

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

May 18, 2023 –Fire Department – and remote access

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call Attendance Towns: 17 Members: 23 Guests: 2

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Stewart Yeaton

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the April 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

- Loudon 2nd alarm MA drill – Chief Blanchette spoke on lessons learned on this worthwhile drill. New pre-plan and after-action report to follow. Forestry classes are coming up shortly. Both classes are at maximum attendance. The compact survey was worthwhile as all 10 members did get into the class.

HazMat Report Captain Costello

- Team response to route 28 in Epsom by the traffic circle for a 1000-gallon propane tank damaged. Chief Yeaton gave a full report with lessons learned. Mick gave a report on a diesel fuel incident in Concord involving a saddle tank.

Fire Marshal's Report –

No report

NHFST & EMS Report –

No representative – no report

NHIAC Report –

Jim Heinz – Information from FMO on some arson fires involving ethanol. – Uptick in several incidents involving explosives. – A program involving cyber protection for the office and home. – Laconia Bike Week 100th anniversary week of July 10th.

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Normal activity. Update to the hazmat page. Note – forestry training information on the site was helpful.

Concord Hospital Report –

No representative. No report

Dispatch Report – Kevin Nugent

Chief Gilbert introduced the newly hired dispatch supervisor Kevin Nugent. Kevin gave a brief background report on his prior work experience.

Old Business

Tyler CAD replacement – Chief Gilbert – second week of training. Run card entries have started. The database crashed during training. Currently 116 calls for service in the CAD. Current Town run cards have 5-8 quadrants – will need to build those for all 24 towns. The chief reviewed how the new system pulls resources. Station order – then, type of service. The system will have the capability to request specific apparatus and specific capacity. Can also have a card for target hazard buildings.

New vehicle purchase – Chief Gilbert – waiting for lettering and for communications equipment.

Plausawa Tower – Chief Gilbert – Waiting for replacement equipment – at least two weeks out. Optimistically about one month out.

Deputy C-2 position – Chief Blanchette. Getting close to completing the job description and all other required employment reports. Hope to post the position in about 10 days. Will need an interview committee.

Explorer Academy – They have raised enough money to cover food for the week. Still working on filling instructor spots.

New Business

Weare FD – Chief Gilbert reported that a new Fire Chief. Christopher Olsen hired – interim for 6 months.

Federation meeting – Chief Gilbert – Discussion on training out-of-state F/F's at NH Fire Academy. Director has found wording that prohibits the practice. Discussion on training with mutual aid partners on the state lines. Chief Gilbert had spoken against the practice due to the limited availability of student spots in the classes and Compact's concerns about getting our members into classes.

NASCAR Loudon July 14,15,16. Chief Blanchette. Reviewed personnel and equipment needs for the event. Engine with three F/F's for infield fire protection. For any Compact town with availability please let the chief know. Review of the proposed traffic plan changes and the potential impact for the weekend and Monday. The pay rate is \$35. Per hr. for those days for the detail. The Central HM team will also have a presence at the event and proposal for de-con.

Cell Service – Bradford Chief Nowell discussion on cell service and T mobile for the town. Discussion on the service provided by AT&T First Net – Federal program and only provider to have access to 14 Band. Chief Blanchette explained the service offered by them for the NASCAR events. Chief Gilbert explained the service upgrades completed in the state for the first five years of the program.

Allenstown – Chief Lambert explained some of the new construction in town and the possible impact on call volume increases. Department staffing changes will take place in July 2024 with full-time staffing.

Weare 3rd alarm brush incident – discussion on resources called. Chief Gilbert explained that the run cards were utilized.

Forestry Towers – Paul Sanborn discussed some of the changes at the fire towers. He suggested that the area chiefs try to visit the tower when staffed, to point out landmarks in their towns to assist with spotting.

Next meeting –Location – Concord Fire June 15, 2023

Motion and second to adjourn at 20:05