Chief Authier, John Wood, DFS, Steve Staffier, MEMA, Dennis Nazzaro, Chief Keefe, Ret. Chief Croake, Chief Columbe, Chief Dahill, Chief Forgea, Deputy Chief Carpenter, Ret. Chief Gaj, Chief Anderson, Chief Bock, Rich Stefanowicz,

Guest's to Association presentation- Steve Staffier & Dennis Nazzaro Both gave update on communications programs through MEMA. Talked about ComL and ComT programs and positions. Talked about trunking system statewide. Talked about tack stack groups. Northampton Fire has laptop to program radios to MEMA frequencies. WMLEC was talked about. MEMA has mobile communications vehicle that's available. MEMA has transported repeaters as needed. Can request communications interoperations through MEMA. Secondary would be State Police HQ. Communications training scheduled. Trainings will be emailed.

Treasurer's Report- Easthampton savings \$45,730.70 Captial \$14,624 for hazmat \$54,605.51 \$17,400 in dues pay for FY 14 \$1,200 in dues still outstanding. See attachment

Committee's –

Radio- Committee working on updating frequencies. Group handed out draft of radio frequencies to look at to confirm they are the right frequencies. See Attachment

Training- ICS training program coming up from MEMA in November. Go to MEMA website to register. It will be November 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd. ICS 300. All training programs need to be registered through the website. Next meeting will be November 13th at 7PM at South Hadley D2. Looking to do a RIC training program after the first of the calendar year. Senior Fire Officer forum in Amherst has been cancelled.

Hazmat- Looking to reorganize steering committee of hazmat group. Possibly having FCAM take over as a task group in future.

FCAM- Group purchasing going well. Over 100 purchases have been made. Benefit of program is FCAM gets very very very very small percentage of cost. Looking to do more professional development with these funds. Senior Fire Officer Forums going well. December meeting will be at Log Cabin. April meeting will be in Ware. December 2014 will be at Log Cabin. Looking to do night meetings as well out this way. Credentialing going well. Fire Service Commission has opened it to next lowest rank (ie. Second in command).

Bylaws- No report

Mobilization- Running cards sent out. Please review and make sure your community can still be able to respond. Will look more at this next meeting.

Tech Rescue- Discussion about funding for “I am responding” for this team. Discussion followed on funding no more than \$250 for using this system in support of dispatching this group. Motion made by Chief Columbe to fund no more than \$250 to fund this. Chief Bock 2nd. Voted on unanimously.

Fit Tester- New one is in South Hadley D2. New one all cleaned up. Ready to go. Amherst done with the old one.

DFS- FPO 2 out of commission right now. NFPA 160- Fire Special Effects/dancers can be enforced. FP6 permit needs to be issued for this with restrictions. They have own protocol they need to follow, but Chief can provide greater restrictions. NFPA 1 will have NFPA 160 in it once released. NFPA 140 does not apply to this. All Chapters in NFPA 160 will be adopted. New employee- she starts Oct 21st. Her name is Sharon Klegg.

New Business- Election of Treasurer position. Letters of interest submitted by Chief Columbe and Chief Keefe for interest. Ballots given out by Chief Hewes. Chief Coulombe won with vote being 7 to 5. At end of meeting, Chiefs will transition into new roles.

Chief Hewes will be appointing new committee for community paramedics. Chief Mottor talked about meeting with FCAM and PFFM to jointly review this process and how to examine this in the future. Meeting will be October 18, 2013. Recommendation to form a task group to work with FCAM and stay up to date on this. Appoint of committee considered of Chief Mottor, Chief Norris, Chief Anderson, and Chief Coulombe.

Meeting schedule- Schedule will be posted a year in advance. Want to go back to the days of meeting once in a while to meet in a fire station with just coffee and donuts. (I mean power shakes and fruit)

Hazmat training request- Group asked Chief Norris to look into getting hazmat training to area. At least two 8 hour classes one on each side of river. Chief Norris will send out training to all counties to encourage greater attendance.

Chief Norris spoke about MFA 10 yr. Turnout gear rule. All live fire training sponsored by MFA, Students must have gear manufactured within the last 10 years.

Chief Norris reminded all members to get AFG information to him for grant application.

Chief Norris spoke about Chief Kaleta's retirement party.

Hazmat meters returned to group and will be discarded. No longer good.

Good & Welfare-

Next Meeting- Cummington FD, November 14th, 6PM

Meeting adjourned at 2052 hours.

Minutes submitted by Chief Norris

Hampshire County Fire Defense Association Inc.
Thursday, October 10, 2013

Monthly Statement from the Treasurer

	Balance	As of
Easthampton Savings Bank checking account:	\$ 45,773.30	10/10/2013
Amount in checking committed to capital:	\$ 14,624.00	10/10/2013
United Bank Haz Mat Account:	\$ 54,605.51	8/30/2013
Total FY14 Dues paid to date:	\$ 17,400.00	10/10/2013
Total FY14 Dues not paid:	\$ 1,200.00	10/10/2013

Total interest earned July, Aug, Sep - 21^{OP}

Hampshire County Massachusetts Fire Department Local Mutual Aid Communications Plan & Radio Frequency Information

PURPOSE:

Update plans for Hampshire County Fire Departments to effectively coordinate mutual aid response communications with other Hampshire County Fire Departments, as well as bordering communities in neighboring counties.

GOALS:

- Ensure that all Hampshire County Fire Departments have current up to date radio frequency information (consulting with ALL local, regional, state partners).
- Provide a format that will assist Hampshire County Fire Departments to coordinate with the rest of the county Fire Departments as they plan changes to their radio frequencies and equipment in the future.
- Provide firefighters, officers, and EMS personnel with a simple to follow, day to day mutual aid communications guide.
- To assist and encourage the use and understanding of the Fire WMLEC radio system in Hampshire County.
- To assure all Hampshire County Departments are prepared to follow the State Wide Mobilization Plan for Fire and EMS resources for large incidents.

Some additional language to be added:

- *A simple and easy to use plan briefly describing how communities utilize their primary dispatch frequency and a fire ground if any.*
- We would have a spread sheet with all frequency information along with a matrix showing how each community utilizes a fire ground and when.
- Also included would be a brief explanation as to how WMLEC is used in Hampshire along with the other 3 counties.
- V-Tac channels that we would choose for our primary use in Hampshire County.
- Other.....

Updated 10/9/2013

Note: Duplex (repeated) channels list both a transmit and receive frequency; if simplex only a single frequency is listed.

TOWN	CHANNEL	[Repeater Input] TX Frequency	TX PL code	[Repeater Output] RX Frequency	RX PL code	NOTES
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY	Main - Dispatch	154.3700	127.3			
	Fireground	153.8900	127.3			
	Tactical	158.8725	127.3			
AMHERST	Main channel	159.3000	186.2	151.3850	186.2	Own Dispatch
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other - Tactical	154.8375	186.2			
BELCHERTOWN	Main channel	158.8200	179.9			Own Dispatch
	Fireground	155.1450	127.3			
	Other -					
CHESTERFIELD	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other -					
CUMMINGTON	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other -					
EASTHAMPTON	Main channel	154.4150	127.3			Own Dispatch
	Fireground	153.8300	74.4			
	Other -					
GOSHEN	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	154.1900	127.3			
	Other -					
GRANBY	Main channel	159.9150	DPL 205	155.0400	DPL 205	Own Dispatch
	Fireground	153.8900	114.8			
	Other -					

TOWN	CHANNEL	TX Frequency	PL code	RX Frequency	PL code	NOTES
WARE	Main channel	150.8050	DPL 205	153.9200	DPL 205	Own Dispatch
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other -					
WESTHAMPTON	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other -					
WILLIAMSBURG	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	154.0400	127.3			
	Other -					
WORTHINGTON	Main channel	County Dispatch				Northampton Control
	Fireground	County Fireground				
	Other -					

V-TACS

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FIRE DEFENSE ASSOCIATION MEETING
SCHEDULE**

NOVEMBER 14TH- CUMMINGTON

DECEMBER 12TH- NORTHAMPTON

JANUARY 9TH- WARE

FEBRUARY 13TH- EASTHAMPTON

MARCH 13TH- SOUTH HADLEY DISTRICT 1

APRIL 10TH- WESTHAMPTON

MAY 8TH- HATFIELD

JUNE 12TH- GRANBY

JULY- NO MEETING

AUGUST- NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11TH- HADLEY