



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The October 25th meeting of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association was held at Café Luna in Cromwell.

The meeting was called to order by President Worsman at 18:34 HR.

A motion was made and passed to go into our training topic.

Training- Major Tim Lavenbein of the Hartford Chapter of the Salvation Army gave a presentation on the services of the Salvation Army. He advised us that they will go anywhere requested and provide food and hydration at incidents, drills, and major events. Major Lavenbein advised that they are working with area departments on getting the Salvation Army added to run cards.

The meeting was paused at 1853 HR and recessed for dinner.

The meeting reconvened at 1935 HR.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Worsman.

A moment of silence was requested for the two Bristol police officers who were killed in October.

Reverend Venoit gave the invocation.

Chief Jason Brade gave welcoming remarks and welcomed everyone to Café Luna and Cromwell Chief Brade was just appointed fire chief on October 24.

There were 30 people present and 1 person online.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Secretary's report.

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Reports of committees:

The President reported there is no update on the non-profit status. President Worsman expressed concern over attendance at meetings and that we need to go to our respective county meetings and sell our association and invite other Chiefs to attend our meetings.

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control- (Tim Wall presented on behalf of Jeff Morrissette) The limited access highway payments are being processed, the process is taking some time. The academy is asking departments to be patient, they have received 845 claims so far. The money for the foam take back program has dried up. There are concerns that a few departments have not participated in the foam take program. Question was raised if we could contact those departments. Suggestion to reach out to Nick Wallick who is overseeing this program. Federal EPA is looking at reimbursement, but nothing has been established.

Legislative committee- John Carew gave a report on the legislative status, he advised that there is potentially going to be forty new legislative reps elected this year. The committee will be seeking support from legislative reps that will advocate for the CT Fire Service. John advised that they have received 2 claims so far requesting cancer benefits.

VCOS- Chief Flynn advised that the CDC is working on a cancer tracking app from NFORS that will help firefighters track their incidents they respond to, more to come on this program. Symposium in the Sun in Florida is sold out, several members from Connecticut are attending.

NEAFC- (division of the IAFC) Chief Flynn advised that the New England Fire Expo is moving back to Mohegan Sun and will be in October 2023, stay tune for more details.

Andy Flanagan Fund report- a motion was made and passed to collect money this month for the Salvation Army. \$165 was collected from the membership at the money and handed over to Major Tim Lavenbein of the Salvation Army.

Memorial committee- Ed Urbanski reported that the dinner held on October 3 went very well. Upcoming events include a Wolfpack game in March, July 20, 2023, Hartford Yard Goats game, Sept. 24, 2023, memorial service. The fundraising dinner will be in November 2023, stay tune for more details

Joint Council- Chief Mike Thurz on behalf of the President requested a motion for \$250 to be used to purchase refreshments when the Joint Council have meetings with our legislators. Each organization of the Joint Council is contributing \$250. Motion was made and carried to contribute \$250

Technical Advisory Committee- Chief Duval advised that the committee has received one request from Thomaston Fire for radios, the committee will review at their next meeting.

CT Fire Chaplain organization- Chief Kevin Cooney advised that the organization is moving along slowly, they are hoping to get out to the other organizations and offer their assistance.

Old business: A motion was made and passed that we accept the following as members of the association: Ronald Fournier Chief of the East Thompson Fire Dept. and James Feehan as an associate member from New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus. Motion was made and passed to make Jack Farr a honorary life associate member.

The slate of officers for next year President Mike Howley, First Vice-President James Trzaski, Bud Meyers Second Vice-President, Richard McDonough Secretary, Jamie DiPace Asst. Secretary, Gerald Schaffer Treasurer and Fred Dudek as Asst. Treasurer.

A motion was made and passed to make Chief Chuck Flynn as the Sargent at Arms. Chief Duval will reach out Kevin Idle and collect the Sargent of Arms equipment.

New business- A motion was made and passed that the following application follow the usual course: Frank DeMaio Commissioner from Newington Fire Dept.

Good of the Association- We acknowledged Chief Kevin Cooney of the South Windsor FD and former president of the Ct. Fire Chief Association. He has been named the 2022 Business and Community person of the year in South Windsor.

Chief Bob Duval thanked everyone for their donation for his participation in the Phoenix Society 50 mile bike ride fundraiser.

Chief Waldo wanted to recognize 2 members who have birthdays in October, Treasurer Buzzy Schaffer October 21, and Ted Schroll on October 23.

Next month the Annual meeting will be held Tuesday November 22 at Langley's Restaurant and Country Club, 28 Lamphere Road, Waterford CT 06385. Class A or dress uniform requested.

Reverend Venoit gave the benediction.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 20:25

Cost of the meal was \$35.00 per plate.

33 people were in attendance, 1 person was online

\$165 was collected for the Salvation Army.

Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough, Secretary.

