

Dukes County Fire Chiefs' Association**Minutes of January 18th 2010**

Meeting called to order by incoming President – Chilmark Fire Chief David Norton at 7:30 PM at the Edgartown Fire Station.

Members in attendance: Edgartown: Chief Shemeth, Scott Ellis, Alex Schaeffer. Oak Bluffs: Chief Forend, Tony Ferriera, Bruce O'Donnell, John Rose. Tisbury: Chief Schilling, James Rogers, Russell Maciel. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella, Jim Branch. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. State Forest: John Varkonda (Treasurer). Retired: Chief Clark.

Guests: Ron Burson, RDA Soft. Joe Tierney, DCFTC & Training Coordinator for the DCFCA.

Absent: John Early, Chief Delaney, Jim Vercruysse.

MINUTES of October 19 and November 16, 2009 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report \$2,000.14 balance.

Fire SYS ADMIN Ron Burson reported on the second meeting of the Sys Admins held January 16, 2010 from 3:30 – 5:05 PM at the Community Corrections building. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. The March meeting is scheduled for the 10th at 5:00 PM also. The January meeting covered demonstrations of the computer aided dispatch and ESRI GIS mapping interface, Fire Pre-Plans & Automatic Mutual Aid, the Street List (scheduled for update mid-March 2010), and an island wide unit list for the Firehouse software Mutual Aid Table. Ron sent his list out at 11:41 AM Sunday to the Chiefs for their approval at the February meeting. Ron suggested that to avoid viruses and other problems, that all computer user accounts not be given "system administrative" rights.

Firehouse Software Chief Estrella is the Firehouse software will fill out the pre-printed forms used by the fire service in Massachusetts. Ron will download the available forms from the Massachusetts Fire Marshal and the fire chiefs will tell him which forms they would like to have.

REVERSE 911 The association discussed the service being investigated by the island Emergency Management Directors for a mass emergency notification system. The product is called CODE Red and could cost each town a \$3,000 annual share.

Dispatch Codes The association discussed the code list drafted by Assistant Chief Schaeffer. It was agreed that each department would discuss this with their Fire SYS ADMIN and bring a recommendation back to the February SYS ADMIN meeting.

NSTAR Assistant Chief Rogers asked if the association still would like to meet with Jeff Luce from NSTAR. It was discussed having a meeting at 5 PM in March. It was then agreed that Asst. Chief Rogers and Mr. Luce should pick any date for a late afternoon special meeting, and that a day in February would be good.

RIT Nothing to report.

FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM Chief Estrella expressed disappointment with the group not completing a report for West Tisbury in a timely fashion. Asst. Chief Ferriera said that it was not the team's responsibility to make the report, but that the team member from the town where the fire was is the lead investigator that should complete the report. Chief Estrella asked for the fire investigation team to draft a report. Asst. Chief Schaeffer said that he wrote up the report for a fire in his town the team investigated. There was discussion. There was discussion of a possible protocol to have the team hold a wrap-up meeting and designate a person to write the report. Oak Bluffs Fire has the goal of having reports written for release within 48 hours. Chief Schilling stressed that having a preliminary report out within 48 hours for insurance companies and others was important. It was agreed that the basic report from NFIRS could be given out fairly quickly. It was agreed to consider this a learning experience and proceed from here.

Fire Fighter I - new semester Spring 2010 Schedule LT. Joe Tierney reported that the schedule would run from January through May. He reported that the FIRE CONTROL and HAZMAT segments were not going to be taught locally. He said that

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the Mass Fire Academy would be delivering the FIRE CONTROL classroom and practical evolution. The DCFTC is hoping to have this at the Barnstable Fire Academy or another nearby facility if possible. LT. Tierney reported that the recent classes had between 15 and 25 students. He told the Chiefs' Association that the DCFTC needed more Trainers to assist with the practical evolutions. It was agreed that the Chiefs would ask past trainers and experienced Fire Fighters to team up with the current cadre to assist with testing stations. The Chiefs requested a sign-up sheet for the various stations at each evaluation. LT. Tierney said he would work with Asst. Chief Carroll to produce the sign-up sheets. He told the association that the dates for the big evaluations were: February 28th, March 21st, & April 25th.

Barnstable Fire Academy April 3rd Structural Fire Fighting class. Sign-up through the Mass Fire Academy web page.

INSTRUCTOR COURSE LT. Tierney urged departments to sign-up new trainers to become instructors as soon as possible. The course will be brought to the island over two three-day-weekends in April, starting Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM and running all day Saturday and Sunday. He reminded the association that the course will be canceled if fifteen students are not enrolled.

Technical Rescue LT. Tierney reported that the MFA has offered to deliver another Ropes Class instead of the Technical Rescue class. He has had no response to emails he sent to the MFA coordinator. He reported that the Academy had been told our priorities. Asst. Chief Schaeffer suggested that a Pumps & Hydraulics class put on by the MFA could be useful.

DCR-Fire Control Fire Warden Josh Nigro is trying to reschedule the Helicopter class cancelled last year.

ICE RESCUE An Ice Rescue class is being offered on February 25th off-island. MFA web site.

Massachusetts Nature Conservancy A table-top exercise is scheduled for January 20th at the WTFD.

REGIONAL FOAM TRAILER Chief Schilling reported that a press-release had been given to the MV Times.

CODE CLASS Chief Schilling attended a code enforcement class in Dartmouth. He was told that as of January 1st 2010 fire sprinklers were required in structures over 7,500 square feet. He also shared information on Plan Review and fire alarms.

ICE RESCUE SLED Chief Schilling told the association that Tisbury Fire had trained with their new Ice Rescue Sled and it was now in service. There was discussion about hypothermia and the island dive teams (Edgartown, West Tisbury & Oak Bluffs) cold-water capabilities. The chiefs agreed to have ALL THREE TEAMS paged for any cold water calls this winter.

SMOKE DETECTORS It was discussed that smoke detectors are required to be both Ionizing and Photoelectric now.

Thomas Leonard It was requested that a thank you letter be sent to Thomas Leonard on the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Fire Marshal.

Ed Lyons It was voted that a memorial donation of \$100 be made to the Hospice of Brockton in honor Ed Lyons. SO VOTED. Treasurer issued a check and the Secretary was asked to mail it with a cover note to Ed's family.

Tom Colligan Chief Estrella said that he thought that Tom Colligan's name should be on the roll call roster for this association. There was discussion. It was agreed to review the bylaws on this for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Asst. Chief Tim Carroll, Secretary

Dukes County Fire Chiefs' Association**Minutes of February 15th 2010**

3/15/10

Meeting called to order by the President, Chief David Norton at 7:35 PM at the Oak Bluffs Fire Station.

Members in Attendance: Edgartown: Chief Shemeth, Alex Schaeffer, Scott Ellis. Oak Bluffs: Chief Forend, Tony Ferriera, Bruce O'Donnell, John Rose. Tisbury: Chief Schilling, James Rogers, Russell Maciel. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. State Forest: John Varkonda. Honorary Members: Chief Clark, James Moreis.

Guests: David Celino - Chief Fire Warden, Patrolman Aaron Whiddon.

Absent: John early, Jim Branch, Chief Delaney, James Vercruysse.

Minutes: Minutes of 01/18/10 approved with two name corrections.

Treasurers Report: \$1,900.14 balance. \$100 gift to Brockton Hospice in memory of Ed Lyons.

President's Report: Thank you card from Mrs. Lyons. Chief Norton expressed the Association's condolences to the West Tisbury Fire Department, Chief Estrella, and the family of LT. Dan Prowten on his death. Chief Estrella thanked everyone that responded to or stood by for the fire at Dan Prowten's home earlier this month. Chief Estrella said that they could not have done it without everyone's assistance.

DCR Forest Fire Control - Manuel F. Correllus State Forest:

Chief Fire Warden David Celino reported on the situation regarding the state budget this year. The FY11 budget was \$72 million as compared to \$102 million in FY10. Eighty-two positions were cut through attrition. Fifteen Patrolmen were cut. He said that a ARPA Stimulus Grant was funding 4 Patrolmen and 2 more are being funded through the State Fire Assistance Grant. A \$1.9 million grant is funding additional Fuel Hazard Mitigation in Plymouth, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. There will be a seasonal fire crew of 9 firefighters this year through November 17th 2010.

Chief Celino thanked the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts for conducting a survey about assistance desired from the Bureau of Fire Control. He said that staffing the Fire Towers was the priority given him by FCAM. The island fire tower will be manned by March 28th.

Chief Celino encouraged the towns to make use of the Excess Property program when appropriate and said it transferred \$7 million in equipment transactions. He also encouraged the Chiefs to work with the Nature Conservancy on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Fire Control Patrolman Aaron Whiddon presented a power point slide show entitled DCR FFC "Fuels Management 2010" for MFC State Forest MV. The three objectives were, 1. Hazardous Fuel Reduction, 2. Ecosystem Restoration, 3. Fire Training (for DCR, TNC and local fire agencies). He identified three target areas for treatment with prescribed fire in 2010. They were the NE-1 Dodgers Hole (Edgartown) 78 acres - 9 sub units, N-2 Near the Head Quarters 58 acres - 8 sub units, NW-3 Triangle (West Tisbury) 215 acres - 17 sub units. NW-3 will be the main focus for 2010 prescribed fire activities in the forest. He spoke about possible treatments including mowing and then burning. There may be burning during this Summer. The DEP will only allow a maximum of 10 acres per day in the Summer. He said they hope to be mowing in March and burning in April. He said that Smoke Management was the largest issue for these burns and reviewed his plan for addressing it.

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Patrolman Whiddon encouraged local fire departments to participate in the burning this season. He said it was a good opportunity to increase local knowledge of fuels, fire weather and fire behavior, as well as to practice Wildfire Tactics, use different wildland fire fighting tools/equipment and building cohesion between fire departments by working together. The Fire Chiefs told him to try for some weekend burns if he wanted island volunteers to participate. Patrolman Whiddon was told to meet with the departments' training officers to discuss training classes. Chief Celino said that a Chaiw Saw class could be taught in the 215 acre unit if the Chiefs requested it.

On March 6th John Varkonda and Aaron Whiddon will be hosting a Public Outreach at the MCSF HQ. There will be a presentation and a field trip.

Membership in the Association: Chief Schilling provided the members with a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Dukes County Fire Chief's Club. There was discussion. The Treasurer reported that he assesses each department \$40 for each active member every year. He does not bill retired members or the State Forest member. There was more discussion. Chief Estrella moved and James Rogers seconded a motion to make all Past Active Members "Honorary Members". It was agreed to put the names of all living past active members on the Roster, but not to read the names unless that past member was present. John Rogers suggested reading all the names once a year at the January meeting. **SO VOTED: Unanimously.**

Brockton Hospice: A thank you was received from Brockton Hospice for our donation.

Fire Investigation Team: Scott Ellis reported on the meeting held by the team last Friday night. He reported that they discussed the concerns about fire reports and how the team would be dispatched to fires in other towns.

The Chiefs agreed that the members of the Fire Investigation Team should self-dispatch to fires in other towns and report in to Incident Command.

It was also suggested that one person be designated as a point of contact for the Communications Center to call, and then that POC would call the individual team members. The team was directed to work this out internally.

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John Rogers inquired how much each Fire Chief had budgeted to purchase photography equipment.

RIT: Alex Schaeffer reported on a meeting held earlier in the month. The RIT committee is taking a change of direction. They are seeking a recommendation from all Chiefs for a member(s) of their department that could best serve on this committee.

NSTAR: **Jones** John Rogers said Jeff Luce was available in March. He said he would follow-up on this.

Dukes County Fire Training Coordinator - Joe Tierney: Retired Chief Clark said that LT Tierney should be allowed to attend these meetings as the appointed Training Coordinator and head of the local Fire Training Council. It was discussed that the LT was not a member of the club under the bylaws and he did not have a vote.

New Business: The President called for new business and hearing none, he entertained a Motion To Adjourn made by Chief Forend and seconded by Scott Ellis.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 PM

Dukes County Fire Chiefs' Association**Minutes of March 15th 2010**

Meeting called to order by President – Chilmark Fire Chief David Norton at 7:30 PM at the Tisbury Fire Station.

Members in attendance: Edgartown: Alex Schaeffer, Scott Ellis. Oak Bluffs: Chief Forend, Tony Ferriera. Tisbury: Chief Schilling, Russell Maciel. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella, Jim Branch. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. Retired: Chief Clark.

Absent: Chief Shemeth, Bruce O'Donnell, John Rose, John Early, Chief Delaney, Jim Vercruysse, John Varkonda.

MINUTES of February 15th 2010 approved with the change of John to James.

Treasurer's Report \$1,906.14 balance. No activity since last month.

President: Chief Norton thanked LT. Tierney for coordinating the recent Helicopter Training class and said it was informative.

Old Business: It was discussed that the "bambi bucket" the Mass State Police Airwing was able to operate was small (75 gallons) compared to the 600 gallon bucket that the Mass National Guard could bring to wildfires. It was mentioned that the National Guard will not work in salt water.

The group was reminded of a meeting with NSTAR representative Jeff Luce at 4 PM on March 30th at the WTFD State Road.

New Business: Alex Schaeffer spoke about the association doing a Public Service Announcement in the local papers about the new smoke detector law. Chief Schilling moved and Chief Forend seconded a motion to modify the Fire Marshal's template and have Edgartown run the PSA for the island. SO VOTED.

Training: LT. Tierney spoke about a 12 hour Wildfire Fighting class to be held in May and the opportunity for live fire exercises after the class. It was discussed about possibly using the VTA meeting room again for this class and holding it the second week in May.

Instructor Training Class: LT. Tierney reported that they needed 15 students to sign up to take the class for it not to be canceled. He urged the departments to sign up their candidates as soon as possible for this April class.

Future classes delivered on the island by the Mass Fire Academy were discussed. It was agreed to ask for a Saving Ourselves/RIT class now and a Gas Class later. Saving Ourselves in Fall 2010 and RIT in Spring 2011.

Chief Chilling reported on the SE Regional Advisory Council proposal for a Regional Technical Rescue team and a possible \$200,000 equipment grant. The Chiefs discussed their desire to regionalize the island Fire Department Dive Teams and Rope/Trench Rescue/Confined Space Rescue. Chief Forend moved and Chief Estrella second a motion to move forward with an island-wide SOP for Dive and Technical Rescue and to apply for the grant to have an island regional Technical Rescue Team. SO VOTED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Asst. Chief Tim Carroll, Secretary

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DFS

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527 CMR 32

Approved smoke detectors

1. one and two family homes only.

148, 26F

upon sale or transfer

req. ^{approved} smoke detectors

26E Requirements.

26A High rise

all new

26B · every building < 70' tall ^(after 1975) must comply w/ building Code - Req. Smoke Detector

26C 6+ dwellings

Building Permit - triggers New Code (1974) requirement to have smoke detectors hardwired, inter-connected, etc.

A new burglar alarm system or new wireless alarm system is required to pull a ^{Building Permit} ~~Smoke~~ detector.

148, 26E (a) definition of approved smoke detectors.

26D - Separate sleeping area definition.

26E - approved monitored - battery power smoke detector

approved primary - power smoke detector ^{perm-wired}

Further defined in 527 CMR 32.00

Photoelectric - more effective in detecting smoldering fires
less susceptible to nuisance alarms~~Ionizing~~ ^{more effective} flaming fires

less expensive

more susceptible

BKK makes battery-backup dead unit -

Both techs are not new. Both effective in detecting smoke. Ionizing not prohibited.

Decrease nuisance alarms. So people can't take them down.

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one on each level

on basement level

outside each separate sleeping area

on ceiling of each

One for each 1,200 sq ft of area or
part thereof for ~~any~~ any levelhardwired ^{to each} circuit
interconnectedstairway leading to the floor above
near base, but no w/in each stairway

8/97 - 2008 (+) in all bedrooms

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photo electric w/in 20 feet of
bathroom ^{door} or kitchen(+)
battery back-upAll common areas - basements, stairwells, hallways
7th edition of Mass. State Building Code

2008 →

Wireless System must be compliant w/ NFPA 72
Supervised systemHeat Detector > 2008all integral garages or attached ^{to} house

flat ceiling - middle

interconnected

Sloped Ceilings - 1:8 rise/run appear center

148 § 26 FV 1/2

Alarms required - ^{for fossil fuels} enclosed
inside parking area

Building Code can be more restrictive

Voice + tone alarm?

w/in 10' of bedroom door

Listed / interconnected 120V

Listed / low voltage combo sp or.

Listed / wireless system

Manufacturers recommendation location?
Gas code detector in room
near gas log does not
satisfy fire code.
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5/17/10 DCFCA @ TFD 7:30 pm

(WTFD - Copy of FF 1 disk)

No quorum April - only 6 members

Guests -

Aaron Whitten, Ernie, Joe T.

Treasurers - \$2,500/4

First bucket \$310 \$

Lunch \$5/15 + 16/10 \$

JS/JR delayed.

Commercial Hoods chief strength new state requirements

Ernie - Majicwood (Prefilters - wool pads Ralph Perry - Aard Systems.)

20 yrs. in business. 15 yrs. coming to Videyrd.

Beach Plum Tree lot Saturday.

Beach Plum + Homeport - ³⁵ clean out panels and clips

Discussion about approach to new critical. MADS - no hinges on fire. but ok.

Seek plan for how ADA-compliance will be connected before next yearly owner.

ME - put ad in paper for club club about the hood inspection.

Need to work w/ BOTH ^{list of} all Commercial Kitchens.

Old Business

Too many months ago to remember.

New Business

DCR - BFC : apologized for cap fee in WT.

Training on Sat + Sunday. long + repetitive PP presentation. Field day & no Ac. game day (9) starts. Do another one in October with better materials.

GO ac. banned in MCST So far. \$90,000 approval to cut/new triple unit in WT off old County Rd. by Summer. \$100,000 may come to trust Poligon Rd.

Club Clerk
arrived.

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We are burning, but at the colour of the wax.

Tower will be named this weekend. Associated should write chief Solano requesting tower be named. ~~Then~~^{or} withhold all brown permits from Bob Balc or anyone else. WTPD throws any of them off the fire scene in W.T.

Training on demand - RIT, Saving our selves ^{childcare}
 First AID class
 Gas class - OBF D
 E7 - Jan 12 Driver awareness

Midnight Table Top Drill Review plan.

Single Tone for Airport Alerts.

until then - true out Edg. + WT Fire.

Many & Peter - good.

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OB Mutual Aid - big sheet to June Meeting

W.T. ED. Don't have enough people to send both
structure and ~~body~~ ^{body} at the same mutual Aid Call.

Need further Signatory on Training Acct. currently ^{Chief Clark} ~~Chief Delaney~~
~~Chief Nathan~~ to replace ~~Chief Clark~~. JR/ME note Treasurer John
the second signature. so noted.

Legion - provide Memorial Day?

Foam Trailer - discovered a glitch, no \$ to refill.
10-55 gal drums. being sent as a foam cooler for
Aek + army.

June 1st, Registrar - Floor redishing. make clerk
MV Howard Woods + out others

Oil Burner - Bill Mueller didn't pull apart to install oil burner.

Fire insurance on Rite Tank - behind Vineyard House garage. Plastic roof + floor of melted
and the working flag failed.

FEAM ^{non time meeting} on MV in Oct. 2nd Friday after holiday. Mission House.
all chiefs invited.

Fire on main st. - Jimmy Rogers. 10# extinguishers Nov-10.

Heart Attack - ^{James} ~~John~~ Lane. ME - send \$500 (Jimmy sealed.
Send to pay 8th & ship bill.

OS Model 111 - long sheet of 1000 sheets

INT. 100 - 1000 sheets of 1000 sheets

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^{MR-}
~~Sunday Page~~ eliminate the long pages on Sundays
 for all five pages.

~~MR~~ JR/

Tis. WT. Edg. OB. - no Sunday test page

Hoods chief strength - class 1 license / class 2 ^{class then on} ~~first~~ hood
 pursue on-15th class for class 2.

9:28 ^{pm}

MTA chief Sdilly

The first thing I noticed
 when I stepped out of the plane
 was the cold air. It was a
 shock to the system. I had
 been told it was cold, but
 I didn't realize how cold it
 would be. The wind was
 blowing hard, and the snow
 was falling fast. I was
 alone, and I was scared.

6-21-10

WTFD chief wants disk of training records.

DOFCA 6-21-10 OBFD 710 711 210 ²¹² 610 ⁶¹² 110 111 511 513
 Fire Marshal Dave Beardon ^{-captain} Dave Ladd ^{thruout}

FIRE Marshal Inspected Rm Packer Co + Monaghan tested etc.

Dave Ladd to speak on HazMat. 3 light squad vehicles one in Yarmouth. Detection equipment. Since 2001 tech + abilities growing. JHAD: Bouff Steward cooperative effort/team. Residential pool chemicals - don't go far. Big concern with money + chemicals at the hospital. threat letter protocol.

Air monitoring now available for down wind - notice stationed squad. Six districts in the past. Consolidating control centers w/ single 800# for whole state. Holbrook 1st of 2 centers.

Barnstable Control. is current contact.

ME - do you have an agreement w/ SSA to get you a ferry when necessary? not yet. Have Comms w/ USCG + MSP Airwing for rapid response. For - water unit. Mustard Gas sea claim incident.

Yarmouth Fire will dispatch 2 FF and meet HazMat tech enroute. FM - invite island to have a hazard drill on the island.

Commercial Cooking - certification for hood systems.

Annual inspection required. Cert of Compliance (Type I) from Fire Marshal's office. Can't inspect their own restaurants. 500 hrs of experience required. Is ^{code} duct accessible, can it be cleaned?

Cleaning after inspections - may be employees (Type II) Cert of Compliance

304 Cert. Crowd management > 100 persons over 250 incidents

Dee test, ²⁰¹¹ dancing requirements.

304 temporary use (<5)

106 inspection - using Beer time ^{hazard decision}

6/21/10

Temporary sheltering of homeless in churches.

Sept → June 15 temp. housing regulations

OS - floor sanding regulations Flammable liquids $< 100^\circ$

24 hrs HazMat First Responder

operational level responder given by Fire Academy

Fun - offered simulator for some portion of products

Do other parts on the Island.

Could do ~~activity~~ ^{activity} at Academy in the fall. 6 hrs

Church Contact - Saving our selves. RIT

Chemical (Rescue) Class. 8 hrs. HPE + DeCom.

1912 class 2 year.

Treasurer's Report \$ 2,368.70

\$ 184.49 member dues

\$ 26.25 Fruit Basket

Washington Dispatchers' Shop & Shop donation

All coming

NSTAR chief schedule Remote Control Switches, Switch config
Emergency ^{response} plan. # EOC - clear the lines before re-energizing

night stage trucks/crews at local fire stations.

Dispatchers - fire emergency #

- regular #

Facebook/Twitter etc.

Chief Schilling - staging of resources. close enough to support Engage
units, cut their way to calls

Jeff Lane retiring

general of course & subject matter

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Commencement Heats - Only real woodshed chf 210
 Regulate if possible to August

SE Regard - Team Trader + Supply Cache

Dispatch - mutual Aid questions Sam Suzy.
 GIS etc for updated mutual aid plan for July.
 Bone & Sam Alert. (art + Edg)

NO Sunday pages for Fire Service. →
 John Rose arrived - Fire reporter for potatoes in new hospital. ?

Mass Fire Chiefs Assoc. - October Friday 22nd
 Noon time all island chiefs invited. Mousien House.
 George Baker - mutual aid response to vineyard for brush fires.
 wants to meet with us + bring SSA person w/ him.

Tower been manned since last month on Fire Danger days
 chf Esps this weekend in spy field
 KANE wants to come to our island to show an engine. Fall?
 IPS coming out in July to service the Holmesteads.
 Fall to service SCBAs.

MTA chf dark 8:45 pm

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Members in attendance: Edgartown: Scott Ellis. Oak Bluffs: None. Tisbury: Chief Schilling, Jim Rogers, Russell Maciel. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella, John early, Jim Branch. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. State Forest: John Varkonda Retired: Chief Clark.

Hand Out from the attorney General given to Fire Chiefs by Chief Norton.

Dispatch Discussion about Mutual Aid dispatch and radio coverage with Supervisor Schofield postponed to August in Edgartown.

Treasurer's Report \$2,553.19 balance. The Training Council reimbursed the Chiefs' Acct for the lunch at training.

Muster Committee Chief Estrella reported that the Muster Committee had \$1,000. The committee was disbanding and the Chiefs agreed that the money should be put in the Training Account when received.

President: Chief Norton expressed his deep gratitude at the assistance received from the island fire departments on July 12th at the USCG Boathouse Fire in Menemsha. He praised the OBFD Fire Boat and told the Chiefs he could not thank them enough. He thanked Asst Chief Carroll for his response being first on scene. Chief Schilling said he was grateful for the aggressive approach EMS took to REHAB. Asst. Chief Branch said the wet towels were a good idea. The group agreed that radio coverage upisland needed to be improved for the fire service and it was noted that 5 watt police portables worked where fire 100 watt mobile radios did not. There was discussion by mutual aid units that the Mass State Police was not forceful in their evacuation of the harbor in the early stages of the fire. It was agreed that this pier fire was a learning experience for all involved.

Training Chief Schilling spoke at LT Tierney's request on requesting that the FF1 program be delayed to January 2011. this would allow students and instructors to take MFA class this fall, including Saving ourselves, Ropes, Fire Control and HazMat. LT Tierney would also like to attend the Fire Instructor II class this fall. The Chiefs agreed to postpone FF1 to January 2011 and that this would be to finish up the existing students taking FF1.

Fire Tower Chief Estrella thanked the other fire chiefs for getting the Fire Tower manned this summer.

Fire Investigation Chief Norton asked what the status of the Fire Investigators class was. West Tisbury said it was sending Peter and police Sergeant Mincone.

Radios Chief Estrella said that Supervisor Schofield, the Sheriff and Mr. Bardwell should be invited to the next meeting in August to discuss radios.

Mutual Aid Asst Chief Carroll asked departments to submit a list of damaged or expended equipment used at the Boathouse Fire for possible reimbursement.

Assistance Chief Estrella spoke about Aquinnah FD LT Billy Smith being injured after the Boathouse Fire and Dispatcher Sarah Townes stroke. Asst Chief Branch moved and Asst Chief Jim Rogers seconded a motion to send them \$300 food cards. SO VOTED: Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Asst. Chief Tim Carroll, Secretary

Dukes County Fire Chiefs' Association**Minutes of August 16th 2010**

Meeting called to order by the President, Chief David Norton at 7:30 PM at the Edgartown Fire Station.

Members in Attendance: Edgartown: Chief Shemeth, Alex Schaeffer, Scott Ellis. Oak Bluffs: Tony Ferreira, John Rose. Tisbury: Russell Maciel. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. State Forest: John Varkonda.

Guests: LT Joe Tierney, DC Fire Training Council; Sheriff Michael McCormack; Dispatch Supervisor Susan Schofield.

Absent: John Early, Jim Branch, Chief Delaney, James Vercruysse, Chief Schilling, Jim Rogers.

Radio Communications: Chief Norton welcomed Sheriff McCormack and Mrs. Schofield and thanked them for coming to this meeting to discuss communication concerns. The fire chiefs asked about having the same coverage as the police have for their portable radios up island. The sheriff suggested the use of in-vehicle repeaters might help. Mr. Fierriera asked what the long range plan was for improving radio communications. Sheriff McCormack said that a recent study confirmed that the VHF system currently in use is the right frequency for here on Martha's Vineyard. He said that an up island repeater like the police have on 860 might be a solution for the fire service.

Sheriff McCormack explained that the communications center was in the third year of grants that would move the dispatch center to the basement of the community corrections building. He said the specs were being developed by mid-September and that he hoped to have a contractor on board by Thanksgiving for a June 2011 completion. He said it might be possible for the island to get a grant in the next cycle to upgrade the fire radio system. He suggested that the Fire Chiefs form a committee and research some possibilities for May 2011 to get into the FY2012 budget. Another option was to pursue town meeting funding or a grant from the state 911 system.

Chief Estrella said that the Command Post at the West Tisbury FD station on the Edgartown Road needed a 911 line installed for future use. He also asked for a terminal to be installed for dispatching too. Sheriff McCormack said he would ask the state 911 system board about having lines installed at the OBFD & WTFD backup dispatch locations. There was discussion about many lines being involved, Barnstable County being the island's backup 911 center and possibility of using call forwarding.

Chief Norton said that fire and ems portables do not work up island at emergency scenes and that needs to be fixed. Chief Estrella said that it was now our job to research the opportunities with Chief Delaney and report back to the Sheriff what was needed. LT Tierney reported on locations in Tisbury and along the North Shore that were problems (Mink Meadows, Northern Pines, Tasmoo, etc.).

Chief Estrella revisited the change in paging for Airport Alerts. He asked that just Edgartown and West Tisbury be paged initially for an Alert. Supervisor Schofield and Sheriff McCormack had no problem with that. Mr. Carroll said that we were waiting for Mr. Bardwell to assign a single unique tone for Airport Alerts. Sheriff McCormack said he would call Mr. Bardwell.

Chief Shemeth asked the Sheriff and Mrs. Schofield what the fire departments could do to help the dispatch center. (211 & 513 arrived) The Sheriff asked that standard responses to similar calls be a goal. Mrs. Schofield asked for fire to establish Incident Command on scenes so that the dispatchers know who to relay all information to at an incident.

Chief Norton asked that dispatch page all Chilmark calls once from each of the two towers. Mrs. Schofield said she would try to make sure this happens, but that after the initial page there can be lots of radio and phone traffic and it might not always be possible.

Mr. Ferriera asked if the communications center could record communications on the fire department's "private" channels. This could allow a fire department to move from the main fire channel if a second emergency came in. It was discussed that Mr. Bardwell could be asked for a cost. Mr. Carroll asked if the digital recorder at the communications center might already have enough channels/capacity to handle this. It was agreed to ask Mr. Bardwell.

There was general discussion about how communications actually function. Mrs. Schofield explained the challenge to having all fire calls simulcasted over 252 and the pagers and how the Zetron radio selector system worked.

Mrs. Schofield expressed some concerns with the level of detail in the most recent Mutual Aid plan she had received from the Fire Chiefs. She said something like "West of Squibnocket on State Road" was something her dispatchers could not take the time to identify. It was agreed to speak to Ron Burson to see if QED could improve this situation.

There was discussion about color coding the different town sides of the south shore ponds.

Mrs. Schofield was given a food gift card for Dispatcher Sarah Townes who was out on medical leave. She expressed her appreciation on behalf of Sarah.

(8:15 PM)

Minutes: Minutes of 07/19/10 moved by 710 and seconded by 210. Approved.

Treasurers Report: \$1,953.19 balance. Purchased two \$300 gift cards, one was delivered tonight and the other mailed Friday to the injured Aquinnah Fire LT. Report unanimously approved.

Dukes County Fire Training Coordinator - Joe Tierney: Chief Estrella requested that the FF1 program restart sooner than January 15th as was proposed earlier. He said that WTFD had 15 guys to take the classes. Mr. Schaeffer asked if there was a budget for the FF1 program? LT Tierney said that the DCFTC would be meeting in September to discuss that. He said that the books were available at a discount if we ordered more than 5 at a time. It was agreed to have a student count into LT. Tierney a month before the program restarts. The books will be billed through the Chilmark Fire Department using Chilmark's tax ID #.

LT. Tierney said that he was working with Ed Walker at the Fire Academy for a Fire Control session at the academy. It might be the third or fourth Sunday in October. He reported having difficulty obtaining dates for other classes at this time.

FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM: Chief Estrella asked that all team members respond automatically to serious fires in other towns. There was general agreement. Mr. Ferriera said that the team would be having a meeting soon to elect a chairman and bring back team policies to the Fire Chiefs' meeting for approval. There was general discussion of investigations.

Mr. Carroll asked if Chilmark owed any departments for class A foam or equipment as a result of the July 12th Menemsha fire.

New Business: NE Ladder Testing form Lynnfield Massachusetts will be coming to the island to test fire ladders. LT Tierney will seek a second price for testing services and share that with the other departments.

LT. Tierney said that there will be a Basic Ropes class at Tisbury Fire Dept on November 12th. He reported having 10 of the required 15 students so far.

The Chiefs agreed to inform the Fire Academy that LT Tierney was their choice as a priority selection to the Fire Instructor 2 class in Agawam. Chief Norton will call Joseph Guavae.

USCG Menemsha Boathouse Fire was discussed. It was noted there was no investigation report yet.

Chief Estrella invited the Chiefs to attend the WTFD annual picnic on Flat Point September 12th.

Motion To Adjourn made by John Varkonda.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

approved on September 20, 2010 against F.D.

Agreed on 2/15/12

Dukes County Fire Chiefs' Association**Minutes of September 20th 2010**

Meeting called to order by President – Chilmark Fire Chief David Norton at 7:42 PM at the Aquinnah Fire Station.

Members in attendance: Aquinnah: Chief Delaney. Edgartown: Scott Ellis. Oak Bluffs: Tony Ferriea. Tisbury: Chief Schilling. West Tisbury: Chief Estrella, Jim Branch. Chilmark: Chief Norton, Tim Carroll. State Forest: John Varkonda. Retired Chiefs: Chief Clark.

Guests: LT Joe Tierney DCFTC, Bob Bale TNC

Minutes of August 16th 2010 approved.

Treasurer's Report \$1,953.19 balance. John Varkonda reported that the Muster Committee had not transferred any funds to our Training Account yet.

Training Council Treasurer Chief Delaney reported that the balance was \$3,951.69 and there had been no activity this month. The Chiefs discussed the upcoming classes in November and the need for a bus and ferry for the October 31st Fire Control class at the Academy. It was moved by Chief Schilling and seconded by Jim Branch to send out \$500 assessments to the member towns. SO VOTED.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Bob Bale The Nature Conservancy

Mr. Bale presented the next steps for the CWPP. He said he had interviewed Chiefs or Assistant Chiefs in each town and was drafting a plan. He handed out a 9/20/10 draft of the Tisbury CWPP Action Items as an example. Mr. Bale said that the island Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) would be invited to meet on the CWPP and give their input to the plan. He was hoping to work on a draft plan that reconciles all the interests of the NGS'o and the towns for a collective meeting in November.

Chief Schilling said that having a CWPP was critical for a community if they wished to apply for grant funding. He said that Tisbury was looking for a \$100,000 grant to install a 30,000 gallon storage tank with a 250 gallon a minute recharge well.

Chief Norton spoke about alternate water sources and the requests from insurance companies.

Jim Branch spoke about the opportunity the plan gave us to tell people to cut back around their homes to establish a defensible space.

Tony Ferriea said that he supported Chief Schilling's work on this project. He said that every town will benefit from something in the plan.

Chief Estrella asked for a map of land owned by NGO's in each town. He invited Mr. Bale to attend his department's next officers' meeting to review West Tisbury.

Chief Delaney asked for an in-person meeting with Mr. Bale.

Tony Ferriea said that an in person meeting would work best for Oak Bluffs next Monday. Mr. Bale said that this month was tough because he had ten wildland firefighters arriving from Florida on Monday.

Chief Estrella suggested that Mr. Bale come back to the Fire Chiefs' Meeting on ^{Nov 16} ~~October 18th~~ with the intention of a group meeting on ^{Tues Nov} ~~Thursday October 20th~~ at his main station between 7 and 8:30 PM. Chief Estrella invited Chief Norton to attend the meeting with Mr. Bale at his station.

Training

LT Tierney reported that Chuck Lambert said we would be getting a **F/F Survival Skills** class with the 46 foot maze trailer on a Saturday and Sunday November 6th & 7th. LT Tierney said that a two story building was also needed for a segment of the class. Course # 200-019-616 for 12 hours. Section A & B must be completed on the DFS Student Application. (John Varkonda departed)

Rope Rescue is scheduled for November 12, 13 & 14 (18 hrs.) Eleven students are signed up for this and we need 4 more to make the 15 minimum. (Tony Ferreia departed)

Fire Control is scheduled for a day in October, possibly the 17th, 24th or 31st. It is expected to be 2 -3 hours classroom and the rest will be practical exercises at the Fire Academy in Stowe.

Chief Estrella spoke about the **SAFER Grant** and suggested that we apply for 2years of funding to pay trainers. LT Tierney spoke about completion certificates will not satisfy the cer requirement.

FIREHOUSE Software The status of the software was discussed. Tim Carroll will work with Peter E. on linking the island wide training records with the town databases next month. The next Fire SYSOP meeting will address personnel numbering and how to enter inventory items.

Bull Dog Fire Apparatus Jeff Mazza would like to bring a few KME fire engines to the island and stage a demonstration for the fire chiefs. After some discussion about the purchasing schedule for new apparatus and other things, it was agreed to postpone this visit until the spring.

FCAM Chief Schilling reminded the members that the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts will be meeting on Martha's Vineyard Friday October 22nd 2010 at the Mansion House on Main Street, VH. Lunch was \$30 at noon. Meeting at 1 PM. Libations on the roof at 3 – 5 PM. He reported that Edgartown and Tisbury have joined FCAM so far.

SERPD Chief Schilling said the foam trailer would be inspected on Thursday by SERPD.

AFD Chief Delaney asked about insurance policies held by other towns. He said there were concerns about the level of coverage the town had for the replacement of lost wages for the volunteers. Some towns said they have insurance through MIIA and others were carrying a special policy through VFIS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM

Tisbury FD CWPP Action Items

Draft 9/20/10

Prevention

Structural Ignitability: Fire prevention education is a responsibility of the Fire Chief. Also, Tisbury FD has neither the resources nor the vehicle access to protect all the Town's citizens and structures from wildfire. Therefore, Tisbury FD will coordinate with DCR to provide Firewise education and support Firewise projects in order to help residents help themselves.

Next Priority Site(s): Lambert's Cove Road & Northern Pines

Time Frame: Winter/Spring 2011

Water Sources: Water supply is not available in parts of the Town, and long travel times for shuttling water to those parts complicates safe and effective fire suppression.

Next Priority Site: The Lambert's Cove Affordable Housing Project needs a reliable water source to protect the project investment. Chief Schilling is working with DCR on a grant to fund an underground tank with a recharge well at this site. The tank and well would provide a needed water source for the surrounding neighborhood.

Time Frame: An Article in support of the tank and well will be introduced at the April, 2011 Town Meeting.

Training

Tisbury FD officers and firefighters will undergo additional wildland fire training to increase firefighter safety and wildfire response effectiveness.

Next Priorities: Sandtable exercises for Tisbury officers, multi-department sandtable exercises for officers, live-fire training evolutions, and a planning meeting(s) with Police regarding rapid neighborhood evacuation during fast moving wildfire incident.

Time Frame: Winter/Spring 2011 for next training iterations and meeting with Police, with repeated training to be held regularly in future years.

