

D14 DAT and Fire Mobilization Report FY 2020

FY2020 Fire Mobilization began with all departments receiving forms for apparatus and equipment data. The intent of this was multifaceted. The first being, the D14 Resource Manual had not been updated in nearly 8 years. D14 Control point was in need of up to date information for resource request within the District or beyond the boundaries. After several months of work by all departments in the District a new data base was created with the intent on being updated annually.

The second element of the resource guide was to standardize and properly assign resources to Strike Teams and Task Forces. The Commonwealth of MA received a grant to re-write in its entirety the Statewide Fire Mobilization. Part of that was to standardize resource allocations per TF or ST. By doing such a plan was put together, and approved by the Committee, in which the format of the in-district task forces would be re-structured to parallel the TF model. D14 accepted new ST groupings and assignments for multiple types of responses. These changes would carry-over to the Statewide Fire Mob. Plan and add an additional TF for deployment under the state plan. Due to Covid 19 the re-write process of the statewide plan has stopped and we are awaiting the orders to begin again. Once the new TF is accepted at the State level D14 will have three Task Forces for statewide response.

The District Assistance Team had a busy year with three activations. Two were to the Town of Maynard for multi-alarm fire and the third activation was part of the D14 Fire Mob. Task Force activation to the Town of Northbridge. In all three events team members stepped right into the ICS structure and assisted managing the scene.

In September of 2019 I was fortunate enough to be invited to a 5 day training seminar for establishing an Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT). The IMAT is the national model for we define as a DAT. The training was excellent and provided much needed information and direction how to better establish the use of our DAT at events. From this class I was introduced to a great field operating guide (FOG) for IMAT work. This FOG would be beneficial for all members of D14. A motion was made and accepted to appropriate money to purchase a FOG for each department in the district. Should we have a high risk low frequency event, this FOG will be essential in expanding ICS and will help the DAT immensely.

I'd like to thank all of the D14 Chiefs in their support of efforts with these functions.

Respectfully,

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