

Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, Inc.

Minutes of February 28, 2019 Meeting

This meeting was held at West Rutland Fire Department and called to order by President Schlachter at 19:00. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sister in the fire service.

Roll Call:

Department members present: Brandon Fire Department, Castleton Fire Department, Chittenden Fire Department, Clarendon Fire Department, Killington Fire-Rescue, Pawlet Fire Department, Pittsford Fire Department, Poultney Fire Department, Rutland Town Fire Department, Wallingford Fire Department, West Rutland Fire Department.

Officers Present: Chief Robert Schlachter, President; Michael Skaza, Treasurer; Heather Ducharme, Secretary.

Secretary's Report:

Presented and Passed

Treasure's Report:

Presented and Passed

Mutual Aid Response:

None

Department Updates:

Castleton's E- tools are now in service.

Benson is getting new cell phone tower and we hope to talk to them about repeaters.

State dispatch in Westminster will be getting new console in mid to late March

In July VSFA will be having a conference in Middlebury

Souther Vermont Fire School will be on April 6th and 7th. They could use some help with set up on April 5th around 4pm if anyone is available.

Vermont Fire Academy update by Chief Jones- Fire I was held at the Pittsford Fire Academy and they had 13 student. They have their live burn on March 9th and will be finished by March 18th.

Fire Instructor I had 13 students and they are testing out on March 18th.

The Leadership Series course was cancelled.

Entry Level Fire Fighter sign up deadline is March 18th. They are taking up to 50 students and they are half full now.

RIT Pilot Program is being laid out and will be done in 3 modules. Module will always be done at the Fire Academy.

Communications Update:

Dispatch Transmitter- Angie from State Dispatch will help with us with our frequencies. Canada will play a factor in how quickly this happens.

Gordon Lunna showed us coverage from multiple sites and what the coverage would be. We will want to make sure we pick the best spots.

I Am Responding or Who is Responding would like to come and do a special meeting and maybe as a group they could give us a better deal. We would like to get a 60 day trial and would like to set this meeting up for mid to late March. Motion Approved to do this.

New transmitter is still being investigated for Killington, so things are on hold right now.

Old Business:

Mutual Aid Drill Planning – The leaders of the Departments need to be involved in the planning of the drill and be part of the drill. We need to discuss these drills at the Mutual Aid Meeting after. We all need to be on the same page.

Meeting attendance and voting – The Chief of the department is in charge of sending at least 1 member from the department to the meeting and it is up to the Chief if he cannot make it whether that person is designated to vote in the Chief's absence. We need to get more departments involved.

Committees- We need more members to sign up for committees.

New Business:

The Treasurer has requested to explore moving funds into a money market account. This was voted on and approved.

Next Meeting is April 25th 2019 which will be hosted at Pittsford Fire Department

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second. This was passed, meeting adjourn 20:20

Respectfully yours,

Heather Ducharme

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Secretary