

Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Education Committee

Meeting minutes

May 26, 2011

Wethersfield Fire Company #3, Kelleher Court

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

Burrville Regional Fire School - Rich Winn, Tom Osborne
Eastern Connecticut Fire School – Al Hawkins
Fairfield Regional Fire School - Chris Tracy
Hartford County Regional Fire School – Chet Haber, Mike Jepeal, Jim Baldis
Middlesex County Fire School - Fred Dudek
Stamford Regional Fire School - Anthony Conte
Valley Fire Chiefs’ Regional Fire School - James Vincent, Vaughn Dumas
Connecticut Fire Academy - Jeff Morrissette
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Rich Nicol
Connecticut State Firefighters Association – Ted Schroll, Tom Murphy
Guests: Danbury Fire Dept. - T.J. Wiedl

No one was present from the New Haven Fire Academy

Minutes of the April 28th meeting were distributed for review. Motion was made by Chris Tracy second by Jeff Morrissette to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

1. Status of properties acquisitions

No changes.

2. Other projects status

Burrville School - Discussions have continued between Rich Winn, Department of Environmental Protection representatives and Department of Public Works Representatives in order to reach an agreement regarding operation of the property and the environmental monitoring of the property. Discussions about an existing trail head are no longer an issue. Rich Winn reported that the school does not need to occupy the particular area in question.

Fairfield Fire School - A geological study of the parcel is planned.

The successor organization to the Department of Public Works is scheduled to be in place on July 1st. This committee needs to coordinate with the new agency and the new Commissioner in order to open communications and to establish a relationship with the new staff. We also need to establish what the administrative steps for new projects will be under this organization. Hopefully we can establish a clearly defined sequence of steps for each project. There was discussion about developing a clear status on each project that could hopefully be able to fit into a check list for each project. This effort should result in benchmarks for each project.

3. Regional Fire Schools operations budgets.

The current state budget projections now indicate that there could be a funding surplus. There remains no agreement regarding the state labor concessions.

There remains a potential for an administrative reduction in fire service and police training funding.

Within four months there could be a mid-year budget adjustment.

4. Live burn procedures for new Class A burn buildings.

The committee intends to continue to pursue a standard for operations of the new burn buildings. Concern was expressed that we need clearly defined fuel loads for burns in these buildings.

5. Other items from membership

Hartford County will be running a summer Firefighter I and Firefighter II program. There are currently 42 student registered for the Firefighter I program. The Firefighter II program is scheduled to start on June 21.

F.T.I. is apparently in the process of acquiring structures for live fire training.

Steve Poulin has taken over the Gomez classes through New Haven.

6. Next meeting date

June 23, 2011 at Wethersfield Company #3, at 19:00. Jeff Morrisette offered to provide hamburgers and hotdogs if committee members wish to show up early for the meeting.

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Motion by Rich Winn, second by Mike Jepeal to adjourn, motion carried at 20:26.

Submitted by Al Hawkins