

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact  
Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2020 – Via Conference Call

Towns: 15    Members: 22    Guests: 7

**REPORTS**

Steve Rothenberg (Director of Tech Center) , Jim Duckworth, David Moore and Dr. Connell present for discussion relative to the current Firefighter Curriculum.

- Current Curriculum hindered by time constraints and boundaries
- Would like to focus on more of introductory approach, covering same skills but ability to adjust curriculum depending on the needs of the students.
- Working to get students assigned to 29 departments and/or affiliations.
- Will have high school graduates, with EMT and FF1 completed while in high school
- Discussed survey sent out prior to meeting
- Discussion on CRT
- Discussion on students exiting the course unprepared for CPAT Testing.

**Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery**

- Motion to accept the minutes as submitted by email
- Motion Accepted

**Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale**

- Discussion on budget and status of funds.
- Received Console Grant reimbursement from the state for \$270,000.
- Motion to accept Treasurers Report
- Motion Accepted

**Training – Mick Costello**

- No drills being held. Will work to get everyone in prior to the end of the year.
- Safety reminder, make sure buddy checks are happening on ems calls.
- If any training officers need assistance, available to assist.

**Fire Academy – Bureau Chief Justin Romanello**

- No Report

**IAC Report – Cory Clark**

- No Report

**New Hampshire Fire Marshals Office – Chief Toomey**

- Monthly report sent out and received
- Engaged in state EOC and ESF 4 desk and all areas of COVID 19
- Continuing to work on obtaining PPE resources.
  - if critically low, call esf4 desk and request

**WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper**

- 773 visits  
Point of interest ~ started new UTUBE page.  
Captain’s vision at tube

**Dispatch – Captain Folsom**

- Continuing to enter Protocol Purple information into ccCAD.
- Cross referencing for response and exposures.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Radio Console – Chief Gilbert**

- project on hold until quarantine is over

**Securus – Chief Gilbert**

- Attempting to generate cost analysis for the period of 2015 – 2020.
- Analysis will be submitted to attorney for request of reimbursement.
- Next meeting with attorney April 29, 2020

**Intercept agreement – Chief Gilbert**

- 9 towns have signed, 15 have not signed and returned yet
- Chief Gilbert requests towns get them signed and return them

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Radio System**

- Ongoing radio issues with Kearsage, intermittent service. Service has been in and out and typically down for a very short time.
- OME has worked on it several times, with no improvement.
- RCM was scheduled to make repairs but with Maine's (leave the state) quarantine requirement, it has been postponed.
- Programming errors were found at Plausauwa.
- Lakes moving forward with Kearsage / Belknap connection.

### **COVID-19 Update – Craig Clough**

- Currently have 4 COVID 19 Patients, 3 in ICU with vents
- Current capacity is 72 negative pressure rooms.
- Collaborating with Lakes Region and Franklin Hospital on capacity
- NHTI set up 275 Bed Facility.
  - No ventilator patients are being received
  - Receiving quarantine patients and DNR comfort measure only patients.
  - Trigger for opening is combined occupancy between Lakes Region and Concord Hospital of 111 Beds
- Current status is at 8% of Beds
- Have transitioned to rapid testing, with 45 minute test return.
- Currently have drive-up testing, upper parking lot from 0800 – 1700 Hours.

### **CAMAFC Meeting Date – Chief Gilbert**

Next month – meeting Epsom may 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Forestry updates**

- All Towers up
- Oak hill back in service
- All fire towers have gone to cell phones; landlines will not work any more
- Apgar has resigned, open positon.

\*\* Motion to adjourn

\*\* Motion passes ~ Meeting Adjourned @ 1953