

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021 - Bow Fire Department and remote - Uberconference.com
Meeting Called to Order @ 1900

Attendance Towns: 14 Members: 23 Guests: 1

Welcome by Host Chief Berman

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Chief Newbery

- Read the minutes of the September 2021 meeting. Motion and second to accept the minutes.
- Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale

- Treasurer's report was posted prior to meeting. No questions on the report. Motion and second to accept the report as posted
- Motion Passed

Training – Mick Costello

- No dates scheduled at this time for the towns that have drills scheduled. FF I is still being planned for Henniker this winter.

HazMat Report Captain Costello

Team had a full response to Moultonborough for an acid drum leak. Team drill at the Bow Power Plant. The team trailers have changed – Concord trailer is now a spill trailer with booms and pads and not de-con.

Fire Marshal's Report – Sean Toomey

- Deputy Fire Marshal Keith Rodeniser is retiring with a recognition scheduled for the following Wednesday. The office is working to fill several vacancies. The fires that occurred in September are more criminal in nature. Swiftwater working group is meeting again and looking at grant opportunities. An MOU has been signed with Central NHHM to provide service to north country. FMO is working with HSEM on the state EMAC system. A joint meeting was held with NHFSTEMS on the on the Image Trend reporting system. New NFIRS coordinator has been hired and in training. Discussion followed on NFIRS reporting software and status.

NHFST & EMS Report –

No representative present – report was submitted earlier and posted.

NHIAC Report – Cory Clark

Not present no report.

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Steady activity. 380 web site visits past month

Concord Hospital Report –

Craig Clough reviewed highlights of submitted report. COVID challenges continue to increase. All area hospitals facing similar challenges. Sim lab training scheduled November 17. Four-day EMS refresher being offered this year for EMT. Full report was posted.

Dispatch Report

Chief Gilbert reported that Justin St. Germain has resigned the dispatcher position to take a new job. Richard Newman has been hired as a replacement.

Old Business

Rapid Deploy – Company has made changes to run cards. Their development team is assessing the effectiveness of the changes. Mapping – RapidDeploy and GeoCom are trying to coordinate to address mapping issues. Target buildings- believe that they have found a solution to the issue. Overall going well. Hope to go live in January 2022.

2018 Grant funded console project– RCM made additional upgrades to site monitoring system. Requested a Grant extension application.

Radio problems- Gould Hill- The tower company extended height of tower and moved our antenna to top of new section. They poorly spliced our cable and antenna is no longer working. Kearsarge – bad cable that will require repairs. Wolf Hill – microwave problem that required adjustment and alignment. It needed re-licensing due to path changes.

New Business

Weare FD – Chief intends to submit warrant article for town to join Compact. Radio testing was done last year. Henniker tower – no new information on grant funded replacement tower. Hooksett tower - Town intends to build new tower on same site possibly in 2023 with all new equipment.

Discussion on radio programming and Frequency 4 vs VFire 21. Some programming still using old radio plug and continuing with the confusion.

Chief Paul St Germain retiring as Allenstown chief. Recognition event on Sunday 24th – contact Eric Lambert if attending.

Good of the Organization –

** Next Meeting in Henniker on November 18th.

** Motion to adjourn – 19:50