

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2025, 9:00 AM

Holliston Town Hall, 703 Washington St., Holliston, MA 01746

Present:

Chief Arnum	Chief Robie	Chief Sorrows	A/Chief Latta
A/Chief Whitney	Chief Judge	Chief Dutcher	Chief Purcell
Chief Young	Chief Lawless	A/Chief Kelley	Deputy Hayes
Chief Nelson	Chief Colby	Chief Daige	Deputy Doucet
Chief Choate	A/Chief Gordon	Chief Desautels	

Absent:

Bellingham	Boxborough	Hopkinton	Marlborough	Natick
Northborough	Sherborn	Southborough	Stow	Wayland

Meeting called to order at 9:11 AM

- Acceptance of April minutes. Motion made by Chief Robie, seconded by Chief Desautels, and voted unanimously to accept the April minutes as presented.

Treasurer

- Chief Judge presented the April Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Chief Daige, seconded by Assistant Chief Kelley, and voted unanimously to accept the April Treasurer's report as read.

Submitted Committee Report Questions or Comments

- Chief Latta asks about the Tech Rescue submitted report regarding a missing person in Westborough. Chief Purcell gives a detailed account of what happened. Much discussion about the activation and challenges from Chief Dutcher and Chief Colby and how Caltopo is such a valuable tool. Chief Judge agrees and offers another example. Assistant Chief Gordon offers another example.
- Chief Young says that what is now required by NERAC is MRC or cert team requirement. They regionalized the MRC model, so everyone has a project coordinator. Chief Young is happy to invite the district coordinator to a meeting so they can explain what they can do.
- Chief Judge offers another thank you for all the help in making the 250th event successful.
- Assistant Chief Latta says that Captain Mark Tomyl recently retired, and he is one of the more active FIU investigators. This will make the team lighter and the obstacle we are facing is that two training facilities are no longer in existence. We need more applicants and more people showing up to calls.
- Chief Young adds that CISM had two calls for a suicide in District 7 and a debriefing in Marlborough. He says that he is going to start reaching out to see if departments want Chiefs involved in debriefings, so people feel freer to talk and not feel forced to be there.
- Chief Judge says not much to report with NERAC except apparently now they are requiring MRC connections. There is nothing new on pending funding but moving ahead as there

will be funding. Hoping to drop the Car 14 proposal on the table as soon as funds are established.

- Chief Judge introduces the new Assistant Chief of the Sudbury Fire Department, Kyle Gordon. Introductions made around the room.

Old Business

- The June meeting will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Firefly's in Marlborough. Dianne will send an email asking for RSVPs to get a head count.

New Business

- Chief Judge asks if anybody has any comments, positive or negative, about the first month of the control point. Chief Young and Chief Lawless both state that all teams are receiving all notifications. Chief Lawless called and was told some trouble with the I Am Responding program, but they are working on it. Chief judge said he listened to a couple of fires that they ran for Sudbury and he said they sounded really good. Chief Arnum asks about getting a copy of the Sudbury audio for training purposes and Assistant Chief Gordon says Chief Choate can probably get that. Assistant Chief Gordon discusses the way the dispatch roles are assigned. Assistant Chief Kelley adds how many towns are assigned to each.
- Chief Desautels talks about Tech Rescue and the resource he has of a tow truck that one of his firefighters has. He is 100% on board with using this resource but has concerns about liability and the use of the truck with his employee. The tow truck went to the most recent drill against his direct order, so he made them return the tow truck. He wants to make this happen but let's make it happen legally. Chief McPherson will have to follow up on the insurance side. An agreement with the business owner of the tow truck? Chief Judge will follow up with Chief McPherson about insurance, MOU, etc....
- Chief Colby offers that the Legislative Breakfast will be held on September 23, 2025, at the Italian Club in Shrewsbury. Chief Colby will send the list of Legislators to Dianne for invitation purposes.
- Chief Purcell offers that May 21st is the FCAM general membership meeting and the election of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and all Officers. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough. Legislatively, they recently officially filed four bills.

Chief Arnum makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Doucet and voted unanimously to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM

Next meeting will be held on June 20, 2025, at Firefly's BBQ in Marlborough at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault

Coordinator