



Massachusetts Fire District Fourteen

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024

Meeting at Maynard Fire Department 30 Sudbury Street Maynard MA 01754

Start time 0910

Departments Present – see the attached sign-in sheet

Acton	Ashland	Carlisle	Concord	Framingham	Hopkinton
Lincoln	Marlborough	Maynard	Milford	Northborough	Shrewsbury
Sudbury	Wayland	Westborough			

Reports – all written reports are attached

Treasurer

Provided by Chief Neil McPherson

Reports provided for May 2024, June 2024 & July 2024

Motion made by Choate and second by Breen to accept treasurer report as read

Motion passed 20-0-0

Fire Investigator Team Report

Provided by email by Assistant Chief Latta – no discussion

Technical Rescue Report

Provided by email by Chief Seth Colby

Updated there will be an upcoming drill that will encompass breaching and breaking

Will forward information about the upcoming tech challenge at Fenway on September 12th for Chiefs to watch scenarios in person.

Dive Team Report

Provided by email by Assistant Chief Schultz

Updated on report that the goal is to have the team members certified to “DEEP DIVE”. To obtain the certification it is a 3 day class done by instructors from Colorado. The funding for the class is estimated at \$10,000 for the entire team. The suggestion by AC Schultz is to hold the class at the end of this fiscal year and the beginning of next fiscal

year and use the budgeted \$5,000 for each year to cover the entire team at once. No further discussion.

Interviews for new dive team members took place last month. The following people have been added to the dive team with the understanding that they are on probation for one year and will be classified as tenders for that duration. New members are:

Craig Christie	Natick
Justin Foster	Natick
Max Hoadley	Hopkinton
Mike Travis	Framingham
James Foster	Framingham
Darab Fadavi	Westborough

Hiring Committee Update

Presented by Chief Lawless

We received approximately 10 applications for the D14 Administrative Assistant position. The top 3 candidates have been selected and interviews for the position have been scheduled for September 10th. Hopefully, we will have the position filled for an October meeting. No further discussion

D-14 Bylaw Committee

Presented by Deputy Chief Doucet

Updates and suggestions were completed by the committee. Requested that the document be emailed to D14 for input. 8/15 document was emailed.

Old Business

Executive Committee positions filled by Chief Young & Chief Nelson effective July 1, 2024.

New Business

Training Class for ICS forms from TEEEX

Presented by Assistant Chief Choate

Class will be held on two dates, October 23 in Sudbury second date is the 24th in Southborough, only need to attend one class. Below is the sign-up link for the date, seats are limited. Please sign up before September 6th. The afternoon class will be a Review of State Mobilization.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dBQgzvXb>

LifeScan

Presented by Chief Lawless

Maynard Fire has had a very positive experience with this service in the past. We have conducted 4 years of annual physicals previous to COVID. Lifescan is returning to Maynard Fire and Chief Lawless would like to invite any departments that are interested in using the facilities here to conduct physicals. More information can be provided.

Craig 1300

Presented by Chief Lawless

Craig 1300 is a digital data dashboard that helps Fire departments determine opportunities to improve safety in the community. Craig 1300 comes with an intuitive interface and the ability to create maps charts and graphs to help communities see the at-risk population and identify opportunities for improvement.

Our FCAM Rep, Chief Jason Ferschke, will represent our District in upcoming informational meetings and distribute further information.

The current goal of the State Fire Marshall is to purchase this resource for our state and be able to utilize it without cost to individual departments.

MA National Guard Request

Presented by Chief Lawless

The Mass National Guard is hoping to locate 2- 6"x 2-2 1/2" gated discharges for a couple of the Fire Engines that were donated to the country of Paraguay. Perhaps you could send an email out to the district #14 Chiefs.

New Hire Physicals

Question from Chief Arnum

Who are others using ?

Below are all contacts that were provided by D14 Chiefs

- The contact we have been speaking with is Nancy Vieira 508-236-7505, nvieira@sturdyhealth.org

Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro.

211 Park Street

Attleboro, MA 02703

<https://www.sturdyhealth.org/medical-services/occupational-health/>

- We have used Davis Occupation in Dedham and they have been very responsive. Contact info is:

Mr. Reginald G. Akins

Davis Occupational Group
200 Providence Highway, Suite 202-203
Dedham, MA 02026
PH: 781-326-1464
FX: 781-326-9075

- Mount Auburn Hospital Occupational Health Services at 617-354-0546.

OSHA Updates

Question from Chief Arnum

What Chiefs had for current information regarding the OSHA expected changes that will affect the fire service.

Below is the response from Chief Young with links to see most recent updates

I reached out to Adam Hartnett, CSP from Dept. of Labor Standards. (adam.n.hartnett@mass.gov) He shared this link from OSHA training institute. https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7a0f022c/xTP_gIwWDEOTVJ7AINIXrw?u=https://oshaedne.com/webinar-emergency-response-rule/

It has multiple resources including a second presentation and slide decks from each. The July 9th presentation was the one many of us attended on zoom, but I imagine the material is the same.

This YouTube link below is the direct link to the 3 hour presentation on July 9th from the OSHA training institute.

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/58c058d2/5w_swfugpkWTqoHIjWod2Q?u=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAV0-oBH_nE

Nashoba Hospital Close Date

Update provided by Chief Arnum

We will see a trickle-down effect to area hospitals and resources in our District.

D14 Annual Dues

Presented by Chief McPherson

Bills are overdue going out and you will see your annual dues coming very soon.

Unforeseen Business

NONE

Next Meeting scheduled for September 19th

1023

Adjourned at

Raymond Lamberson



Massachusetts Fire District Fourteen

Fire District Sign-In Sheet - Meeting August 15, 2024

	C1	C2	C3	C4
Acton	AURTA AARUM			
Ashland	KERRY ROBIE	LYN MANTON		
Boxborough				
Carlisle	BRYAN SORREWS			
Concord				
Framingham				
Holliston				
Hopedale				
Hopkinton	GARY DAUGHERTY			
Hudson				
Lincoln	BRIAN YOUNG			
Marlborough	KEVIN BREW			
Maynard				
Milford				
Milford				
Natick				
Northborough	DAVE PAND	NEAL ASPESI		
Sherborn				
Shrewsbury	SETH GAY			
Southborough				
Stow				
Sudbury	JOHN WHALEN	TOM CHASARS		
Wayland	NEAL	RICK RIGLER		
Westborough		DAVE		

(Guest sign in on Back)



Massachusetts Fire District 14

Report of the Treasurer

May 2024

Checking Account - Middlesex Bank Checking

Beginning Balance – 4.26.2024	\$56,307.46
Receipts	\$.39
Disbursements	\$12,714.63
Ending Balance – 5.25.2024	\$43,593.22

Fidelity Investment Account

Beginning Balance – 5.1.2024	\$208,881.93
Change in Investment Value	\$668.54
Ending Account Balance – 5.31.2024	\$209,550.47

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil McPherson

Fuel



Massachusetts Fire District 14

Report of the Treasurer

June 2024

Checking Account - Middlesex Bank Checking

Beginning Balance – 5.26.2024	\$43,593.22
Receipts	\$552.36
Disbursements	\$2,588.61
Ending Balance – 6.25.2024	\$41,556.97

Fidelity Investment Account

Beginning Balance – 6.1.2024	\$209,550.47
Change in Investment Value	\$774.28
Accrued Interest (6.13.24)	\$667.95
Ending Account Balance – 6.28.2024	\$210,996.68

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil McPherson



Massachusetts Fire District 14

Report of the Treasurer

July 2024

Checking Account - Middlesex Bank Checking

Beginning Balance – 6.26.2024	\$41,556.97
Receipts	\$.33
Disbursements	\$2,156.82
Ending Balance – 7.25.2024	\$39,400.48

Fidelity Investment Account

Beginning Balance – 7.1.2024	\$210,996.68
Change in Investment Value	\$890.41
Ending Account Balance – 7.30.2024	\$211,887.09

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil McPherson



Fire Investigation Team

August 2024

Activation:

The team was activated several times during these two months:

See excel sheet for break down and who investigated:

The asterisk is for the members that helped Maynard with their investigations.

Updates:

We need to set up a team meeting to discuss the future and leadership structure of the team. In addition, we have an application from Natick Fire and will be doing that interview in the coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Latta Jr.

Chairman FIT



Massachusetts Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team

Michael Dutcher – Operations Chief
Seth Colby – Operations Chief
Mark Nelson – Operations Chief

Thomas Rinoldo – Director
Shawn Green – Assistant Director

2024 Update

Activation

- 4 activations
 - Hopkinton – 1/04/24 – Structural
 - Shrewsbury – 1/10/24 – Structural
 - Framingham – 1/12/24 – Removal from Structure
 - Framingham – 7/12/24 – Structural

Membership

- Staffing remains at 33.
- Does not include the director or assistant director positions.
- Does not include Rich Briggs – Ashland PD and K-9 search. Rich is a member however does not drill regular and will respond special call for K-9 needs.
- Continuing toward rounding out the numbers to 40 max.

Training

- Normal drill schedule to resume 9/10/24.
- Wide Area Search drill using CalTopo was successful. The free program seems to function as we require. One member using his personal tablet managed the program setup and use. Recommend acquisition of a laptop or tablet for the team and additional training for more members.
- Future training needs have not changed from previous years.
 - Large Animal Rescue
 - National Guard Air Frame orientation and check off to fly
 - SCT – For the remaining members who do not have this. This is the recognized structural collapse training nationwide. Some of our members have it, most do not. To be consistent with the other teams, we need it. For discussing here!

Equipment

- 4 – new MSA combustible gas meters received. On Milford's trailer
- 3 – CMC Clutch received, with DNA carabineers. In addition to the 3 currently in service. Distributed between Hopkinton, Westborough, and Natick rope equipment.
- New Confined Space Comm unit placed in service. On Milford's trailer
- Ashland trailer taken OOS. Old Framingham trailer repurposed as the structural / trench lumber trailer and is now housed in Ashland. Milford trailer repurposed as the logistical support trailer and will be required at all drills and incident responses.



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- The new trench trailer is in, and the build team will work to complete on 8/20/24. Trailer will be housed in Framingham.
- Funding request of \$122,733.82 for equipment was submitted and presented to the full NERAC council. Request was B-listed. Resubmitted prioritized list so not dead yet. May get equipment in stages.

Other

- Drill funding from NERAC approved through the end of calendar year.
- Requests for 2025 will begin in October.
- Backfill and Overtime funding from Central Mass Homeland Security has been approved. Need to coordinate with manager when requests can begin to be submitted.

District 14 August Dive Team Report

August 15^h, 2024

Recent Activations and Activity since last Report:

5/21/24 – Sherborn (Farm Pond)

6/23/24 – Marlborough (Fort Meadow)

7/14/24 – Sherborn (Charles River)

Training:

- **Last Drill:** 06/26/24 Framingham (Farm Pond)
- **NEXT Training Dive:** 8/28/24 Ashland Quarry

Upcoming Issues –

- Request Standby Ambulance for 8/28/24 from Ashland deep dive
- Review of SOG procedures... Team would like to review and formalize squad leader and Assistant squad leader positions. After review team will share and update SOG accordingly for approval by Chiefs.

Deep Dive change – Team will identify qualified deep divers and keep them together at a 100' boat station. New divers or divers that experienced difficulties will have 50' boat station to help gain confidence. A shore-based area will be set up for divers as well to gradually work toward their goal. Ambulance on standby.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schultz