



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The CT Fire Chief's Association meeting of January 26, 2021 was held on line due to the continuing COVID virus.

Meeting was called to order by President Duval at 19:01 HR.

Meeting was recessed for training given by Kate McCarthy, Education Director of the Detect Tougher cancer network.

28 people were present for the training session.

Meeting was called back to order at 19:37 with 25 people in attendance.

Pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given by past President Dixon.

A moment of silence was held for all the members who lost their lives to COVID-19 and other reasons.

A motion was made and passed to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was given as follows check book balance \$6,622.99, first cd. \$21,972.72, 2nd cd. \$7,697.24 for a total of \$36,292.25. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

President's report: 1] Volunteered to serve on Oversight Board for Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer (FILO) position in the CT Fusion Center. (November 30, 2020) (See January 5 entry)

2] Developed list of Legislative Priorities with E-Board and presented our recommendations at the CSFA Legislative Meeting on December 3, 2020.

3] Requested feedback on sponsorship of Steven Sawyer for the NFPA 1300/1730 Committee as a representative of the fire service. Unanimous approval received from E-Board. S Sawyer has joined our Association.

4] Formally introduced to Chief William Halsted, President of CSFA.

5] Attended UAS Webinar sponsored by NFPRF on public safety applications of Unmanned Aerial Systems on December 1, 2020.

6] Presented to combined group of Springfield Technical College students and CT Fire Service groups on an NFPA report on a large-loss warehouse from 2019 on December 3, 2020

7] Consulted with fire service groups on vaccine priorities from fire responders.

8] Met with representatives of CT Fire Police Association with Chief Dixon to discuss their concerns about deployment of certified fire police to emergency scenes around the state. (October 29, 2020).

9] Proposed the nomination of Deputy Chief William Skene of the Woodstock Volunteers Fire Department for Windham County representative to the E-Board

10] Began arrangements for “Town Hall Meetings” with regional chiefs’ associations (virtually) in early 2021 to discuss concerns and other items of interest. The first is scheduled for January 27, 2021 for the NE region of the state.

11] Participated on December 10, 2020 conference call with members of the Joint Council of CT Fire Service Organizations. Items discussed include:

- Funding sources of CT Fire Schools
- Upcoming legislative priorities
- New members and leadership of the Public Safety Committee
- Eversource responsibilities (PURA testimony)
- PFAS foam collection, replacement and decontamination of existing apparatus foam cells.

12] Participated in CT Statewide Fire-Rescue Disaster Plan coordination meeting on December 10, 2020.

- Revised plan was discussed as well as Task Force map for deployment model within the state.
- Reviewed plan as a County Coordinator and submitted some minor suggested modifications.

13] Was made aware of a stolen check involving a check from a potential member to the CFCA on December 27. The membership check was stolen and altered and cashed BEFORE it reached the CFCA treasurer. The CSP and both the members bank and the bank that cashed the fraudulent check are investigating.

14] Participated in a virtual meeting of the oversight committee for the FILO position with CTIC Fusion Center on January 5, 2021.

15] Watched the January 7, 2021 meeting of the CT Legislature Public Safety Committee via a Zoom taped session.

16] Began gathering Media Contacts from members to compile list for E-board to use in the event of inquiries or outreach.

17] Attended Joint Council Virtual Meeting –December 11 and January 14.

18] Testified at Fire-EMS Legislative Caucus meeting - January 19, 2021

19] Submitted suggested edits to “potential “just cause” bill for fire chief’s dismissal – T Schroll

20] At CFMA request: Zoom Meeting with Energy Committee Chairs (Aconti and Needleman) to review “Make Safe” proposals with Fire Service representatives. Working with Chairs to submit language for Make Safe Bill and to schedule a meeting with representatives of utilities to discuss concerns.

Committee reports: Jeff Morrissette gave the report from the academy and the commission 2021 calendar is now available. The take back program for foam is still going forward, the vender is Clean Harbors. Chief Nick Wallick has been appointed to coordinate the take-back program.

Legislative report was given by Ted Schroll, they are still meeting on line and he is keeping track of the changes.

Tim Wall gave a report on the search for legislator position. The committee is still meeting and the decision will be made the beginning of May for the 2022 year.

Chief Flynn gave a report from the Volunteer and Combination Section of the I.A.F.C. and also from the New England Association. The meeting in March has been canceled, the June exhibit is still on, and a final decision will be made shortly. Pete Starkel position is expiring because he is now longer an active chief, Chief Cooney will step in for the interim. Chief Executive Officer for the I.A.F.C. is on hold. V.C.O.S. symposium in the sun is still planned.

Pete Beckwith on the Flanagan fund application has been sent out and is due back on Jan. 31, 2021.

The Joint Council has met a couple of times in the last month. (See the Presidents Report)

Technical advisory committee should be reactivated soon. President Duval is working with other agencies to hold a meeting in the coming weeks.

Old Business: the application of Steve Sawyer has been received and the banks and the CSP are investigating the changes made in the check.

The IAFC has decided that any money received for a grant has to be given directly to the Chief's Association. The board will look into it a change in financial procedures to work within the FEMA recommendations.

A motion was made and passed that the following applications follow the usual course: Stephen Breen, David Lee and Leo Berube all the Mortlake Fire Company.

A town hall meeting for the north east section will be held on line tomorrow.

Next month's meeting will be held on line.

Motion to adjourn at 20:46

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McDonough

Secretary
