



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Connecticut Fire Chiefs meeting was held at the Manor Inn, in Southington on May 25, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Duval at 18:15.

Meeting was recessed for educational program on Cannabis Operations and the Fire Code presented by Robert Duval of the NFPA

Meeting was called back to order at 18:45

Motion was made and passed to recess for dinner at 18:46

Meeting was called back to order at 19:04

Pledge to the American Flag was given by President Duval

Moment of silence was held for New Haven fire fighter Richardo Torres, who lost his life in a fire last week. Our thoughts also go out to NH Lieutenant Rankins who was released from the Bridgeport burn center a couple of prior to the meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the secretary's and treasurer's reports

Reports:

President's Activities Month of May, 2021

May 3 – Solicited members for the re-established Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) via an email note to the state's fire agencies and associations. The response was encouraging with several interested parties responding to the request for memberships.

May 7 – Participated in virtual meeting of the NE Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy - Fire Departments and Wildfire in the Northeast (90 minutes). (80+ participants)

May 10 – Spoke with Chief G Priest of West Hartford FD regarding the ITM of highway standpipes. I offered the CFCA assistance in the ongoing discussions between the fire service and CT DOT.

May 10 – Suggested a June 2 meeting of the re-established TAC – Polling those who responded

that they were interested in participating in the committee. (See May 3 post above)

May 11 – at the request of John Carew, penned a letter of support for the Capital Improvement Program for the regional fire schools.

May 12 – On behalf of the CFCA, expressed condolences to the New Haven FD on the LODD of a member at a structure fire.

May 12 – Drafted a letter congratulating Chief Wayne Fletcher of the Ashford FD on his pending retirement.

Legislative Representative: Chief Wall on replacing the legislative representative. Committee will interview candidates in June and will probably go with a lobbyist firm. The individual or firm chosen should be in place for the next session of the state.

CFPC Report (given by President Duval in J Morrissette's absence)

The hourly rate increase for adjunct Fire Service Instructors was approved. The increase, the first in 20-years was implemented and reflected in the last pay period.

Working to obtain a clearer picture as to the expected retirements and succession planning in advance of July 1, 2022. We have approximately 35 P/T instructors and 50%+ of our full-time staff eligible.

We will be holding an outdoor graduation ceremony for Recruit Class #67 on Thursday, May 27, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the CT Fire Academy.

Finalizing plans to host 3 summer camps for Junior, Cadet and Explorer firefighters. The program was paused last summer due to COVID.

Working with the CT Career Fire Chiefs and Hero to Hero, Inc. program to permit active-duty military personnel to attend Recruit Firefighter training.

Continue coordination efforts for the AFFF foam take back program that is now underway with Phase 1, bulk container pickup, at municipal fire departments statewide. Working with DEEP on reviewing RFP's for Phase 2 which will be the drainage and decontamination of on-board fire apparatus foam systems. Anticipate a contract will be finalized within the next 45-days for this stage of the project which likely occur over the summer and fall months.

Received delivery of our 100' aerial ladder truck; operator training has begun by the manufacturer. We will surplus the 25 year old unit the new apparatus is replacing. A FEMA AFG Grant covered approximately 45% of the cost of this equipment.

Working with DAS Construction Services to issue a task letter for a structural engineering firm to develop specifications to repair the Academy's Class A Burn Building plagued with problems since first opening in 2012.

Renovation of the CT Firefighters and 9/11 Memorials at the CFA has begun, the granite has been impacted by acid rain. Fundraising and work will be managed by the CT State Firefighters Memorial Foundation. Work will be completed in advance of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Interviews are scheduled for June 3rd to refill our vacant Director of Fire Training position.

Tim Wall added additional details on behalf of the commission.

Legislative Session: Ted Schroll gave a report on current legislation. The session will end in two weeks.

IAFC/VCOS: Chief Flynn gave a report on the division meeting will be held in Portsmouth N.H. on June 23 and 24th. Symposium in the Sun is still a go. Two scholarships are available to attend F.R.I.

Flanagan Fund: report given by Peter Beckwith 6 scholarships have been given 5 by the fund and 1 by the instructors

Summitt 2025: Summit meeting for 2025 is on course and a meeting will be held on Oct. 28 and 29 will a speaker from Penn. Will present.

Foam Take-Back Program: The foam take-back program is still going forward with Clean Harbors picking up the pails that departments have. The next 2 steps are foam trailers and foam on engines.

CSFA: John Carew reminded everyone that all member of the association of fire fighter were covered if the department signed up, but all others members of department had to have separate memberships. Tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner at available and Ed Urbanski will be one of the people honored.

Old business: the \$600.00 fee required by the I.R.S. for the non-profit status will be paid and the \$500.00 to the company (Urich) assisting us in the process. A motion was made and passed to pay both bills.

A motion was made and passed that the following people be made members of the association. Norman Bird chief of the Riverton Fire Dept., Mark Elliott Deputy Chief Lebanon Volunteer Fire Dept., and Shawn Wheeler Asst. Chief of the Shelton Fire Dept.

New Business: A motion was made and passed to donate \$200.00 to the New England Division for the hospitality room for the upcoming meeting in NH.

Ed Urbanski gave a report on the fire fighters memorial and the various event scheduled. August 24 chili cook off in Avon, August 28 fire tuck show, and November 15 dinner for the fire fighter memorial held at Aqua Turf. Trees were taken out at the memorial at no cost. The new panels are ½ done, when they are done there should be work required for at least 20 years.

Good of the association: the next meeting will be held in July at the Portland Picnic Grounds. The September meeting will be held at Flanders Fish House. The August meeting is still available.

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

20 people attended

5 people were on line

Cost of meal was \$30.00

\$73.00 was collected for the Flanagan Fund

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough, Secretary
