

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2025

Framingham Fire HQ, Framingham

Present:

Chief Arnum	Deputy Moraghan	Chief Robie	Chief Sorrows
A/Chief Whitney	Chief Judge	A/Chief Schultz	Deputy Jurasek
Chief Daugherty	Chief Young	A/Chief Emanuelson	Chief Lawless
Chief Nelson	Chief Ferschke	Chief Parenti	Chief Colby
Chief Evers	Chief Choate	A/Chief Gordon	Chief McPherson
Deputy Doucet	Deputy Hayes		

Absent:

Bellingham Boxborough Holliston Hopedale Hudson Sherborn Southborough

Meeting called to order @ 9:04 AM

- Acceptance of March minutes. Motion made by Chief Choate, seconded by Chief Parenti, and voted unanimously to accept the March minutes as presented.

Treasurer

- Chief McPherson presented the March Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Chief Parenti, seconded by Chief Judge, and voted unanimously to accept the March Treasurer's report as read.

Motion made by Chief Choate to accept all submitted committee reports, seconded by A/Chief Emanuelson, and voted unanimously to accept.

Chief Parenti speaks about posting submitted rosters to the website and states that he is not adding them but can. He also adds the Standardization committee started working on the run cards, are doing well on them and should probably have a template to send out to everyone by next month. Chief Judge suggests teams submit their rosters to Dianne the day of the event and she disburses them to the Chiefs. This way we can get a jump on reimbursement and track who attended. Chief Parenti asks for any contact information that you want updated on the website to be sent to him.

Chief Ferschke asks if others have received reimbursement from NERAC. Chief Judge states that it is a long and frustratingly slow process. The six communities in central region homeland security that have Tech Team members can now submit for reimbursement back to January 1, 2025, if you have not done so. Chief Young asks about Holbrook and all notifications being sent to a dive team member and Chief Choate tells him it has been taken care of already.

Old Business

- Chief Judge thanks everyone for their help and contributions with the 250th.

New Business

- Chief Parenti requests a vote to pass the FY26 budget. Motion made by Chief Choate, seconded by Chief McPherson, and voted unanimously to accept the FY26 budget.
- Chief Colby discusses updated Tech Team SOG's and application changes. Chief Parenti says the wording should be changed from shall to should and he will make the changes and put them on the website. There are a handful of positions on the team right now that are not filled so they will put together a notice regarding accepting applications to fill the vacancies. Motion by Chief Choate to accept the changes to the documents, as discussed, which shall be amended to remove the shalls to shoulds, seconded by A/Chief Emanuelson and voted unanimously.
- Fidelity contact update to remove prior individual who had access to the account. Motion made to give Chief Lawless and Chief McPherson access to and administratively manage the Fidelity account and remove the prior individual, seconded by Chief Arnum and voted unanimously.
- Verizon contact update to remove the prior individual and give access to William Francis and Deputy Moraghan for Car 14 communications.
- Credit Card with Middlesex Bank will be set up under Chief Lawless.
- We have changed the accountant for taxes and are currently working on the Federal and then we will do the State. We also must update our nonprofit status because we have not been consistent in doing this and it is something we must continue to do regularly. After conversing with the accountant, we must figure out the status of our employees. Are they contractors or employees? William Francis will be considered a subcontractor and Dianne Arsenault will be considered an employee. Francis and Arsenault are covered under the workers' comp policy that we have. We will be using Paychex as a pay service.
- Chief Lawless offers Nero's Law EMS Practical opportunity and provides a flyer with information. The class is free if registered.
- Chief Judge received a call with a nice offer from Carl Taylor, Deputy Chief in charge of Massport Hanscom regarding the three Concord High School students involved in a triple fatal accident in Florida. They have a procedure in place to get the victims home and move them quickly off the aircraft and into a hearse for a dignified return to their families.

Chief Judge makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by A/Chief Emanuelson and voted unanimously to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM

Next meeting will be held on May 15, 2025, at the Holliston Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault

Coordinator