

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

October 23, 2014

Wethersfield Fire Department
Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 19:10 with the following representatives present:

Burrville Regional Fire School - Richard Winn
Eastern Connecticut Fire School – Al Hawkins, Les Shull
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy
Hartford County Regional Fire School - Chester Haber, Jim Baldis, Mike Jepeal
Stamford Regional Fire School – Tim Conway
Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School – Charles Stankye, Jr., James Vincent
Wolcott State Fire School - Steve Veneziano
Connecticut Fire Academy - Jeff Morrisette, Bill Trisler
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Rich Nicol

Guests:

Danbury Fire School – Mark Omasta

No one was present representing the Middlesex County Regional Fire School or the New Haven Fire Academy.

Minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting were presented. Mark Omasta pointed out that he was not present but was listed as being in attendance. His name was removed from the minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by James Vincent, second by Les Shull. Motion carried.

Bill Trisler reported on the Certification office. That office has applied for a one year extension for the IFSAC site visit. That visit should take place in the spring of 2015 for the IFSAC review.

Bill also reported that the Certification office will no longer offer testing for FF-1, FF-2, and Haz-Mat / WMD simultaneously, except for a recruit class.

The Certification office will also be offering in-house training to help develop station evaluator's skills.

The ERG is now used in the practical skills testing but will not be available or required for written exams.

Fairfield Regional Fire School – Chris Tracy showed the fly-over software designed for the new school prepared by Consigli Construction. The Fairfield team met with Consigli last week. The DB selection is complete and the project is on hold until bond funding can be released. The August, September and October bond commission meetings have been cancelled. The current plan is for DCS to prepare a request for bond funding for the January 30, 2015 bond meeting. Malloy has committed to complete the project, no one is sure of the status if Foley becomes governor. The 14 day review of the project by Consigli has fixed the contract cost at \$10 million.

Also the town of Fairfield may incorporate a micro grid of solar into the project.

Burrville Fire School – Rich Winn reported that additional soil sampling is commencing. A proposal was made for a generator for addition to the project at an estimated cost of \$180,000. Tecton should have the final criteria design and the associated RFP by the end of this month.

Eastern Connecticut Fire School, Willimantic – The second stage of the environmental remediation is nearly complete. Directors at the school have requested an additional meeting with Tecton to attempt to resolve a few design issues.

Valley Chiefs Fire School, Beacon Falls – Corrections have been submitted to the design. Consigli, KBC and KBF are short-listed. The selection meeting should come soon.

Waterbury Area Fire Chiefs, Cheshire – The RFQ has been posted with a November 17 closing date. This project is projected at \$9.5 million.

Jeff Morrissette reported on the search for a new Director of Training for the CFA. Five of the original eleven applicants have been scheduled for interviews tomorrow. All five candidates are current or former employees of the CFA. CFA is attempting to work closely with POST through the hiring process.

Charlie Stankye asked if there has been any progress with “Q” driver train the trainer. The detailed steps have not been completed. The assigned DMV Inspector has been supportive of the program. Jeff wants to offer a train the trainer for the regional fire schools.

James Vincent offered that the CFA has been using the DMV book and includes the class “1” section for tiller ladders, following chapters 2 and 4. He reported that the DMV inspector has contributed significant expertise to the process.

Jeff also reported on DEEP Haz Mat training grants. The process is detailed and makes it difficult to get the appropriated funding spent.

The next meeting was set for December 4

Motion to adjourn at 20:06, motion by Chet Haber, seconded by Charlie Stankye.

Submitted by Al Hawkins