

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

March 26, 2015

Wethersfield Fire Department
Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 19:05 with the following representatives present:

Burrville Regional Fire School - Richard Winn, Robert Norton, Jr.
Eastern Connecticut Fire School – Al Hawkins, Les Shull
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy
Hartford County Regional Fire School - Jim Baldis, Mike Jepeal, Chester Haber
Stamford Regional Fire School – Tim Conway
Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School – James Vincent
Wolcott State Fire School – Scott Poulton, Ken Hanks
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Jeff Morrisette, Rich Nicol
Connecticut State Firefighters Assoc. – Charles Stankye, Jr.

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

Minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting were distributed. The time for adjournment was incorrectly reported as 23:00, it should have been 21:00.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Chris Tracy, second by Les Shull. Motion carried.

Hartford County Fire School – There will be a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:15 to review the condition of the Paginite lining system. Many additional panels have been deteriorating. Hartford county representatives are seeking a complete replacement of all of the existing panels.

Fairfield Regional Fire School – Chris Tracy reported that he spoke with Dave Wlodowski yesterday. They are planning for a final concept design meeting later within the next week. The abatement of the former NIKE site will probably begin next week. Demolition is scheduled for May – June with new construction to start in May. The construction activity may close the site prior to the normal season shut-down. There will be no access to the site during the construction, including the burn building. Consigli has been investigating water infiltration into the training tower. They may demo the top floor and reconstruct. This is the approach that has been recommended by Roger LeBoeuf. Chris is investigating soliciting various area banks and universities to determine what furniture could be available for donations.

Burrville Regional Fire School – Rich Winn reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday with DCS. The RFPs from the shortlisted vendors will be reviewed by the shortlist committee on April 6 & 7. Bid openings are scheduled for April 8 or 9. The current plan is to seek bonding in July. There remains a small clean up project for Burrville in the area of the old oil separators.

40 foot storage boxes are available from Eagle Leasing for \$125 per month.

Eastern Connecticut Fire School – The directors still plan to demo the old landlord's house at the entrance to the site. Tecton is compiling the information for books 1 & 2. The directors are waiting for the completed books.

Beacon Falls Site - DAS project manager has asked a number of questions of the directors. All questions have now been answered. The latest projected costs for the facility are \$12.580 million before ECS fees. The total including the fees are now estimated at \$13.275.

All school directors need to continue lobbying efforts for restoration of the operational funding for the regional fire schools.

Fire Service Day at the Capitol will be held on April 22, 2015 from 09:00 until 14:00.

Chet Haber discussed the availability of support for necessary equipment from Kochex Manufacturing. Lou Thomas, Director of Sales will plan to attend a future meeting to discuss availability of equipment.

Jeff Morrissette reported that the SLICERS training program will be offered at the June school at the CFA.

There was a brief discussion about the service areas for each of the regional fire schools or the "Catchment Areas". All schools need to migrate their activity reporting into a standardized format for CSFA and CFA. (a sample spreadsheet was distributed by Jeff for use).

The Haz/Mat MOUs are completed for the next session (grant year). \$5,000 is allocated to spend by September 30, 2015 for each regional school.

Jeff also asked if there were any comments on live fire training for burn building operators.

Several hand-off courses are being developed by the CFA.

The next meeting was set for April 23, 2015.

Motion to adjourn at 21:00, motion by Chris Tracy, second by Tim Conway.

Submitted by Al Hawkins