

Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, Inc.

Minutes of September 26, 2019 Annual 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, Fair Haven Fire Department, Killington Fire-Rescue, Pittsford Fire Department, Poultney Fire Department, Rutland City Fire Department, Rutland Town Fire Department, Wallingford Fire Department, West Haven Fire Department, West Pawlet Fire Department, West Rutland Fire Department.

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

Secretary's Report:

Presented and Passed

Treasure's Report:

Presented and Passed

Mutual Aid Response:

Clarendon had 2 structure fires

Benson's General Store burned

West Rutland had a structure fire

Rutland City had a structure fire

Department Updates:

Castleton Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast 9/29/19

Pittsford Haunted House 10/18, 10/19, 10/26, 10/27

West Pawlet Pancake Breakfast 10/13/19

Representative RCFMA Chittenden Reservoir Emergency Action Planning Group has a meeting on 10/2/19. Planning in case there is a catastrophic failure of the dam.

Communications Update:

On 8/26/19 we received the Ok to proceed on the Killington from DPS communications unit. Our next step is to apply for the licensing NEW RX frequencies transmit will remain the same.

We need to make sure that when there are Officer changes in that the departments are letting State Dispatch know as well as Chief Schlachter

Please fill out Department Information packets and return. Let everyone know if you have any specialty training or equipment.

Updates:

VSFA Meeting Sunday 10/6/19

Fire Academy –

Volunteer Fire Officer Program Content

Being built, No certification, Seminar type program done in modules to include HR, Budgets, What Authorities You have, Training That is needed and so on.

Entry Level FF Course had 4 Train the Trainer sessions so far with almost 100 people from 55 departments.

There is a FFI/FFII at Castleton with 21 students

FFII was canceled in Northern VT. There is now one in Ludlow.

National Fire Academy will be 10/26 and 10/27 in Londonderry

ICS 100 10/7 and 10/10, CPR -Castleton

First Aid also in October in Castleton \$40 per person

Hazmat Operation in Dec-Jan -Castleton

ICS 200 Mid-Late Jan -Castleton

Traffic Control 3-9-19 – Castleton

VFA 3 State Weekend is May 29-31 7 courses to choose from

Rutland City Fire Department is partnering with Fire Academy and RCFMA on Saturday 10/19/19. This is free and food will be provided

Reduce Fire Fighter Risk

This is on Pre, During and Post Incident

We are trying to get of Fire Fighter Rehab on board with EMS

Sunday evening tests have been overlapping

How many people are using the all call tone?

Guest Speaker:

Regional Manager from the Rutland Division of Fire Safety Office -Gerald Garrow

Deputy Chief Seth Bride from Rutland City Fire Department -Presentation on Run Cards for Mutual Aid Requests

Old Business:

We Need to Form Committees-

Communication updates

Training

Mutual Aid Drills

Southern Vermont Fire School

New Business:

We need Authorization from the Members to apply for Regional Fire Act Grant to update our communications system.

Motion Made and Passed

When a Department gets toned out 1 person should acknowledge the call with State not 15 people.

What should RCFMA be working on short term and what should be worked on long term-

Should our Organization Operate differently Should we take the show on the road and find out what everyone wants?

Next Meeting is 11/21/19 at Danby

1/30/20 Poultney

3/26/19 Shrewsbury

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second. This was passed, meeting adjourn 20:21

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary