

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

January 19, 2022 –Weare Fire Department - and remote – meetings.dialpad.com

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call Attendance Towns: 20 Members: 12 Guests: 2

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Robert Richards

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the November 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. Under budget for 2022. See full treasurers' report. Bills will be sent out in March. Motion and second to accept the minutes as posted and reviewed.
- Motion Passed

Training – Captain Mick Costello

- Meeting held to discuss the Compact hosting an F/F I class. Discussion followed on needs – 39 members currently waiting for a class. Chief Blanchette attended the Commission meeting – spoke about the challenges facing the Academy. Discussion on instructors that are lacking Pro-Board certification. On-going discussions with the director.

HazMat Report Captain Costello

- Hazmat team training with Civil Support Team and propane group PGANE.
Two emergency responses to Epsom – gasoline tanker and propane incident
Chief Manning presented a proposed budget for the hazmat team. The oversight committee had directed him to prepare a budget to address the team's operational needs. Discussion on the budget and the different options for billing. The budget reflects the formula currently used by the Compact for billing. The proposal would also have to get approved by Lakes Region. Motion and second to support the proposed concept. Roll call vote – all voted in favor – motion passed.

Fire Marshal's Report –

Marshall Sean Toomey reported on the following: several pieces of legislation:

HB 219 Driveway permits – the bill would take any FD authority away. Hearing on Wednesday - can log on remotely. HB 564 Fire Code amendments – Valve removal on tanks. Board of fire control – Certification of food trucks – no clear guidelines may get agreement on having gas detection in place. Fire Stations less than 5 thousand sq. Ft. eliminate sprinkler requirement. Looking at the small two- car

garage type. Working on DHHS rules and fire code alignment. A bill to protect Call F/F's from termination due to lateness from an emergency incident. Got mixed support from the Chief's association. HB 232 – Fire Service to meet the OSHA standard – 1910-120. The foam take-back program is still in the works – training will be coming. NHMA bill tracker site Fast Democracy -

NHFST & EMS Report –

No representative – no report

NHIAC Report –

No report

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Normal activity for the period. Some changes – now a Square Customer because they bought our web hosting company.

Concord Hospital Report –

No report

Dispatch Report –

CAD – our old system failed last night – the old server was not duplicating. After much hard work by the dispatch staff, the system is back up and running. There are some incidents that are currently locked into the WebCAD. We will have to invest in the old system to keep it going until the October start date of the new CAD system. A new dispatcher was hired – Tom Selby. Oral boards will be held next week for the new captain of dispatch. Dispatcher Matt Nelson has passed his testing and is working a regular shift schedule.

Old Business

Chief Gilbert – Tyler CAD replacement – contracting with Rick Wollert for IT work to implement the needed changes. Making steady progress including the GIS mapping. The expenses for CAD in the last budget will be expended. Transition is still slightly behind with Lakes Deputy Coordinator Steele being out.

Foam Trailer – Council approved 162,000 plus a 10% inflation adjustment. Will probably delete the dry chemical unit as initially proposed.

Plausawa Tower- Destroyed in the December storm. Compact communications equipment was on this site owned by American tower. Equipment is considered a total loss. Working with Primex on a claim. A temporary fix in place coordinated with Merrimack County Sheriff's Dept. to get Fort Mountain back in service. There is a second American tower on the site at Plausawa that is not damaged. This is one option. No easy fix and it will be expensive.

Wolf Hill has been down several times. Has a bad GPS clock. RCM is no longer interested in servicing our system in it's current configuration. Replacement equipment costs could be around \$300,000. The advantage would be that it could be controlled remotely. Chief Gilbert asked for some guidance on moving forward with these issues. Guidance was to use a combination of general and capital funds to

make the necessary repairs. Chief Gilbert noted that we continue to use both RCM and OME in the interim.

New Business

Nomination committee Chair Marshall Toomey presented the current slate of officers to remain for an additional year. President: Jim Morse, Vice President Ed Raymond, Secretary: Guy Newbery, Treasurer: Jeff Yale. One ballot was cast to vote in the proposed slate of officers.

Compact annual Report. Chief Gilbert reviewed some highlights. Elisa Folsom was promoted to Deputy Chief. In the process of replacing the Dispatch Captain. CAD – Were able to get reimbursement from the two previous defunct contractors to the tune of \$30,000 and \$42,000. Finished the console upgrade project. Secured the grant for the foam trailer. Training – started up a new committee. The Hazmat team is active with training and several incidents. The report will be sent out to town offices tomorrow.

Grant Authorization. – Chief Blanchette- Motion to authorize the Chief Coordinator to apply for and accept any grants that become available during 2023. This motion also authorizes Chief Coordinator Gilbert, President Jim Morse, and the Dispatch Supervisor to sign contract documents for grant awards during 2023. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting – Next location Allentown - January 20, 2023

Motion and second to adjourn 20:36