

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact
March 20, 2025, Bow Fire Department
Chief Jim Morse Presiding

Roll call Attendance Towns: 16 Members: 23 Guests: 2

Call to Order 1900 - Welcome by Host Chief Dennis Comeau

Presentation by Jim Duckworth and Sam Atkins on the Concord Regional Technical Emergency Services program. Jim reviewed the benefits of the program to the communities and encouraged towns to get involved with ride time opportunities. Reminder that students are covered by school insurance. May 30th open house at the school, all are invited to attend.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dept. Chief Newbery

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

Training Committee- Dept. Newbery

Dates for the Northwood Moving Big Water class – September 20 and 21, with the Water Supply officer on September 19th. Contact them if interested.

We developed a Carbon Monoxide - CO training class if anyone is interested.

Tier II paperwork for the towns

HazMat Report Capt. Costello

Consultations only. No responses. Team training this month will be with the CST on Radiation response

Fire Marshal's Report – Sean Toomey

Current hazmat coordinator Jim Stone will be retiring in May. The office is monitoring 60 + bills that may impact the fire service. One bill would limit towns' ability to make additions or changes to the Building or LSC. Potential changes to the fireworks standby requirements. Change the fee on the hazmat penalty for non-payment to \$1000. per day instead of the current one-time penalty. Allowing a single means of egress for buildings below six stories. Potential to move Electrical and plumbing inspections to FMO. Another proposal would allow third-party inspections, and a bill to limit sprinkler protection for summer camps. Work continues on the new NERIS reporting program.

NHFST & EMS Report – No report

NHIAC Report – Jim Heinz

Chief Gilbert gave an update on behalf of Jim.

WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper

Numbers are back up on the site after the change to the .gov platform

Dispatch Report – Dispatch Supervisor Jen Beets

CAD upgrade was completed without any significant issues. Dispatch transitioning from Rip and Run reports to paging to send information to lamResponding. This should help to streamline the information.

April 13-19 is Telecommunicator Week. Departments are encouraged to stop by dispatch for a visit.

Old Business

Radio Project – Chief Gilbert gave an update on the status of the Radio Project and the ARPA Grant. Legal reviews of our contract are being completed by RCM and Primex. RCM will probably add a clause to address the possible Tariff issue. We were required to complete an environmental and historic site study on our changes to the tower sites as part of the grant process. This work is nearing completion.

Recruitment and Retention – Chief Blanchette – No new information on the videographer pricing.

F/F I and II committee Chief Blanchette – The last meeting was 3/19 for four full hours. All the meeting information is posted on the Academy website. The current draft proposal has some increased online pre-employment requirements. This would allow for more hands-on and direct instructor contact time. Another prerequisite to complete fit testing before any live fire evolutions. There is still a need to address the Health and Fitness section to ensure students are physically competent.

New Business –

Chief Morse recognized Chief Paul Gagnon on his retirement and welcomed Erik Paulsen as the new chief of Pembroke Fire.

Chief Chisholm thanked all the towns that supported Concord throughout member CJ Gerard's funeral and services.

Towns reported on the outcome of Town meetings and the impact on the departments.

Incident Review –

Boscawen 100 River Rd building collapse – Chief Kenney
Concord Fire at Granite Ledges Senior Living Facility – Chief Chisholm and Deputy Newbery

Next meeting – At the Compact office on April 17th at 1900

Motion and a second to adjourn.