

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact  
October 19, 2023 – Pembroke Fire Department  
Chief Jim Morse Presiding

**Roll Call** Attendance Towns: 13 Members: 21 Guests: 1

**Call to Order 19:00** - Welcome by Host Chief Paul Gagnon

**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 September. Motion to accept the treasurers' report as posted and distributed.
- Motion Passed

**Training Committee- Captain Costello**

- Loudon FF1 program going well in Loudon, 22 students, with a graduation date slated for December 18, 2023.
- Loudon will host a forestry pumps training class on Saturday, November 4.
- The live fire training in Concord went well, with several towns participating.
- Deering will have a live burn in the near future.
- Working with Hooksett on an ICS and officer development class
- There are openings in the air monitoring classes at the academy.
- There is a Cref class on SCBA & PPE in Newbury coming up.

**HazMat Report - Capt. Costello**

- Captain Costello reported 1 incident since last month's report.
- Haz Mat team reports they have obtained a pick-up truck and taken the old box truck out of service.

**Fire Marshal's Report – Marshall Toomey**

- Staffing is adequate, Haz Mat position has been filled.
- It will be a busy legislative season
- The board of fire control reports the 21 fire codes are coming together.
- Foam takeback has suffered another delay
- The capital area is the area not having a meeting with reps from the Dept of Safety.
- Investigator region maps are available for distribution.

**NHFST & EMS Report –**

No representative – no report

### NHIAC Report – Jim Heinz

- Jim reports an increase of attacks on Jewish targets since the Oct 7 attack in Israel. One department suffered a ransom wear attack, Jim's recommendation is to protect yourselves from ransom wear attacks if at all possible.

### WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

- visits to the site were down last month.

### Concord Hospital Report –

- No representative. No report

### Dispatch Report – Chief Gilbert

- On-target to go live with the new CAD on 10/31/23 @ 9:00am.
- Expecting a smooth transaction as the dispatch staff have put in thousands of hours in getting the new CAD ready to go.
- Forms are on the web site if you need to make future changes to the CAD
- The Captain's position is vacant at the Comm Center, and a replacement is in the works.

### Old Business

- With the new CAD retones will transition from five minutes to six minutes.
- Additionally with the new CAD your second ambulance should be listed in reserve status, to ensure a second call in your town will generate a mutual aid ambulance automatically. If your second ambulance does respond, the mutual aid ambulance can be canceled.

**Communications Committee** – The consultant hired to examine the compact communications systems, shared different sites and technologies available and how those changes will affect the compact. Consideration should be given to add 4 additional micro-wave sites to aid in the weak areas of coverage. Add digital capabilities to the compact which could lead to the elimination of the Plausawa site.

### New Business

- It has been requested that messages through lamResponding referencing barbeques, social events etc. be sent via email and not through the paging system. After discussion it was the consensus of the group that emailing and not paging out these types of events was fine.

**Next meeting** –Location – November 8, 2023, Hopkinton Dustin Country Club

Motion and second to adjourn at 20:00