

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2025

Framingham Fire HQ, Framingham

Present:

Deputy Doucet	Chief Arnum	Chief Judge	A/Chief Latta
Chief Puntini	A/Chief Kelley	Chief Nelson	A/Chief Schultz
Chief Breen	Chief Sorrows	Chief Daige	Chief Dutcher
Chief Lawless	Chief Choate	Chief Desautels	Deputy Moraghan
Chief Ferschke	Chief Parenti	Chief Young	Deputy Aspesi
Chief Ward	Chief Evers	A/Chief Ripley	Chief Woodside

Absent:

Bellingham	Boxborough	Hopkinton	Shrewsbury
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Meeting called to order @ 9:01 AM

- Acceptance of February minutes. Motion made by Parenti, seconded by Nelson, and voted unanimously to accept the February minutes as presented.

Treasurer

- Chief Judge presented the February Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Choate, seconded by Schultz, and voted unanimously to accept the February Treasurer's report as read.

Chief Judge introduces our new local coordinator, Justin Shrair, of MEMA East, covering southern Middlesex County. He offers that MEMA is currently busy preparing for the Concord 250th as well as the Boston Marathon. An exercise was held on February 20th for the 250th and it went well. Regarding Framingham Stars and Stripes, mobile emergency operations center deployment has been approved. The Emergency Management director's meeting will be held on March 25th at MEMA headquarters starting at 9:00 AM. They will be hosting a Disaster Finance Class and a Basic Shelter Operations class and information for those two events can be found on the MEMA training portal on the MEMA training website. Justin's contact information can also be found on the MEMA website.

Committee reports for FIU, CISM, Dive Team, Communications and FCAM EMS were sent to the group, prior to the meeting, in an email.

Chief Parenti requests that all committee reports sent to him, to be posted on the website, should be consolidated (if multiple sheets) and in PDF form and all run cards should be in Excel format.

Old Business

- A/Chief Latta asks to go back to the fire investigation report briefly. He discusses that Fire Investigation needs improvement because they have nobody in the pipeline, and he sees the same people getting called out, so we need to focus on getting some people in the pipeline. We need to come up with some solutions, as a district. A/Chief Schultz supports that as well as Chief Puntini. Ask our liaison from the Academy for help in pushing the basic fire investigation class. Exposing people to the job, mentoring them and keeping them interested. Chief Judge says we shouldn't discount people because they don't have the skills yet, especially when the training is not available.
- A/Chief Latta discusses Concord 250th. They will be going operational on Friday and staging on Saturday at the High School at 0600. A large medical hub will be set up. Burning season will be shut down. Discussion regarding assistance, roles and responsibilities, equipment, etc. There will be about 1900 parade participants. The town will be broken into five districts. Emerson Hospital will be doubling their staffing that day. POTUS might be in attendance but will not know until seven-ten days out, if so, Chief Judge will be asking for additional resources. The event will be encompassing four towns – Concord, Lincoln, Lexington and Arlington. Tough Ruck on Sunday. Chief Young asks about Details. Chief Lawless asks about Police. Chief Choate discusses 14C. Chief Arnum asks about protests. Red flag day for burning all weekend. Fire Mobi shut down.

New Business

- Chief Judge discusses the mutual aid signature sheet being updated and completed.
- Chief Ferschke gives an update on the FCAM Health and Wellness symposium. Information on Drexel University will be sent to everyone after the meeting. Discussion about Civil Service MOU confusion. Keith Stark is retiring, and he has been the New England division representative. The vote to replace him will be held on October 30th at Mohegan Sun. Next FCAM meeting to be held on April 9th at Firefly's.
- Chief Choate discusses the Control Point in Holbrook. He and Chief Lawless traveled there last week. They will take over your run card, not dispatch. Discussion about standardizing run cards and volunteers to help Chief Parenti.
- Chief Parenti discusses the FY26 budget. Voting on the budget will be held in April.
- Chief Barry Evers introduces himself as the permanent Chief of Stow.
- Chief Judge discusses the district dashboard subscription, and its cost of \$1,300.00. Looking to create something similar with Microsoft. Change will be coming.

Chief Judge makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Daige and voted unanimously to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM

Next meeting will be held on April 24th in Stow, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault

Coordinator