

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

February 20, 2025, Henniker Fire

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call Attendance Towns: 18 Members: 26 Guests: 3

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Jim Morse

Presentation online by John Abbruzzese of the Genasys emergency alerting system.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dept. Chief Newbery

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

Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale

- Motion to dispense with the review of the January Treasures Report. Motion and second to accept the minutes as posted and distributed. Motion passed

Training Committee- Dept. Newbery

Northwood is scheduling a Moving Big Water class this year. Contact them if interested.
Class will be in September

Presenting a Carbon Monoxide training class in Hillsboro, February 24th.

Chief Pszonowsky reviewed the Wide Area Search training in Pittsfield.

HazMat Report Capt. Costello

Consultations only. No responses. Team training this month will be in Manchester, - rail car.

Fire Marshal's Report – Phil Byron

Hired one new investigator – MaryAnn Heinrick. The office is monitoring 65 bills that may impact the fire service. A reminder for departments to complete the survey on NERIS that was sent out. The year-end report is available on the website.

NHFST & EMS Report – Ted Tillitson

Reviewed the monthly report with highlights. Reviewed the current classes that are in progress and the Recruit School starting in March.

NHIAC Report – Jim Heinz

Review of the most recent suspicious activity reports. Recommend the municipalities inquire into the .gov domain.

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Normal activity on the site. The site has been changed to the .gov platform

Concord Hospital Report – None

Dispatch Report – Dispatch Supervisor Jen Beets

- CAD upgrade will take place on Tuesday, February 25th at 0600. The process should take 2-4 hours. IaR will be down during this time.
- Jen gave a demonstration of the web cad system and the capabilities.
- A discussion on incident numbers for station coverage. Reminder that you will get one incident number for the coverage, but not for the incidents that you cover in that town. No IaR for the coverage assignment.

Old Business Chief Gilbert

Communications – The echo problem resolved itself on February 10th. No source found.

February 6th snow/ice storm – Several issues with the towers on Fort Mountain and Plausawa. Issue was at the Oak Hill Tower. Keith shied in and corrected the problem.

Radio Project – Chief Gilbert gave an update on the status of the Radio Project and the ARPA Grant. The State has confirmed that our funds are available. RCM has been notified that they are awarded the bid. In the proposal, there were funds earmarked for a 10-year maintenance plan. The committee recognized that those funds could come out of our operations budget. The Communications Committee has recommended that the \$317,000 designated for maintenance be used to complete the simulcast sites in Washington and Pittsfield (Catamount).

A motion made by Chief Colburn and seconded by Chief Chisholm to expend up to 100,000 of Capital Reserve to upgrade the Hooksett site to full simulcast.

Motion passed all in favor.

Recruitment and Retention – Chief Blanchette – He is working on obtaining quotes for a videographer for a recruitment presentation.

F/F I and II committee Chief Blanchette – They have had some productive meetings. Please send him any suggestions that you have for improving the program.

New Business –

Incident Review – Deering Hart Farm Rd fatal fire incident. Also, reviewed the Epsom and Bradford incidents.

Next meeting – Bow on March 20th.

Motion and a second to adjourn at 20:30