

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Wethersfield Fire Department
Company #3, Kelleher Court

The meeting was called to order at 19:02 with the following representatives present:

Burrville Regional Fire School - Rich Winn
Eastern Connecticut Fire School - Al Hawkins
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy
Hartford County Fire School - Jim Baldis, Michael Jepeal, Chet Haber
Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek
Stamford Regional Fire School - Tim Conroy
Valley Chiefs' Regional Fire School - Charlie Stankye, Jr.
Wolcott Regional Fire School - Steve Veneziano
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control - Rich Nicol
Connecticut Fire Academy - Jeff Morrissette, Bill Trisler

Guest: Danbury Fire School - T.J. Wiedl

No one was present representing the New Haven Fire Academy

Motion made by Tracy, second by Winn to accept the minutes of the April meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bill Trisler gave a report on the status of the certification to the new NFPA 1001 standard. The written exam analysis seems valid. Practical testing in Fairfield ran long. Haz Mat stations seem to run similar times for testing as for Firefighter I skills stations testing.

Hartford County tested 38 students, the total time for the test was 12.5 hours.

Bill also reported that the state evaluators are conducting site visits to determine if sites conducting practical testing are appropriate to conduct impartial testing. These evaluations are also intended to determine if the facility is capable of testing multiple versions of the practical skills.

Steve Veneziano asked if a three-gas meter could be used for the testing instead of a four-gas. There was no concern expressed by the substitution.

Hartford County Burn Building – Thermal panel replacements are complete. The school has been promised to receive an “attic stock” of replacement panels. Mike Jepeal said that the promised panels are not on site. Mike also pointed out that the smaller rooms in the burn building have proven to heat up very fast under fire conditions.

Fairfield County School – The contractor evaluation and selection process appears to be on-track. At least one of the contractor teams has made multiple visits to the school. Chris Tracy asked if they would be able to select a non-winning design detail that seemed desirable for incorporation into the final plan for construction.

Valley Chiefs' Regional Fire School - Charlie Stankye reported that his staff was informed at the kick off meeting that there was NO funding available for “FF&E”. This appears to be a consistent message from DCS. Funding that is contained as a line item for equipment in the Facilities report seems to no longer be available.

Charlie reported that after 2 meeting with Tecton there are some changes that they are requesting to the concept plan. There next meeting is scheduled for June 3.

Burrville School - The remediation of the oil/water separator has been put on hold. High water conditions are causing the delay. The last meeting with Tecton was three weeks ago, they are still waiting to see the completed criteria design.

The water supply system design will utilize a 50,000 gallon storage tank for water for the fire suppression water for the sprinkler system and water for fire suppression training activities.

Jeff Morrissette reported that there is still no progress on the “Q” endorsement driver program with DMV. DMV has some proposed changes that they are requesting. Testing standards and testing protocols have not yet been established.

Chiefs seem to want DMV to continue to act as a third party agency for testing of drivers.

Grant funding for Haz-Mat training / testing. MOAs for each school were distributed. If any of the regional fire schools have conducted training they should submit rosters. There is \$5,000 allocated for each school.

T.J. Wiedl advised that there will be a public hearing within a month in order to solicit input regarding the desire to establish the Danbury School as a Regional Fire School. There are several issue that could be raised but no clear opposition to the school.

The next meeting will be scheduled for June 26, 2014

Motion to adjourn by Chris Tracy, seconded by Fred Dudek,. Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Submitted by Al Hawkins