

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023 – Dustin Country Club Hopkinton

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call Attendance Towns: 19 Members: 22 Guests: 2

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Jeff Yale

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dept. Chief Newbery

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

Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale

- Reviewed monthly expenditures for the September period. 94,310 in checking account and 1,127,007. Total assets. Motion and second to accept as posted and distributed.
- Motion Passed

Training Committee- Dept. Newbery

- Working to coordinate several live burn trainings. Deering and Webster will be scheduled soon. Had the Forestry Pumps class in Loudon this past Saturday. Good training in practical skills using the State equipment. Low attendance

HazMat Report Capt. Costello

- The team was approved for a Homeland Security Grant of 60K for equipment and training.

Fire Marshal's Report – Marshall Toomey

- No report.

NHFST & EMS Report –

No representative – no report

NHIAC Report – Jim Heinz

No representative – no report

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Increased activity on the site for some reason.

Concord Hospital Report –

No representative. No report

Dispatch Report – D/C Folsom

Discussion on the start-up of the new Tyler CAD system. Members were reminded that this system had to be built from the ground up. Two dispatchers were putting in 40 hours a week for five weeks entering data into the system. This was an eight-year process involving getting this system up and running. The team is addressing the emails received to date (182) 18% remain as open issues. Please continue with the feedback. The Mapping on the new Tyler system is GIS-based. It is currently using the mapping from 9-1-1. This mapping is not as granular as the older mapping and not as accurate, especially on cross streets. Discussion on IAR issues. Many of the concerns have to do with the parsing that was set with the old system. A group will be established to look at all the issues and adjust the parsing to help address the concerns. Rapid SOS – can give the callers' exact location on a map. Rapid SOS and IAR can be fully integrated. We are not there yet but we should be soon. Target Hazards – these can be identified with the system, and you can have response changes made for that specific hazard.

Dispatch Supervisor – an actor has been selected and should be made public this week.

Old Business

Chief Gilbert- Communications Committee – A new estimate to incorporate all the suggested improvements is now 5,920,000. One change for improvement is the antenna at NH Motor Speedway – move to the water tower location.

D/C Newbery – The Foam Grant - trailer has been ordered and scheduled for delivery in early summer 2024. We are applying for a grant modification to include foam inductors for the towns. By a show of hands, it appears that all towns are interested.

Chief Gilbert – The Passport order will go in soon – please use the order form on the website and submit it.

New Business

Chief Morse – Nominations Committee. Appointed FM Toomey and Chief Stafford.

Next meeting –Location TBA – January 18, 2024

Motion and second to adjourn at 19:55