

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact
Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022 –Boscawen Fire Department and remote – meetings.dialpad.com

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

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

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Tim Kenney

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 – Chief Yale

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

Training – Mick Costello

Quarterly training will be State Fire Mobilization Plan. Epsom – 4/4/22 and Hopkinton 4/13/22.

Proposal to have department trainings posted on Compact website. Training committee will continue to offer assistance for multi department drills. EMS sub committee to be formed to focus on EMS trainings. Thanks to all the applicants that expressed an interest in participating on the training committee.

HazMat Report Captain Costello

Team continues with monthly trainings. Past months training was a presentation on the PEAK software part of the TIER II reporting. Plans are for a training on the HM IQ system. HMEP grant for \$ 30K for training.

Fire Marshal's Report –

- No Representative – report was sent out and is posted.

NHFST & EMS Report –

Report by Captain Chris Cole –Three F/F I classes running now in the State as well as one F/F II class in Tilton. Possibility of Recruit school starting June 7th. Three Fire Instructor class being planned. Continue with hiring for O-51 positions.

NHIAC Report –

No report.

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Several forms updated. Footage of Bradford incident is posted. Discussion on posting fire videos.

Concord Hospital Report – No report

Dispatch Report Captain Folsom

Dispatch training this past week garnered media attention.

Old Business

- Chief Gilbert. CAD – one more demo completed – Central Square PRO vs Enterprise product. Video call with end user customer happy with product – cost 1.3 million. AVL feature – tablet & cell phone app available. We have viewed products from 7 CAD providers. Probably two contenders left – will involve end user visits.
- Weare FD – Voters passed proposal for Town to join Compact. Working with Chief Vezina to compile Town information.
Motion and second to vote Town of Weare into the Compact – motion passed.
- Mutualink – Chief Gilbert reviewed the function of the system and how it was used effectively during a recent Verizon outage when SouthWest Mutual Aid and Rockingham County couldn't receive phone calls. The radio patching portion of the system was not working – It is now fixed and connected to the console system.
- Wind/Snowstorm event on 3/7 – Wolf, Craney, Gould and Kearsarge down. Wolf Hill had significant damage – repairs made by radio vendor. All but Wolf up within 5 hours/ Wolf had temporary repairs on March 11th.
- Regional Emergency Planning Council (REPC) – covers 60 towns, quarterly meetings need to be held. Very poor attendance to date. Only 1 town attended. Chief or EMD should be attending.

New Business

Incident Review. Bradford Commercial Building Fire. Several lessons learned – Radio traffic overload – listen before transmitting. Numerous Phone calls to dispatch reporting availability – avoid calling dispatch – they will follow run cards. Merrimack County Dispatch calling additional ambulances – should have come from Capital Area as they were the lead agency. Responding chiefs gave reports of what worked well and some of the operational challenges managing the incident.

- Chief Gilbert reported that Compact invoices have been sent out.
- Motion and second made to have the November Compact meeting moved to November 10th. Motion passed.
- Discussion on the GOFER Grants – some rules/guidelines have changed.
- Radio reprogramming grant – All members will need to complete State Communications Class online.
- Chief Blanchette reported on the activities of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Educating the citizen reps. on the committee of the challenges faced by departments. Surveys being sent out to departments. 90 day time frame to develop list of suggestions to go to State Legislature.

Good of the Organization – ** Next Meeting April 21st Canterbury **

Motion to adjourn – 20:15