

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

February 16, 2023 – Allenstown Fire Department - and remote – meetings.dialpad.com

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

**Roll call** Attendance Towns: 17 Members: 29 Guests: 2

**Call to Order 1900** - Welcome by Host Chief Eric Lambert

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery**

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the January minutes. Motion and second to accept the minutes as posted and distributed.
- Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale**

- Review of the current month's budget with highlights. Current amounts in checking- 498,584, money market-182,690 – total 681,274. See full treasurers' report. Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report as posted and reviewed. Noteworthy – dispatch computer line that shows over-expended is the Tyler CAD costs from 2022 and 2023.
- Motion Passed

**Guest speaker from American Red Cross – Heather Taluba**

Reviewed a variety of programs offered by the Red Cross – Military assistance, Blood Services, Disaster Services national and local, Smoke and CO detectors, Community Resources, -damaged health equipment. Canteen Services (for events lasting greater than 6 hours) Fact sheets for all programs distributed.

**Training – Captain Mick Costello**

- Henniker driver operator program scheduled for April.

**HazMat Report Captain Costello**

- Hazmat team training past month – Chlorine gas emergencies.

**Fire Marshal's Report –**

No report

**NHFST & EMS Report –**

No representative – no report

**NHIAC Report –**

Jim Heinz – Working on presentations to the business community – Operation Flash Point – reviews and highlights common materials sold for bomb-making.

### WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Web site host has been sold. We may have to make some changes soon. Updates have been made to the run data to reflect 2022 incidents.

### Concord Hospital Report –

No representative. No report

### Dispatch Report –

Chief Gilbert - MDTs were down for about a month. The CAD Server lost a drive. The repair was \$20,000. Unfortunately, this is just to keep the current CAD running until we get the new system up and running. Rick Wollert has been hired part-time to assist with several projects including server repair and updating computers for the new CAD. Several incidents are still locked up in Web CAD – still usable. Mutualink – upgrades completed by the State.

### Old Business

Chief Gilbert – Tyler CAD replacement – Still progressing – training team meeting in March for data entry. Still working on data entry. - over 600 pieces of apparatus with all the FDID numbers need to be entered into the system. Lakes and Capital have met and agreed on several program issues. Lakes Region is still lagging due to personnel shortages.

New vehicle purchase – New car is already in at MacMulkin Chevrolet Nashua– purchased off State Bid list.

Chief Gilbert is looking for approval to spend up to \$79,000 to purchase and outfit the new vehicle. **Motion made** and second to expend \$79,000 from Capital reserve account to purchase and outfit the new vehicle. **Motion passed.**

Firefighter I class – Chief Blanchette – Had a meeting with the director of NHFA. Hoping to schedule a class in the fall of 2023. Asking to establish a list of all current instructors in the Compact with their certification level. If an instructor lacks Pro-Board certification there is a process to go through to get certified. Still in discussions to offer some modular classes to allow new F/Fs to participate in outside fire activities.

Plausawa Tower- This will continue to be a long-term project. Insurance will pay for the damaged equipment. All our old equipment was removed from the site by a contractor hired by American Tower. Still looking at various options – fiber line installed to the tower site – this would be a 3-year commitment to Consolidated and would not be our first option. American Tower is still considered the best option for replacement, however, no significant progress working with them. The Pembroke zoning board will track permit requests for the site and keep us informed of any request to build. Discussion on submitting a claim to the State for possible inclusion in FEMA Disaster Declaration. This may help cover deductibles and labor costs.

### New Business

Discussion on Congressional spending requests for local projects. Chief Gilbert will make an inquiry.

Radio discussion – Bradford incident – the emergency alert was transmitted on the tactical frequency. Discussion continued on the use of the emergency button activated outside the normal response areas. This is being discussed at a State level radio meeting.

Discussion on programming – A Bank - the first 10 channels should be Compact standard. Chief Gilbert will send out Code Plug and Radio policy to all.

**Next meeting** – Next location Bow Fire March 16, 2023

Motion and second to adjourn at 19:57.