

Concord Area CISM report
August 16th 2021

July and August Activity

A diffusing took place at Harvard Fire after an MVA – 17 people were present and there was a full team response within 48 hours.

A diffusing took place in Stow after a suicide – 8 people were present and there was a full team response.

We received a mutual aid request from CEMLEC for assistance. We sent one Police representative to assist in a debriefing with Marlboro Police for a member after multiple unfortunate calls.

A CISM senior team member was requested to give peer support to two members of a District 14 fire department. He held a meeting with those two members.

Training- CISM team held its monthly meeting in Person in July in Ashland and again in August. Chief Flannery typically spends an hour on reviewing a chapter from the CISM text book followed by a discussion of critique of any activations. We will be going back to zoom meetings in September due to the surge in Covid Cases.

After a long delay due to COVID, the fire academy finally held its 3 day CISM training course in person again. Several of the team members were able to take advantage of this including 3 of the new candidates. This is the first step in the training process.

Personnel – The CISM team received multiple applications of which 4 were selected by Chief Flannery (ret. Carlisle Fire) and Rich Briggs (Ashland P.D.) for recommendation. 1 female firefighter, 1 male firefighter, 2 police officers including one comfort dog. All four members have shown an interest in staying active and helping others. 3 of the four have already taken the 3-day CISM course. All chiefs were notified and gave their support of the candidates. We are very excited about the addition of team members of multiple genders and multiple disciplines.

District 14 preparation

I asked Chief Flannery to assist in updating the teams SOG's to be consistent with other teams SOG's. Chief Flannery and Rich Briggs spent 4 months reviewing National standards and past practices to create 5 documents.

-CISM team standards

-Activation SOG

-Application process SOG

-Dispatch Procedures – We will follow up with training on activations. We hope to go through the D14 control point in the future and get away from calling cell phones of known members.

-Team Structure

These are in the final draft process and being reviewed. Once the team is officially adopted , these will be posted on the D14 website.

Respectfully submitted,

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