



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Connecticut Fire Chiefs meeting was held on line on March 23, 2021.

Meeting called to order by President Duval at 19:04.

A motion was made and passed to suspend meeting and go to education program.

Chief John Oates from East Hartford gave a presentation the ConfirmD app. The app allows the user to track important health information, including COVID vaccinations. Training ended at 19:43.

A moment of silence for the 166 fire fighters and ems personnel who have lost their lives to COVID during the pandemic so far.

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

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The president's report was given. Partnered with the CT Fire Service Instructors Association to present virtual webinars throughout the month.

March 1, 2021 – Drafted testimony in support of the responder related topics in SB 937 before the Energy and Technology Committee for a public hearing on March 4.

March 2, 2021 – Participated in a FILO Steering Committee regarding the present status of the FILO function. B Meehan is resigning effective 3-31-2021. New FILO will begin July 1, if not sooner. Issues discussed included the arson spree of the past weekend in the NW corner of the state.

March 4, 2021 – Spoke to Claire Degan from the CT post and NH Register on the process first responders must go through in order to register and get their COVID vaccinations.

March 13, 2021 – Attended the services for Deputy Chief/CSP Trooper Patrick Dragon in Killingly representing CFCA and my Fire Company.

3/15/2021 - Interviewed by NBC 30 Reporter Len Besthoff on the implications of on the bill in the House to create a committee to study "Obstacles to Merging or Consolidating Municipal Fire Districts and Fire Departments."

Besthoff reached out to us through the website and asked if the association had a position on the bill. I indicated that we would like ALL involved parties; from the political entities down to the responders (citizens) to be involved in the process (and the committee if/when possible).

The piece ran on the evening news broadcasts on March 15, 2021.

3/17/2021-Interviewed by Devin Leith-Yessian of the Meriden Record-Journal on Southington Customer Centered Strategic Planning Survey. Spoke on challenges faced by FDs to serve and educate the public on many fronts. Piece shared with membership. Kudos to the Southington FD for this constituent engagement project.

3/17/2021 – Prepared/submitted testimony to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee of the CT Legislature in support of SB #042 to fund fire training through an insurance surcharge.

Committee reports. Tim Wall on the legislative replacement, there is nothing to report the committee will meet sometime this week.

Jeff Morrissette gave a report from the academy and the training division. The position for director of training has 16 applications a decision should be made soon. The link to the commission on human rights and opportunities is on line sexual harassment program training listed. A certificate will be sent to those who pass the course.

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Legislation report was given by Ted Schroll.

Flanagan Fund report was given by Peter Beckwith. The first awards went out and the second award will go out for all those who submit their transcript

Fire 2025/ Foam Take Back: Chief Wallick - The 2025 committee has no report as of yet. The foam take-back program is reaching its final stages and a draft is being finalized. Sexual training must be held each year Chief Wallick last day in April 3, 2021.

Old business: there is no update on the SAFER grant. The non-profit status for the organization is still on going on

New Business: a motion was made and passed that the applications of William Higgins of Enfield follow the usual course.

The two certificates of deposit are for \$21,900.00 which just renewed and \$6,700.00 which will come due in June.

Ken Richard is running for the V.C.O.S. board of directors. A motion was made and passed to endorse Chief Richard:

Good of the association: we will hold both a regular (hybrid) meeting in April. The meeting will take place at Grill 37 in Pomfret. Reservations must be made online as there is a limit to how many people are allowed. Pat Boyd will be our guest if the legislature is not in session.

Job Lot is offering a discount to active duty personnel.

A motion was made passed to adjourn at 21:00

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough, Secretary

21 members were present.
