

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2024

Hopkinton Fire HQ

Present:

Chief Purcell	Chief Judge	Chief Dutcher	Chief Daugherty
Chief Robie	Chief Colby	Deputy Kelley	Chief Nelson
Chief Whalen	Chief Breen	Chief Sorrows	Deputy DeTore
Chief Lawless	A/Chief Choate	Chief Desautels	Chief Puntini
Chief Ferschke	Chief McPherson	Chief Young	
Deputy Moraghan	Chief Ward	A/Chief Schultz	

Absent:

Acton Boxborough Hopedale Stow Northborough

Meeting called to order @ 9:08 AM

- Acceptance of September minutes. Motion made by Whalen, seconded by Choate and voted unanimously to accept the September minutes as presented.

Treasurer

- Chief McPherson presented September Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Ferschke, seconded by Dutcher and voted unanimously to accept the September Treasurer's report as read.

Committee reports for CISM, Tech Rescue, FCAM EMS, Dive and Fire Training were sent out to the group prior to the meeting in an email.

NERAC meeting to be held today, October 10th, at 12:00.

FCAM webinar today, October 10th, at 1:00 to discuss Craig 1300. Chiefs are strongly urged to attend. Meeting regularly to discuss OEMS reform in the Commonwealth. Flu/Covid19 protocol to be discussed.

Upcoming meeting locations:

November – Westborough
December – Sudbury
January – Ashland

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- Chief McPherson spoke about outstanding District 14 dues. The seven communities are Acton, Carlisle, Framingham, Holliston, Lincoln, Marlborough and Stow. A new credit card for the district will be received in the upcoming weeks.
- District Control Point conversation ensued for approximately 45 minutes. Alternatives are necessary and at a critical point. Holbrook was visited by Chiefs Judge, Lawless, Robie and Desautels.
- Motion made by McPherson to engage in conversation with Holbrook communication to take over District 14 Control Point, come back to the body with an agreement, so we can understand cost, premise, next steps, seconded by Ferschke and motion carried.
- Chief Breen informed the group that Marlborough is completing their LMR project with a cutover in the next few weeks. Call Assistant Chief Emanuelson with any questions or concerns. Chief Breen also discussed a training class, Step Up and Lead, on November 26, 2024, Tuesday, lasting approximately 4-5 hours. Chief Breen will be reaching out with availability.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:10 AM

Next meeting will be November 14, 2024, at Westborough Fire HQ

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault
Coordinator



Massachusetts Fire District 14

Report of the Treasurer

FY25 – September, 2024

Middlesex Bank – Checking

Beginning Balance – 8/26/2024	\$36,830.70
Receipts	\$0.30
Disbursements	\$1,881.68
Ending Account Balance – 9/25/2024	\$34,949.32

Fidelity - Investment Account

Beginning Balance – 9/1/2024	\$212,780.21
Change in investment value	\$840.87
Ending Account Balance – 9/30/2024	\$213,621.08

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil McPherson

10.10.24

District 14 Critical Incident Stress Management Report

October 9, 2024

Recent Activations and Activity

10/6/24 – Stow requested a diffusing for an MVA incident. The incident involved a motorcycle resulting in a gruesome death. 3 fire peers and 1 police peer responded for the diffusing.

Meetings and Team plans

Training-

We scheduled a representative from the Recovery centers for America to come to Maynard for our monthly meeting to discuss substance abuse, but unfortunately, they no showed. We spent the meeting discussing updates from the Mass Peer Support Network (MPSN) state coordinators meeting and our 2025 schedule.

We are also proud to announce that Chief Flannery and I did a presentation on mental health, CISM and the onsite academy for the Sherborn Fire Department. It was attended by the President of the Massachusetts institute of fire department instructors who has asked Chief Flannery and I to make the same presentation at their next meeting. Chief Flannery and I would like to continue getting the message out to fire departments and specifically fire department line officers. I believe the greatest chance we have of reaching the right people who need help is through proactive company officers that know their people the best.

Plans and updates-

Chief Flannery and I discussed our new plans for the 2025 training and meetings. We have decided to make 4 meetings mandatory. We have had pretty good attendance over the years however, ICISF requires annual training on debriefings, suicide prevention, and self-care. These topics will be covered at quarterly mandatory meetings. We will also be moving some meetings to the day-time to try to accommodate peoples busy schedules. We will also try to have more meetings in central and west locations to accommodate our members from Westborough, Shrewsbury and Marlboro.

We will also be switching to the district's lamresponding app. We sent out our first notification for the Stow incident and trained the attendees on how we will contact the team going forward. We have used a phone tree system that has become antiquated and a team wide notification will keep more members involved and get new people a chance to volunteer for more activations.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Young



District 14 Technical Rescue Team

1. Drill on Tuesday, October 8th, in Shrewsbury at the Eversource training facility.

Our drill this month was Trench Rescue. For the drill, we went back to basics and could do a lot in their main-made trenches that are all safe. We put new members in the trench and reviewed a lot of our tools and equipment. This also allowed more people in the trench and the ability to have more hands-on with every member. We also put our new trench rescue trailer in service at Framingham. All members were able to work out of it during the drill.

2. The next drill will be November 12th in Marlboro, and we will be doing Confined Space.
3. We had a few members retire and would like to open the application process back up

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Dutcher

FCAM EMS Committee meeting minutes 10/8/24

- Deputy Director OEMS vacancy- Position was posted and pulled back. It now, as of 9/11, has been posted again. Information for position here:
[https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=240007QG&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew York.](https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=240007QG&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew+York)
- Healthcare supply chain issues- given the previous labor union strike and hurricanes, medical supplies may be delayed, particularly saline solutions. Please check supplies and be aware of potential delays.
- Regional Council Funding- Spoke with Chief Kelleher. Had conversation about regional council funding and the amendment filed for the additional \$100k per region. Chief Kelleher stated that FCAM did not speak out against any amendments filed for additional funding for the regional councils.
- CLIA- reminder that all services need to apply for their Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate of waivers.
- CPE program- rollouts on mandatory webinars have begun. Services need to attend these webinars once every 2 years. Deadline for filing is 10/15/24
- Xylazine -There will be a white powder symposium at Gillette Stadium on November 15th. The Fire Marshal has asked for suggestions on continuing education programs that are wanted pertaining to Xylazine. Please reach out to area services and provide feedback about needed training for this topic.
- MIH- FCAM working group will continue to meet and discuss MIH & community paramedic programs. Chief Norris to send application for vaccinations to group for reference. Working group will be gathering information to provide to all members as reference and guidance for program they may be interested in pursuing.
- Chief Flanagan spoke about upcoming Marathon weekend and the potential need to utilize ambulance task forces. More to come for this topic in the coming months
- Chief Young spoke about EMS personnel responding to more industrial accidents. Homeland Security will be doing a Man vs. Machine class in Western MA. Chief Young to get flyer to Chief Norris to distribute.
- Assisted living centers- Chief Russell spoke about upcoming developments in his community and the building of assisted living occupancies. Discussion followed on call volume increase, impacts

on services, and lift assists. It was noted that documentation is a critical component on any responses to these locations as other services have had challenges with patient care reports and responses to such calls. Chief Purcell contacted Chief Norris after and stated that based on numerous impact studies across the region, the average impact for calls to age dependent communities is 0.32 calls/unit/year.

- Next meeting TBD

Thank you everyone!

District 14 October Dive Team Report

October 10th, 2024

Recent Activations and Activity since last Report:

N/A

Training:

Last Drill: 9/25/24 – Sudbury (Willis Pond)

NEXT Training Dive: 10/23/24 - Hudson for evening Dive

Upcoming Issues –

- Team leadership met at Framingham Fire to discuss updating SOG's. Working on updates to help make communication stronger within the team during responses.
- Looking to recruit more divers from Northern part of District. Please ask your members if they are interested in becoming a diver.
- If any community wants to host a drill, please reach out.
- When hosting drills in your community, we can incorporate on-duty personnel to help facilitate water rescue training/expectations in the event we are called to your community.
- Reliable portable radios needed for team leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schultz

September 2024 D14 Fire Training Report

This past spring there was communication with the MFA as to when we could get more contract training conducted. At that time there was nothing on the radar until late fall of 2025. In early October I received an email from the MFA asking if D14 would like to run a muni-hire Fire Officer 1 this coming January. The dates were locked in place to secure them. I would like to see a discussion at the Oct. 10th meeting to get approval by vote to move forward. The location will be somewhere in D14. The scheduled dates are:

1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, and 2/5

D14 Chiefs ICS forms training is coming up later this month. Oct. 23 is Sudbury and 24th is Southboro. Credit of 3 hours has been approved for this class for Chief's credentialing.

Arrangements are being made to have more MEMA classes for the D14 Chiefs. MEMA has a class coming on-line soon re: administrative needs for Points of Distribution. This class is different from the multi-day hands on class but will focus on creating and maintaining the planning for PODS.

Respectfully submitted,

AC Timothy Choate

Training Chair



Massachusetts Fire District Fourteen

Fire District Sign-In Sheet - October 10, 2024, Hopkinton

Acton			
Ashland	Richard (Richard) L. Moraylan ✓		
Boxborough			
Carlisle	Ben ✓	Byron Sorrows	
Concord	Tom ✓		
Framingham	Tom Spina ✓	Mike Pritchard ✓	
Holliston	Bob Kelly ✓		
Hopedale			
Hopkinton	Gary DeGroot ✓		
Hudson	Tamie Desautels ✓	APD	
Lincoln	Brian Young ✓		
Marlborough	Kevin Pagan ✓	KEVIN BREEN	
Maynard	Steve Sturdy ✓		
Milford	Mark DeSantis ✓	Mike DeToro ✓	
Natick	Jason F. Fiske ✓		
Northborough			
Sherborn	Jack Ward ✓		
Shrewsbury	Scott Long ✓ (Galby)		
Southborough	Andrew Pontini ✓		
Stow			
Sudbury	John Whelan ✓	Tim Choate ✓	
Wayland	Alex ✓	Nick ✓	
Westborough	Russell ✓		