

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2020 – Pembroke Fire  
Meeting Called to Order @ 1900

Towns: 16    Members: 23    Guests: 0

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery**

- Motion to accept the minutes as read
- Motion Accepted

**Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale**

- Motion to accept as printed/presented due to length of agenda. Motion Seconded.
- Motion Accepted

**Training – Mick Costello**

- Working to reschedule drills
- Discussion on Loudon 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm Drill Scheduled
- Discussion on drought and lack of water supply
- HM Drill in Campton Thornton
- Proposal on rescheduling this year's 2020 drills to next year.

**Fire Academy –**

Report e-mailed.

**IAC Report – Cory Clark**

No Report

**Ems / Concord Hospital - Craig Clough**

- No Report

\*\* Discussion on MRH & Concerns:

- The MRH agreements for the municipality's due October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Contract is a four (4) year Contract

- Members cautioned to thoroughly read through the contract.
- Concord presented with some challenges related to with employee oversight (Protocol Issues )
- Discussion regarding options for signing contract and ability to make changes. Consensus on collectively meeting as a group to discuss changes to the document and present as a group.
- Meeting scheduled September 28, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m. Chief Gilbert to secure meeting location.

### **New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office – Chief Toomey**

- Report e-mailed

### **WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper**

- 20% Down / Summer Views

### **Dispatch – Captain Folsom**

- Still on Lock Down
- Storm events have gone well

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Radio Console – Chief Gilbert**

- Grant Funded Work Complete - Contractor back out in July finished Site Monitoring Operations
- Using left over money to purchase Battery Back Ups for Sites

### **Securus – Chief Gilbert**

- Settlement offer received.

### **Radio System – Chief Gilbert**

- Discovered six of the nine power conditioners (UPS) have failed. Units provide backup power to all system components except radios at remote sites.
- All but Craney have backup generators on them. Company acknowledged had a problem with production run. They have agreed to warranty them, even though they are out of warranty.
- Oak, Plausawa, and S Bow all have working but recalled backups.
- Hooksett Police Replacing the S. Bow Tower, requesting contribution towards replacement. Replacement costs are estimated at \$100,000.
- CAMAFC Currently does not pay rent there.
- Chief Coburn advised met with OME, it appears it is going to be a full site replacement.
- Chief Coburn advised for long range protection, tie the agreement to use the site in the future and leave equipment. They are also doing upgrades at bailey tower, and have asked Merrimack County Sheriff's department to also assist financially.
- Discussion on costs related to moving our equipment from old tower to the new tower. Equipment on site two Microwave Dish's and Two Antennas.

- Chief Gilbert will notify Hooksett PD that we are considering their request for financial contribution.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Foam & Cost Sharing**

- Discussion on forming a sub committee to examine Class B Foam Purchase. Any town needing to replace existing ATFF.
- Discussion on compatibility with appliances & distribution system.
- Several towns using Cold Fire now.
- Chief Wiggin to appoint a committee and will send an e-mail distribution for interest.

#### **NEW CHIEFS - Welcomed**

Chief Quimby - CHICHESTER

Chief Leblanc - BRADFORD

- Goffstown thanks the compact for their assistance for the recent funeral services.

#### **Budget**

- Captain Folsom - Presentation City of Concord Budget
- Chief Gilbert – Presented Budget and discussed budget shortfall from last year.
- Resulted in a 16.1% increase in the budget.
  - Current budget has money earmarked for cloud based CAD system.
  - Short term contract with little risk
- Reviewed town costs with discussion on town valuation increases

\*\*Motion on the floor to accept the budget with a roll call vote. Motion Seconded.

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\*\* Motion to Accept – Unanimous from towns present.

**Good of the Organization & Welfare**

- Next Meeting – Webster October 15, 2020
- Bow Fire Department thanked HazMat Team / Concord for assistance
- Washington Fire Department has hydraulic tools for sale.
- Deering received new custom engine – Engine 1
- Chichester new rescue in service
- Compact now has three all-wheel drive forestry vehicles.
- Discussion on drought Impact and response.
- Discussion on FF1 Program and cutbacks
- 2020 ERG Books are in at NHFA

\*\*Motion to adjourn, motion Seconded.

\*\* Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 2031.