

## **All Island Fire Chief's Association**

May 22, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

**Members Present:** Chief Schilling, Asst. Chief Rose, Chief Estrella, Chief Norton, Chief Bollin, Retired Chief Clark, Chief Shemeth, Asst. Chief Maciel, Asst. Chief Branch, Asst. Chief Rogers, Lt. Joe Tierney, Secretary John Varkonda. **Guests Present:** Peter Martell, Ron Burson, Sherriff McCormack, Doug Bardwell, Susie Schofield

**Treasurer's Report:** General Fund \$2,163.12 / Training Fund \$4,981.82

- John Varkonda mentioned that all dues are out to be paid

Weapons of Mass Destruction:

- Peter Martell brought Lieutenant Corporal Spellacy, a specialist on WMD
- Lt. Corporal Spellacy gave a presentation on his WMD team.
- Team is located in Wellesley, Ma.
- Upon activation, it takes team about 90 minutes to get on road
- Best way to activate team is through MEMA
- There is no cost for activating the team
- Lt. Corporal Spellacy offered free training on WMD if the chiefs so wished

Peter Martell reported on Coast Guard drill tabletop sometime in September. More info to follow.

MV Public Safety Information Systems:

- Sherriff McCormack presented the new MVPSIS MOU for Firehouse
- The Sheriff would like the Chief's to review and sign by next month's meeting so it can be implemented by July 1
- If anyone has any changes, email Ron Burson prior to next month's meeting

Narrow Banding:

- Doug Bardwell spoke about narrow banding, and what it's going to mean for departments
- He reported that all of our paperwork for licensing has been submitted to the FCC
- As far as narrow banding our radios, he estimated \$10-15 per radio to upgrade all radios to narrow banding
- He stated that if we decided not to do it, it would not affect radio communications
- Doug reported within next 5-7 years, he believes the FCC will be narrow banding even more and we would have to look into upgrading all island radios at that point

Sherriff McCormack reported new ComCenter is still under construction. No timeframe yet when it will be done.

Private Fire Channels:

- Discussion with Sherriff about recording our private channels
- Sherriff said ComCenter does not have capabilities to record our private channels at this time, and believes it would be costly to do so

- Doug Bardwell stated that another problem would be the portable radios being able to reach the ComCenter based on location
- None of the private channels are on the voter system and each town would have to look into purchasing portable repeaters
- Sherriff agreed to look into the cost to be able to do this and would report back to the Chiefs

Signing off at quarters:

- Susie Schofield asked that all Chiefs advise their personnel that once a chief clears all units from the scene, that the trucks do not clear the scene themselves or sign off at the station
- She stated once the Chiefs clear the scene, they close the CAD in the computer and there is no place to log further information.

Mapping for QED for response – Sherriff will look into the cost of it and report back to Association.

New NSTAR number to call for emergencies 508-732-4445

Training:

- Report given by Lt. Tierney
- Working on 2 classes for the winter
- Flashover class and a defensive driver class

Fire Pits:

- Chief Shemeth handed out new policy on fire pits
- He would like each Chief to look over new policy and come back with suggestions or changes
- He would like to see the whole Island following the same guidelines
- He also requested that each department bring it their Town to make it a Bylaw.

### **New Business:**

Burning:

- There will be burning in Pohoganut (?? sp)
- All the new fire lanes are done in the new section of the State Forest
- The fire tower will be manned when fire conditions are bad

Chief Schilling asked that any firefighter participating in Memorial Day parade wear Class A uniforms

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.