

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

September 22, 2022 – Washington Fire Department and remote – meetings.dialpad.com

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call

Attendance Towns: 20

Members: 29

Guests: 2

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Shawn Atkins

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery

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

Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the treasurer's report. Motion and second to accept the report as posted and distributed
- Motion Passed

Training – Captain Mick Costello

- Committee will be working on the next Quarterly training – communications.

HazMat Report Captain Costello

- Reviewed the recent call activities for the Hazmat team. Four full team Callouts - Loudon, Pittsfield, Bow, and Merrimack Valley HS. One technical assistance call.

Fire Marshal's Report –

No representative. Chief Gilbert reminded members of Code update classes in November.

NHFST & EMS Report –

No representative – no report

NHIAC Report –

James Hines – present – no report

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Concord Hospital Report –

No report

Dispatch Report - Acting D/C Folsom

Dispatcher Harold Palmer was promoted to Fire Alarm Traffic Superintendent. Mike Johnson was promoted to Lead Dispatcher. Interviews were completed and conditional offer was made to a new dispatcher. Approximately 30 applicants for the position. Was noted that Capitol Dispatch Center is a desirable place to work as shown by the number of applicants.

Old Business

Chief Gilbert - CAD replacement – First meeting with the vendor today. Met with team leads. Contract signed. October – the vendor will start observing in the dispatch center.

Weare Fire is still on target to come on board around the end of the month. Dispatch crew was able to get all the data entered into the current non-supported CAD.

Explorer Training Academy – Chief Mark Tetreault – On track to hold the Academy last week of June 2023. Support from the State Firemen’s Association. The anticipated cost will be \$ 500.00 per student.

New Business

Budget -

Chief Gilbert – Capital Area Budget review. Chief gave an overview of the budget process and how the budget is developed. Act. D/C Folsom reviewed the Concord portion of the budget. Chief explained how he was directed by the Executive committee to include a part-time position for ½ year in the budget. Discussion on the proposed C-2 position and proposed duties and responsibilities. The Chief reviewed all the lines in the budget and increases. Act Chief Chisholm discussed the possibility of adding a peak load dispatcher M -F days at some point in the future. There will also be an expense of adding a new stratus server in dispatch. Further Discussion on funding the Hazmat Team and some draft proposals on how to charge the towns for coverage. This would involve coordination with Lakes Region, and the Hazmat Oversight Committee is not ready to move forward with the proposal this year. Discussion on the need to find a place to store the current Hazmat vehicle.

Roll call vote on the proposed budget. All 20 towns voted in the affirmative.

First Net – discussion on having a representative attend the next meeting. Members agreed on their attendance.

Recruitment Retention Committee. Chief Blanchett reported on the completion of the project and how to access the report. There are 21 Suggestions for the State to work on and 16 suggestions for the Cities and Towns to work on.

Chief Gilbert reported on the last Federation meeting – there will be a re-write of the Fire Mobilization plan this winter. The radio interoperability Plan is also in the process of a rewrite.

Code Red – Registered through the State – No cost. Cell phones will need to be registered.

Good of the Organization – ** Next Meeting in Pittsfield – October 20th.

** Motion to adjourn – 20:00