

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2025

Fairbanks Senior Center, Sudbury

Present:

Deputy Doucet	Chief Arnum	Deputy Harrington	Deputy Weigold
Chief Robie	Chief Puntini	A/Chief Kelley	Chief Nelson
Chief Breen	Chief Sorrows	Chief Daige	Deputy Hayes
Chief Lawless	Chief Choate	Chief Desautels	Deputy Moraghan
Chief McPherson	Chief Ferschke	A/Chief Emanuelson	Chief Parenti
A/Chief Schultz			

Absent:

Bellingham Boxborough Concord Hopkinton Lincoln Sherborn Stow

Meeting called to order @ 9:01 AM

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

Treasurer

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

Committee reports for FIU, CISM, Dive Team and Tech Rescue Team (including attendance rosters) were sent to the group, prior to the meeting, in an email.

Old Business

- Chief Choate discussed the Control Point switchover, set to happen sometime within the next week.
- Chief Judge (not in attendance) asked to have an AFG grant form for Car 14 completed. Chief Lawless will forward to A/Chief Latta.
- Outstanding dues for one community to be addressed by Chief McPherson. Ashland reminded that they will owe dues next fiscal year as they are no longer hosting the Control Point.

New Business

- Chief Nelson spoke about Tech Rescue and spending the existing budget for breaching/cutting concrete training. He also presented a large animal rescue training opportunity and Chief Parenti made a motion for \$2,000.00 in FY26 training costs from Central Region for this training opportunity. Motion was approved. Tech Rescue is looking for seven members to make a full team. Responses are low and brought up squad responses versus full team responses. Chief Parenti said this makes perfect sense and said some SOG's need to be changed/updated. Some interest within paramedics on the Tech Rescue team for training as an Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist. The cost is \$3,300.00. Chief Arnum stated that this course is a full week, 53 hours plus 13 hours online. Discussion ensued between Chiefs Arnum, Puntini, Sorrows and Parenti. More information needed.
- Rotator truck discussion about becoming an LLC for liability purposes. Chief McPherson says this is a conversation for the insurance carrier.
- Chief Ferschke asked about NERAC reimbursements for Tech Rescue drills.
- Chief McPherson spoke about an insurance review to update our inventory and the value of our vehicles and property.
- Permission asked to contact Firefly's BBQ to schedule our June 20th meeting. Approved.
- Chief Parenti discussed preparation of the FY26 budget.
- Chief Sorrows discussed NERAC radio program training.
- The March 20, 2025 meeting will be held at Framingham Fire Department.
- Chief Parenti asked Chief Choate for the exact date of the Control Point switchover and IAR contacts.

Chief Parenti makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by McPherson and voted unanimously to accept.

Meeting adjourned 9:28 AM

Next meeting will be March 20, 2025, in Framingham, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault

Coordinator