

## Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

March 16, 2023 – Bow Fire Department – remote was not working correctly.

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

### Roll call

Attendance Towns: 15      Members: 21      Guests: 4

**Call to Order 1900** - Welcome by Host Chief Eliot Berman

Guests Lt. Jim Duckworth and F/F Pm Sam Atkins presented information on the CRTC Emergency Services program. Suggested that member departments offer ride-time opportunities for the students. Question and answer session about the students and the program.

### REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery

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

#### Treasurer's Report –

- Motion to accept as posted
- Motion Passed

#### Training – Captain Mick Costello

- Henniker driver operator program was filled within minutes of posting. Information from the NHFA - if the Compact wanted to run an exclusive Driver Operator class cost would be \$8,500 for 16 seats. Discussion on the Compact hosting an exclusive F/F I class. A very limited number of instructors so probably not feasible currently. The state is still committed to running an F/F I class in the fall. Discussion on Candia SAFER Grant \$290,000 to hire and train new F/Fs. Discussion on the need for the training committee to be more creative. A suggestion that the Compact needs a strategic planning meeting. Information on the hazmat grant application from NVFC. The EMS training sub-group needs a new lead person as Matt Cole has resigned.

#### HazMat Report Captain Costello

- Hazmat team training past month – Grounding and Bonding. Training offered for all Compact members from State Grant – Above/Below the line. Concord classes are almost full. Lakes Region has many openings, and they may move one of those classes to Concord.

Full Team response to Federal Court in Concord for an unknown powder.

Chief Gilbert gave a report on the HM oversight committee's work on the budget phase in. Effective 2024 for the first six months the team will get the existing rate of ½ of the \$15K from each compact. In the following six months, the new full rate will be effective. Next year the team will have about \$80K as a budget.

### **Fire Marshal's Report –**

No report

### **NHFST & EMS Report –**

No representative – no report

### **NHIAC Report –**

Jim Heinz –Operation Flash Point training has started for the business community. Current information from State EOC – 6,000 are still without power from the storm.

### **WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper**

Report -967 unique site visits. 1170 pages viewed.

### **Concord Hospital Report –**

No representative. No report

### **Dispatch Report – Elisa Folsom**

Dispatcher Tom Selby will be qualified as the second dispatcher next week. Interviews for the open Captains position will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

President Morse discussed that the executive committee would be meeting to review the hiring process for the newly budgeted part-time position.

Tyler CAD replacement – Chief Gilbert – online training has started with Capital Area dispatch. CAD screens are now set up. Some data is being entered. A Zoom meeting was held with GIS people to figure out some mapping challenges. Run Card information will start to be entered in April. Discussion on the proposed station order-location run assignments system. Could be easier to do the run cards but will be difficult to do Unit specific responses. Will not go further with the Station Order system until he can get answers to some of the questions. The Chief is looking for some guidance as May 9 – 11 is the Tyler training for Run Cards. No clear direction – Chief Gilbert will do what is best based on answers from Tyler.

New vehicle purchase – Chief Gilbert - work has started on the fit-up. A command box is being built.

Plausawa Tower – Chief Gilbert - Calling and emailing American Tower on a weekly basis. Still no great contacts. Verizon has now placed its equipment on the remaining American Tower. There is a possibility that AT&T may be next. Had another discussion with PRIMEX and they agreed to pay for replacement parts. We have taken \$8K in parts from Plausawa to get Wolf Hill working that will also need to be replaced. Those parts are on order. Radio shop quote to replace damaged equipment at Plausawa is \$84,509.21. Compact does not qualify for any of the disaster assistance money. Discussion on other possible antenna sites – no site is as good as Plausawa. Neither American tower or Crown Castle Tower have applied for a permit to rebuild. Discussion on the loss of the tower and its impact on

communications. Motion made and second to spend \$20K to run a communications line and a three-year contract for the line. Motion passed.

**New Business**

Invoices will be sent out next week.

Chief Yeaton noted that his Ford ambulance is back from engine repair after almost eight months.

Allenstown Ambulance is now in service and available.

**Next meeting** –Location - Bradford Fire March 20, 2023

Motion and second to adjourn at 20:22.