



# TOLLAND COUNTY MUTUAL AID FIRE SERVICE INC.

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## Meeting of T.C.M.A.F.S March 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at the Somers Fire Department by President Chris Hammick at 19:50

In accordance with county policy the group began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to the Somers Fire Department for their hospitality and sponsoring this month's meeting.

W. Morrison made a motion to suspend the agenda to give the Vernon Emergency Management time for a presentation on drones, seconded by C. Jordan. Unanimously passed

C. Jordan made a motion to return to the regular agenda, seconded by D. Lucia. Unanimously passed

**Attendance:** 05, 07, 10, 13, 15, 34, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46

Municipal Reps: Andover, Ellington, Mansfield, Marlborough, Somers Stafford, Vernon  
Guests and other members as logged on general sign in.

**Correspondence:** None

C. Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes as written seconded by D. Lucia. Unanimously passed

**Finance report:** See attached report

W. Morrison made a motion to accept the Finance report as written seconded by C. Jordan. Unanimously passed

**Executive Director's report:** see report

- No movement on any legislation

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- Everyone was asked to include TN during any ISO rating evaluations for their town

## **Operations Director report:** see report

- Working with Power Phone to automate emergency dispatching
- Met with New World to discuss the CAD upgrade
- The CAD view was discussed and the need to review the security features within it. D. Racicot is testing individual ID passwords that will only allow an individual to access their own department's calls and nothing at the county level. This should be implemented soon. Each department will have to send names and email addresses of each individual they wish to have access. Once TN gets the names and email address an email will be sent to each individual with their personal password.

**Treasurer's report:** There was a reminder of the Hall of Fame dinner

**Legislative:** no report

## **Eastern Connecticut Fire School:**

- One of our representatives to their Board of Directors, Chief Starkel stepped down. He was thanked for his service on this board.
- Firefighter I class is in progress
- Firefighter II class will start soon
- Looking forward for bids for the new school to come at the end of this month and hopefully start the building of a new school

**OEMS:** no report

- Both Regions 3 & 4 have no current representatives

## **County Coordinator:**

- D. Eaton resigned as a coordinator
- The County Coordinator would like to visit each town in the county and see what each Chief's expectations are and what resources there are

**Personnel:** no report

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## **Equipment and Grounds:**

- The hot water heater was replaced
- Sprinkler system was upgraded
- Some of the carpet is being replaced

**TWCAA:** no report

## **Radio Committee:** see report

- There has been some interference with the radios in Marlborough that is being worked on
- Pumpkin Hill tower was fixed. Once the osprey moves back in there won't be access to this tower
- North Coventry was issued a new number Truck 111

Dive Team has a swift water drill in Andover soon.

**New Members:** none

**Old Business:** none

## **New Business:**

The property owner of the Somers radio tower has donated a 12x 20 precast building to us that is on his property.

## **Good and Welfare:**

- West Stafford is having a fundraiser to benefit St. Jude

## **New Equipment:**

- West Stafford new tanker – Tank 144, Kenworth, 3,000 gallon
- Stafford Fire is selling their dive vehicle and purchasing a new one that will be in service soon
- North Coventry will put Truck 111 in service the next 4-6 weeks.

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The next TCMAFS meeting will be on May 17 at the Ellington Fire Department on 6 Nutmeg Drive in Ellington.

C. Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 20:31 seconded by W. Morrison. Unanimously passed
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Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Jellen, Recording Secretary

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Date of Meeting 3-15-17 LOCATION: SEA-46

### CHIEF OF ORGANIZATION ATTENDANCE

(This attendance list is ONLY for Chiefs of service with voting rights or their authorized representatives voting on their behalf)

(Print or sign legibly)

05- COLUMBIA FD

07- MANSFIELD FD

08- COVENTRY VFA

10- HEBRON FD

11- NO. COVENTRY FD

13- WILLINGTON NO.1

15- ANDOVER FD

17- MARLBOROUGH

20- ASHFORD FD

34- BOLTON FD

38- WAREHOUSE POINT FD

39- BROAD BROOK FD

40- TOLLAND FD

41- VERNON FD

42- CRYSTAL LAKE FD

43- ELLINGTON FD

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44- WEST STAFFORD FD

STAFFORD FIRE

45- STAFFORDVILLE FD

46- SOMERS FD

49- WILLINGTON HILL FD

72- UNION FD

EAST WINDSOR AMBULANCE

ELLINGTON AMBULANCE

STAFFORD AMBULANCE

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Date: 3-15-17 MEETING LOCATION: 862 46

### MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDANCE

*(Print or sign legibly)*

ANDOVER

Art Doudy

ASHFORD

A

BOLTON

COLUMBIA

COVENTRY

EAST WINDSOR

ELLINGTON

John W. Turner

HEBRON

MANSFIELD

John Roub

MARLBOROUGH

Ray Knudsen

STAFFORD

Wm Morrison

SOMERS

W. R.

TOLLAND

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Jack Fisher

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### COUNTY MEETING ATTENDANCE

(Note: This sheet is for guests and non voting members. Municipal rep or alternate please sign the Municipal Rep Attendance sheet, Chief of Service or person voting on their behalf; please sign the Chief of Service Attendance Sheet)

Date: 3-15-17 MEETING LOCATION: 86A. 46

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>RANK</u>
<u>Jack Fisher</u>	<u>Upton</u>	<u>Captain</u>
<u>Rob Babcock</u>	<u>VERNON</u>	<u>Asst Chief</u>
<u>Rob Marra</u>	<u>Vernon P.D.</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>
<u>Barry Foster</u>	<u>Vernon P.D.</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>
<u>Chip Thompson</u>	<u>Mansfield</u>	<u>F.E. E.M.T</u>
<u>George Thompson III</u>	<u>Mansfield</u>	<u>Asst Chief</u>
<u>Chip Jordan</u>	<u>Mansfield</u>	<u>Deputy Chief/operations</u>
<u>Gary Schiessl</u>	<u>Somers</u>	<u>Asst Chief</u>
<u>Keith Allard</u>	<u>Somers</u>	<u>Deputy Chief</u>
<u>Billy WONG</u>	<u>CT FIRE Police Assn</u>	<u>2nd VP/Asst Chief</u>
<u>Jack Rich</u>	<u>Ellington Fire</u>	<u>Assistant Chief</u>
<u>John Kratochvil</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Assistant Chief</u>
<u>Pick McDonald</u>	<u>Somers</u>	<u>Asst. Chief</u>
<u>Carl Dojan</u>	<u>TOLLAND</u>	<u>Deputy Chief</u>
<u>Chris Hammick</u>	<u>VERNON</u>	<u>President TCMATS</u>

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## Radio Committee County Meeting Report March 8, 2017

**Meeting held 3/2/17 Attendees:** Wayne, Fletcher, Tyler Millix, Jack Turner, Doug Racicot, Jack Fisher

**Marlborough:** There has been some radio interference at the Birch Mountain site which Doug has been working with the State and our vendor to resolve. During the site visit it was noticed the master UHF transmit antenna had a fault in the coax cable or antenna. Our tower climber was contacted to troubleshoot the situation. It was determined that the jumper between the coax and antenna had water in the connector. Cable was repaired at no charge by our vendor. All licensing issues should not be resolved.

**Pumpkin Hill Tower Site:** There is a defective antenna at this site which is being resolved. Also we are awaiting a quotation from our vendor for “Site Monitoring Equipment” for this location.

We are also applying for an FCC license on 453/458.375 for this site. We may need an additional antenna to support this frequency also.

**Communications Vehicle:** We are looking at a tentative date of March 18<sup>th</sup> for installation of the radio and other support equipment for Service 119.

**Tower Sites:** The Committee continues to look for new infrastructure to help improve our coverage areas along with further review toward moving to voting systems.

**Radio ANI ID's.** We have been working on and testing a standard Matrix layout for the County to support the ID ANI equipment at the dispatch center. We should be ready shortly to distribute the plan to the County. Currently the only two formats we have been working on are the Motorola and the Kenwood.

**Bald Hill Tower Site.** Just a note, we are now at about 92% loading on our main tower. We must be careful with future considerations with this site. We are in the process of redoing a complete inventory of the antennas & tower locations for both the Bald Hill Towers. Our current mapping is out of date. It was noted that the State Police are in the process of adding new antennas and coax to support their new P25 system. That work is scheduled to occur in the next 12-18 month period.

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**New Radio Call Number.** North Coventry has submitted a request for a new number of Truck 111 for their new ladder truck due in shortly. The specifications fit this criteria and was granted.

**PSDN.** We have received the approvals to connect the Coventry and Vernon PD's to the PSDN which will allow direct connection to these organizations thereby eliminating the phone lines and their monthly costs. We also received the okay to connect Windham Ave in Colchester and Birch Mountain in Glastonbury to Hebron Station 10 to support UHF voted audio to their cross band system.

The CTS unit for the State has encouraged us to use sites that are equipped with the PSDN. The PSDN will assist us with wireline interconnection and backhaul to our off premise tower site locations over the States fiber network. The PSDN is available at 14 of the 18 sites we are currently at where as the CTS microwave system is only available at 6 sites.

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 4, 2017

Respectfully Submitted  
Jack Fisher, Chairman

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