

# Connecticut State Firefighters Association

## Education Committee

Meeting minutes

December 6, 2012

Wethersfield Fire Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 19:15 with the following representatives present:

Eastern Connecticut Fire School – Al Hawkins, Eric Deschamps  
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy  
Hartford County Regional Fire School – Jim Baldis  
Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek  
Stamford Regional Fire School - Tony Conte  
Valley Fire Chiefs’ Regional Fire School – James Vincent  
Wolcott State Fire School – Chris Pepler, Scott Poulton  
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Jeff Morrissette, Rich Nicol  
Connecticut State Firefighters Association – Charlie Stankye, Jr., Ted Schroll

No one was present representing the Burrville Regional Fire School or the New Haven Fire Academy

Minutes of the October 2012 meeting were distributed for review. A change was requested by Ted Schroll on page #2 in the “Q” license endorsement. (that change is incorporated herewith) Motion was made by Chris Tracy second by Charlie Stankye to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

### **1. Status of properties acquisitions - No report.**

### **2. Other projects status**

There is no update on the projects progress from D.C.S.

Glenn Washburn from D.C.S. and Steve Veneziano met to conceptually lay-out the school on the Cheshire site.

Middlesex – This Monday there will be a meeting at the Mile Lane property in Middletown. U.S.

Representative, Rosa DeLauro and Mayor Drew from Middletown are planning a news release relative to the transfer of the property from the Department of the Army.

There was a discussion about the MOU process. An aide for Mayor Drew called Jeff Morrissette to inquire about that process.

### **3. Other items from membership**

There was a brief discussion about the “chain of command” under the recently re-organized state administration. Chris Johnson, from the Department of Construction Services reports to Captain Mark Panaccione of the Department of State Police. The organization seems to cause some general confusion about day to day operations and how the various agencies interact. It was suggested that each regional fire school should work to determine how to interact with the various state agencies that now have some administrative functions relating to facilities.

There was some discussion about the operational issues with breaking of the thermal Paginite tiles in the Hartford Burn building and how the longevity compared with the HTL system that is in use in New Haven. The New Haven lining system doesn’t seem to have as many issues.

Chris Tracy expressed that we should attempt to get D.C.S. representation at the annual status meeting with legislators.

Jim Baldis suggested that this committee work to develop a coordinated training calendar for next year in hopes that some of the conflicts between regional training, commission training, and events such as the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, State Convention activities, etc. could be avoided.

Chris Tracy also suggested that the chair work to disseminate information about the Education Committee's Mission Statement. It would seem to make our mission easier to accomplish with corroboration by other fire service organizations.

Jeff Morrissette reported that the electronic version of the CFA calendar has been posted on the web page.

There was a brief discussion about the move by the Department of Motor Vehicles to get out of testing for 'Q' endorsement operators' licenses.

Al Hawkins reminded those present that he was continuing to work toward a legislative update meeting with Joe Aresimowicz and other legislators. Additional information will be shared as plans for that meeting continue.

Jim Baldis asked for each of the regional fire schools to review the web links on the CFA web site for accuracy.

Motion to adjourn by Stankye, second by Baldis. Adjourned at 20:29.

#### **4. Next meeting date**

The next meeting date will be announced.

Submitted by Al Hawkins