



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Connecticut Fire Chiefs meeting was held on Oct. 26, 2021 at the Café Fiore in Cromwell.

Meeting was called to order at 18:05 by President Duval and then turned over to Team Rubicon USA for a presentation.

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The program ended at 19:10 then the meeting was recessed for dinner.

Meeting was called back to order at 19:55

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

COVID LODDs as of October 8, 2021

Fire:	192 (2020: 86; 2021 to-date: 106)
EMS:	78 (2020: 68; 2021 to-date: 10)
Law Enforcement:	525 (2020: 340; 2021 to-date: 185)
PSAP:	18 (2020: 14; 2021 to-date: 4)
Total Public Safety Officers:	813

Of note, in September 2021, there were the highest number of reported deaths due to COVID for fire personnel and 2021 has now exceeded 2020 in total Fire Fatalities.

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

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President's report was given:

- October - Working with CT Career Fire Chiefs on representative on Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. Conferenced with President of CCFCA, M Scrivener on candidate to represent our organization. Chief Brady has requested to retire (step down) as one of the two representatives. Chief T Wall wishes to continue as one of our representatives.
- October 13, 2021 – Participated in SA-21-12 Committee conference meeting in preparation for the FIRE 2025 Summit in December 3-4
 - Recruitment and retention topic discussed at length. To schedule another conference call with Chief McCarthy and representative of CFCA to discuss keeping R&R on the Summit agenda.
- October 19 – E-Board Meeting (virtual) – several topics of interest were discussed (see minutes below)
- October 21/25 – Virtual Conference Calls - Fire Study Work Group/OPM Consolidation Committee.
- October 27 – Attended the Hundred Club Annual Luncheon in Hartford.
- E-board met last week and approved the budget as presented. Two minor changes were noted: the line item for legislative representative the final amount has not presented yet, and \$500.00 was added to the corporation line to cover any future costs that are incurred in obtaining or tax-free status.
- Non-Profit Options – The board agreed to seat a committee to investigate our options for the re-establish of our non-profit status.
- TAC Update – the next meeting of this committee will be held (virtually) on November 9. The committee will craft suitable by-laws for the group at this meeting.

Committee reports:

Legislative: nothing has changed. A special session is in line but there are no fire related issues on it.

Commission report: One of the two staff of the CFA bookstore has retired. They are changing the operating hours. There is still a vacancy for a full-time instructor. They extended thank you to all those who participated in the college fair. The foam pick up for small containers in on track. The work on the foam trailers is completed. The next step is the foam cells on apparatus. There is about 300 apparatus that have foam capability.

Fire 2025 Summit:

- Recruitment and Retention – a detailed discussion was held on the inclusion of a discussion recruitment and retention at the upcoming summit.
 - Seats for CFCA to Summit – the CFCA will have 8 seats for the upcoming summit. Two seats have been filled. We will open the remaining seats to members of the association at the upcoming meeting(s), and via the CFPC ListServ.
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- Sponsoring dinner for PA FD speakers – the board agreed to provide funding in some form (TBD) toward dinner for the PA Fire Service representatives coming to speak at the summit.

Career Chiefs: Chief Priest from West Hartford spoke about the Career Fire Chiefs working seamlessly with the CFCA.

VCOS and the New England Division IAFC: Chief Flynn is receiving the Harry Kelly award from the CT Fire Instructors Association. There was no report from the Division the New England fire Chief's is still planning there conference for next year in Worcester

If any department wants to host a meeting next year contact the President.

The slate of officers for next year are as follows:

- President M Worsman
- 1st VP - M Howley
- 2nd VP J Trzaski
- Sec - R McDonough
- Assistant – J DiPace
- Treas - G Schaffer
- Assistant F Dudek

A motion was made and passed to have the President cast 1 ballot for the incoming slate.

\$5.600 was raised for President Duval running the Boston Marathon

\$126.00 was collected for the Flanagan Fund.

The Cost of the Meal was \$30.00

37 people attended the meeting in person and 3 people attended on line.

Next Month's meeting will be at Crystal Peak in Winchester Ct

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough, Secretary.
