



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Connecticut Fire Chiefs meeting held on July 27, 2021 at the Portland Fire House Grounds.

Meeting was called to order by President Duval at 19:10

Reverend Venoit gave the invocation

President Duval included the following stats:

Fire Personnel Statistics:

*Number of Fire personnel COVID-related deaths in 2020: 81

*Number of Fire personnel COVID-related deaths in 2021 to-date: 50

*New York (17 total deaths/13.7%), Pennsylvania (12 deaths/ 9.7%), Texas (12 deaths/ 9.7%), and New Jersey (10 deaths/ 8.1%) respectively represent the states with the highest number of COVID-related deaths for fire personnel.

*The average age of Fire personnel who died due to COVID-related complications is 55.4.

EMS-Only Statistics:

*Number of EMS COVID-related deaths in 2020: 53

*Number of EMS deaths in 2021 to-date: 3

Meeting was adjourned for dinner at 19:20

Meeting was called back to order at 19:55

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

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

President report: June 2021

June 1 - Approved and mailed the engagement letter to Ulrich to begin the re-establishment of the Non-Profit Status for the Association.

June 2 – Facilitated a virtual meeting of the Technical Advisory Meeting. There were 30 participants on the call.

June 4 – Participated in a virtual call with Joint Council meeting regarding fire service funding from the America Recovery and Rescue Act.

June – Continue to work with Secretary and Treasurer on processing payment and initial paperwork to begin process of re-establishing the CFCA non-profit status. Completed the forms required by the vendor to continue the re-establishment of non-profit status of the Association.

June 22 – Polled E Board on CFCA support for Federal Fire Station Construction Legislation

June 22 – Participated in a virtual meeting regarding the CT DOT and FD ITM for highway standpipes. The meeting was set up by the Capital Regional COG

June 23-24 – Participated in the annual meeting of the New England Fire Chiefs Association – A Division of the IAFC in Portsmouth, NH. Attended the educational program by Curt Varone on social media in the Fire Service.

July 2021

June / July - Working with K LaSalla, IAFC on (H.R. 3728) to create a one-time \$1 billion fire station construction grant program. Polled E Board members and received strong support for the CFCA to support this initiative. Asked E Board members to reach out to their local Congressional representatives with letter of support of House Bill.

July – Continue to work with URICH and our E-Board to gather information required to re-establish our non-profit status.

July 16 – Introduced to the incoming President of the NY State Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Robert Kloepfer, Jr, while attending the NYSAFC Conference in Syracuse, NY

July 19 – Working with E Board to seek representatives for the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) and Incident Management Team (IMT) committees at the state level.

July 20 – Sent email regarding HR 3728 to Rep. J Courtney via web portal.

Committee reports: Chief Wall on the Legislative Representative Committee. Meeting was held in Cheshire two weeks ago. Committee agreed on lobbyist firm and narrowed it down to one who hasn't responded yet. Same amount as last year, Motion was made and passed to accept the lobbyist firm.

Jeff Morsette gave a report including the fact that P.J. Norwood has been hired as the director of training.

Nick Wallick gave a report on the foam take back program.

Class B foam can still be use on petroleum fires but NOT on cars and trucks.

Ted Schroll gave a report on the legislation. The session is over and the bills passed have been signed by the Governor.

Collection was made for the Flanagan Fund. \$225.00 was collected.

John Carew gave a report on the memorial. New Plants will be installed in time for the ceremony. The information is out for the Yard Goats Game. The annual dinner for the fund will be held November 15, 2021 at the Aqua Turf.

Pete Bonomi from the instructor's association the executive board will meet and discuss a seminar.

Old business: none

New Business: 2 applications were given for the first reading. James Trzaski Chief of the South Fire District and James Burns Battalion Chief of the Waterbury Fire Dept.

Next meeting will be held at the Eagleville Fire Station in Mansfield and the September meeting will be held at Flanders Fish House on Niantic.

The \$30.00 maximum for each meal will be discussed at the Executive Board and a recommendation will be given to the members.

Benediction was given by Reverend Venoit.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 20:19

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough
Secretary
