

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Wethersfield Fire Department
Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 18:04 with the following representatives present:

Burrville Regional Fire School - Rich Winn, Robert Norton, Jr.
Eastern Connecticut Fire School - Al Hawkins, Eric Deschamps
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy
Hartford County Fire School - Jim Baldis, Michael Jepeal, Chet Haber
Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek
Wolcott Regional Fire School - Steve Veneziano
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control - Rich Nicol
Connecticut Fire Academy - Jeff Morrisette

No one was present representing the, New Haven Fire Academy, the Stamford Regional Fire School, or the Valley Chiefs Regional Fire School.

Hartford County Burn Building – Repairs are nearly complete. There are still two window/shutters remaining to be repaired. They continue to burn in the building. There are spaces on the first floor that were recently repaired that are not being burned. Concrete appears to be absorbing water, spaces need to be heated in order to dry them out prior to burns. Mike Jepeal observed that they should have a fireplace in each room

Fairfield County School – The third meeting with Tecton was conducted on April 1, 2014. The current schedule is to begin construction by September 8 with completion to be within 365 days. Fletcher-Thompson, Inc. representatives were back at the site this week in order to gain additional detailed information of site conditions. Proposals from the approved contractors must be completed by the second week in May. Presentations will be made in June with the selection meeting conducted on June 19, 2014. Fairfield intends to shut down operations for approximately one year in order to accommodate the construction of the new school. Bonding should be proposed for release in July or August.

Repairs were recently completed to block walls in the burn building. These repairs were made to the fire set location after seven years of operation of the building.

Burrville School - The remediation of the oil/water separator will take about one week. The project should be complete within the month. There is a meeting scheduled for next Monday with Jeff from Tecton. The school committee will meet next Wednesday in order to review the plans.

Jeff Morrisette reported that he recently met with the Commissioner about the negotiation points from DESPP.

Eastern Connecticut Fire School - The third meeting with Tecton took place on April 4, 2014. There are a few changes that have been requested of the design proposed at that meeting.

Waterbury Area Fire Chiefs' Cheshire - Steve Veneziano reported that the environmental evaluation reported that there is no remediation required on the site. Dave Hardt has had a meeting with Glenn Washburn from DCS.

Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek reported that they are continuing to monitor the progress of Senate Bill #29.

Jeff Morrissette reported that there is still no progress on the “Q” endorsement driver program with DMV.

He also reported that there will soon be advertisement for the position of director of training for the C.F.A. The replacement is anticipated to be a two or three month process.

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 22, 2014

Motion to adjourn by Mike Jepeal, seconded by Chris Tracy,. Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

Submitted by Al Hawkins