

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact  
April 21, 2022 –Canterbury Fire Department and remote – meetings.dialpad.com  
Chief Jim Morse Presiding

**Roll call** Attendance Towns: 16 Members: 29 Guests: 1

**Call to Order 1900** - Welcome by Host Chief Mike Gamache

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery**

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

**Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale**

- Motion and second to accept the report as posted. Motion Passed

**Training – Mick Costello**

- Quarterly training follow-up for the Forestry and Fire Mobilization Plan – additional department training suggestions guide will be sent out for training officers. Post Incident Analysis will continue with a plan to hold large events at NHFA modeled after Ground Rounds. EMS training sub-committee met and is working on 12 Lead printouts. Thank you to Epsom and Hopkinton for hosting the Compact trainings. Epsom will be hosting a Mutual Aid search drill – May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**HazMat Report Captain Costello**

Team continues with monthly trainings.

Incident in Plymouth involving a propane tank on a vehicle. Members responded and got assistance from P GAIN

**Fire Marshal's Report –**

Tony Booth – Office busy filling open positions. Stacey DuBois now Deputy Fire Marshall.

Update to 2018 Fire Codes still progressing – possibly September or October.

LODD – suicide will now be recognized as job related.

Several fatal fires in the State under investigation.

Training opportunities will be coming up soon – Tent Inspections.

**NHFST & EMS Report –**

No representative present. Report was posted.

**NHIAC Report –** No report.

**WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper -** No report

**Concord Hospital Report –** No report

### **Dispatch Report Acting Deputy Chief Folsom**

In acting position as Deputy and detailed to fire administration. Plan to minimize impact to Capital budget – 2 actors in the position Paul St Germain and Scott Bourque. Dispatch at full 8 person staffing. Reminder to use the forms on website and email them to dispatch. Filming to take place at Concord Dispatch for F/F II program inclusion. Discussion on log-in credentials for X CAD. Will need to have follow-up to distribute log in credentials.

### **Old Business**

Chief Gilbert. CAD – Hexagon – saw a demo. – built for very large systems. Appears to be expensive. Site visits to end users for Tyler Systems – Connecticut. Another site visit scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> Grafton County PD.

Weare FD – Currently inputting data into existing CAD system. Trying to resolve some conflicting address issues. Weare FD has some work to do on their part. Have received official letter from Selectman with intent. Still looking at September transition date,

Radio – communications report. Wolf Hill had significant damage from the storm on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Permanent repairs made by radio vendor March 30<sup>th</sup> significant improvement. The damage at Kearsarge will need more work to properly repair the link. May be some significant radio repair expenses coming due. Henniker radio tower Grant acceptance paperwork was not submitted. New committee working to complete and submit.

### **New Business**

Chief Blanchette – Recruitment and Retention Committee. Friday meetings 2-3:30 at NHFA. Good cross section on the committee. Discussion on tax credits modeled after Veterans Tax credit. 90 day time line for ad-hock committee.

Electric vehicle fires with lithium-ion batteries. – Need for large amounts of water. Consider Tanker Task Force. Discussion on strategy and for these events.

Incident Review. Mick Costello. Pittsfield 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm building fire. 8 Depot Street. Downtown fire in 80x80 Ordinary construction. 1<sup>st</sup> line was effective for exposure protection. 3 Towers were called. Face to face communications worked well. Good assistance at Command Post. Some delays in getting overhead power lines shut down. Lines were primary feed for large part of town. Follow-up needed with Eversource for procedures.

Chief Gilbert will be on vacation with Captain Costello covering 4/23-30

Pittsfield Chief Psonowsky reported on a large event being held in town on Memorial Day weekend. Could be 1 thousand people. Chief also thanks all those who responded to 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm fire incident.

### **Good of the Organization –**

Acting Concord Chief Chisholm explained the Union Leader article and the miss quotes. He will work on the consistent messaging. Appreciates all the mutual aid assistance.

\*\* Next Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> Deering FD.

\*\* Motion to adjourn – 20:15