

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact  
November 14, 2024, Dustin Country Club Hopkinton  
Chief Jim Morse Presiding

**Roll call** Attendance Towns: 21 Members: 24 Guests: 1

**Call to Order 1900** - Welcome by Host Chief Yale Hopkinton FD

**REPORTS**

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

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the October 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 treasures report. Motion and second to accept the report as posted and distributed.
- Motion Passed

**Training Committee- Dept. Newbery**

DOJ training is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Compact office. I will send out the information with a flyer.

Live Burn is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> in Loudon. Chief Blanchette spoke on the training plan and goals.

Foam eductor and trailer familiarization training is available. Contact Guy to schedule a date. A plan is in place to purchase some additional foam and appliances for Henniker so that we have some foam capability on the West side of the compact.

**HazMat Report Capt. Costello**

Two Consultations only. No responses.

**Fire Marshal's Report – None**

**NHFST & EMS Report – None**

**NHIAC Report – None**

**WEBSITE – Gary Sleeper**

No significant changes

**Concord Hospital Report – None**

### **Dispatch Report – Jen Beets**

- Dispatcher Tom Selby has put in his letter of resignation. Effective November 17, 2024. He will be returning to his former job in Maine. Dispatcher hiring and interviews will be scheduled for December. Jen will be looking for members to participate in the process.

### **Old Business Chief Gilbert**

**Radio Project** – Chief Gilbert gave an update on the status of the Radio Project. The consultant has sent out RFPs to vendors. The Pre-bid conference is scheduled for 11/15/24. The Bid opening is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. He explained the scope of work that will be likely completed in this phase. Expansion of the current system may not be possible with this funding. This work would involve replacing existing system components with new equipment. The need for radio reprogramming will still exist for all towns and should be included in their budgets. The committee members will continue to seek out additional funding sources.

**Recruitment and Retention** – Chief Blanchette reported on the latest committee work. He believes that it was impactful on the NHFA Commission members when our members attended the last meeting and expressed concerns about training and recruitment. Chief Blanchette has been appointed to the Firefighter Training Visiting Committee.

A motion was made with a Second to send a letter to the Fire Academy Visiting Committee for Firefighter I and II to include the Basic Wildland courses from NWFC including S-130 in the new curriculum.

Motion Passed

**New Business** – Nomination Committee – President Morse appointed Chief Stafford and Marshal Toomey to the committee.

**Incident Review** - None

**Next meeting** – No December meeting. Discussion on hosting all the monthly meetings at the Compact office on Triangle Park Drive. Chief Gilbert will develop a meeting plan for 2025 to include some meetings at the office.

Motion and a second to adjourn at 19:25