



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The October 27, 2020 meeting of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs was held on line and called to order at 19:05 by President Dixon.

A moment of silence was held for all Fire Fighters and Chiefs in Connecticut.

A motion was made and passed to suspend the regular business and go to the educational presentation at 19:10.

Bob Norton gave a presentation on stress in fire fighters in Connecticut and the available resources for it. Phone number for response team is 800-734-2473 or on line at www.ctcsim.org

Motion was made and passed to return to the regular meeting at 19:43.

Motion was made and passed to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was given by President Dixon, There is a total of \$7,628.50 available. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

Committee reports: Ted Schroll gave a report on legislative issues, noting that there is really nothing going on.

Chief Thurz discussed the recent joint council meeting held on zoom. A letter was drafted and sent to Eversource saying they were unprepared for the storm and did not communicate with local departments.

Chief Flynn reported on V.C.O.S. saying that everything is cancelled through the end of the year. The yellow paper will be out soon. The new NE Chiefs Association is still on hold but the officers have been sworn in.

The Fallen Fire Fighters ceremony was well attended in Windsor Locks, and all of the COVID protocols were followed.

Old business: A motion was made and passed to accept the applicant that the Treasurer has on file as belonging to the association.

New Business: A motion was made and passed to have the following applications follow the usual course. Bud Meyers Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Michael Heimer Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Donald Figiela Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Kenneth Boutin Deputy Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., Charles Beecher Asst. Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept., and Beth Mancini Battalion Chief of the Coventry Fire Dept.

Chief Flynn gave a report on the OSHA drop in visits and stated that each fire department has to have a statement on how your department is running. They will start with paid depts. Then combinations depts., and finish up with volunteer depts. This information will be passed on to the CFCA membership very soon.

Board of Directors meet and discussed a potential program on how to select the new legislative representative for the CSFA. A meeting was held by the CSFA, attended by Chief Thurz and Chief Wall representing the CFCA. A new committee will be formed by the CSFA to look into the selection process. We have to name a person to serve on this new committee and submit it to the CSFA by Nov. 2.

A motion was made and passed to accept the slate of officers for the upcoming year as presented and the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate.

The annual meeting will be held at Grille 37 in Pomfret Ct. and also on line. The dinner will be at 18:00 hrs., and then the regular meeting was start at 19:00.

This was supposed to be Reverend Venoit last meeting but he had a medical emergency to take care of. Rev. Bill Venoit has been the Chaplin for the CT Fire Chiefs Association spanning the term of the last four Presidents of our association. His spiritual guidance, genuine interest in our members and friendship has been an inspiration to many of us. Tonight will be the last meeting that Rev. Bill will be with us as he ventures into another chapter in his life and retirement. We wish you the best in your future endeavors and thank you for working with us, especially in these very trying times.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 20:28.

There were 16 people in attendance, not counting the speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McDonough

Secretary
