



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the CT Fire Chief's Association Meeting

August 27, 2024 - Mansfield

Meeting Called to order at 18:40

Invocation – Father Bill

Educational Session

- Presentation by CT Transit regarding the new all-electric buses that they are adding to their fleet.
 - o Key notes: CT Transit is offering several in-person training sessions and will be happy to come out if your community will be housing one of these vehicles
 - o Battery packs are in the back, and up on top.
 - o Primary disconnect switches are on the curbside, lower rear compartment
 - o If there is an incident try to get assistance from the driver, and there is a QR code by the driver's seat that will link you to the safety information

The meeting was suspended at 19:20 for dinner – reconvened at 19:50.

Treasures report – approved.

Legislative:

- There will probably be a special session to address electric rates.
- The LODD presumption legislation says the fire chief can make the determination **unless** the municipality passes a local ordinance that gives this power to another person or group by October 1st, 2024.
 - o CCM sent out a warning to towns about this and this has caused some confusion / certain towns proposing ordinances
- The State Comptroller has sent out a survey to every town asking for data about the fire service (Number of members, career vs. volunteer, average age, etc.) Strongly encourage all communities to participate
 - o Note the email went to the Chief Elected Official, so this may not be getting to the fire chiefs.

Joint Council:

- Chief Trzaski's term as head of the Joint Council is coming to a close and the reigns are being handed over to Chief Steve Hoffman from CFDIA.
- Next meeting 9/5

Memorial:

- 4 names are being added this year
- Ceremony on 9/11
- Annual dinner on 11/7 at Aquaturf
- Brewer's Cup Fundraiser program is underway

NE IAFC:

- Annual conference and trade show October 16-18 at Mohegan Sun
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CFPC:

- 9/11 Memorial coming up
- In the process of completing their re-accreditation
- PFAS removal funds are still available
- If you want to host a class in 2025 – sign up using ACADIS
- Winter Fire School will be Feb 21-23 this year

Andy Flannigan:

- 6 Recipients this semester
- Next round for the Spring semester will be awarded on 11/30

Tech Committee:

- Hartford County was awarded funding for 8 new portables
 - o These now come with a “replay” feature

EMS – no update

Old Business:

- The Association voted to re-appoint Chief Wall to the Commission for a 1-year term
- Reminder VOCS will be 11/12-13 in Florida

New Business:

- NFPA is putting on Fire Sprinkler training in Mass (see flyer from Chief Duval)
- CT Career is working on a golf tournament in October
- State made changes to the LEOP template – new section addresses Domestic terrorism
- CSFA has a new flyer out to explain benefits to its members
- CFCA and CFDIA have partnered to develop a Solar Safety Class.
 - o First Session was in New Haven
 - o Working on a second offering at Eastern CT Fire School
- CFSI will be on Feb 12-13, 2025
- Motion to allocate \$120.05 for the zoom meetings (approved with one good humor dissent)
- State Convention will be September 21-22 in West Haven

Good of Order:

- \$144 for the Flannigan Scholarship fund

Next month’s meeting will be in Flanders.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30

John Roache

2nd Vice President
