

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

January 15, 2026, Compact Office 25 Triangle Park Drive

Chief Jim Morse Presiding

**Call to Order 1900 - Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call**

Attendance Towns: 15      Members: 25      Guests: 1

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report – Dept. Chief Newbery**

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

**Treasurer's Report – Chief Yale**

- Chief Yale reviewed the highlights of the budget that was distributed. The past month's expenses were normal. For the year 2025, budgeted expenses were 1,561,325.26. The budgeted amount was 1,628,752.74,% - 95.9% expended. Still awaiting \$628,697.79 reimbursement from ARPA-funded radio project. Current Balances \$352,505.22 – checking and \$406,114,25 in Money market. Motion and second to accept the report as posted and distributed. Motion passed

**Training Committee- Dept. Newbery**

- Carbon Monoxide training class in Warner, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Meters class scheduled in Dunbarton, February 16, another in Bow – later date.
- Discussion on spring forestry training – east and west sides.
- New Training Brief posted – Chain saws collaboration with PRIMEX

**HazMat Report Capt. Costello**

No responses. Working on Grants and training

**Fire Marshal's Report –**

The report was submitted in the information package that was sent out

**NHFST & EMS –**

**NHIAC Report – Jim Heinz**

Review of the current threats and challenges for fire and EMS

Chief Blanchette suggested that we host a tabletop drill with a communications outage.

**WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper**

Normal activity on the site.

### **Concord Hospital Report –**

Chief Gilbert reported on the meeting that was held with the hospital and area chiefs. Members felt the meeting was productive. Quarterly meeting to be scheduled moving forward.

### **Dispatch Report – Dispatch Supervisor Deputy Chief Costello**

Annual reports were distributed with a printed copy for every town. A water problem in the basement at dispatch caused one computer to be damaged. Temporary changes have been made, and a replacement is on order. Individual dispatchers are no longer assigned to a specific town. Use the email to lead dispatch as posted on the website. CAD data request changes – use the form on the website.

### **Old Business Chief Gilbert**

Radio Project – Chief Gilbert gave an update on the status of the Radio Project and the ARPA Grant.

### **New Business –**

Nomination Committee – (Chief Stafford and Marshal Toomey) Chief Stafford presented a proposed slate of officers. President Jim Morse, Vice President Pete Pszonowsky, Treasurer Jeff Yale, Secretary Guy Newbery. President Jim Morse asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, a Motion was made with a second to adopt the presented slate of officers and for the secretary to cast a single ballot. Motion passed.

Annual Compact Report. Chief Gilbert reviewed the annual report with highlights. The full report will be sent out tomorrow, 1/16/26, to the towns.

Grant Authorization Chief Pszonowsky - Motion that the Capital Mutual Aid Fire Compact authorize the Chief Coordinator to apply for and accept any grants that become available during 2026. This motion authorizes Chief Coordinator Keith Gilbert, Deputy Chief Coordinator Guy Newbery, President Jim Morse and/or Treasurer Jeff Yale to sign contract documents for grant awards during 2026. Motion seconded and passed.

Interoperability training with the State on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Chiefs invited to attend. Should register before that date.

9-1-1 Commission Chief Gilbert discussed his role on the commission and his thoughts on the distribution of funds. The phone fees collected have been reduced over time due to the discontinuance of landlines

**Incident Review** – NIOSH propane incident, and Chief Yale spoke on a propane incident in Hopkinton.

**Next meeting** – Warner on February 19th.

Motion and a second to adjourn at 20:21