



Connecticut Fire Marshal Association
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The February 27, 2024, Meeting was held at Middlefield Fire Department and was called to order at 0946 by President Dunn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence,

The previous meeting minutes were emailed. A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Webster Bank: \$42436.03 Sprinkler Fund: \$28283.67 there was a motion made seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

- Legislative –
 - Discussion on Bill 209, Will have a discussion with John Kerwin for more information on this, as of now CFMA will support this bill.
 - The fireworks bill is gaining steam for popper, snakes etc. being legalized, CFMA will be opposing the bill.
 - Have not heard anymore on the language for the single exit bill that was being floated around. CFMA will oppose this bill if it comes to light.
- Board of Directors – Had a meeting February 13th and this morning. The slate of Officers for April will remain the same. The Presidents would like their 2nd year of their terms and the Secretary and Treasurer would like to serve another year.
- Office of State Fire Marshal – No Report
- OEDM – Looking to start having more in person training, if interested in teaching a topic or you know a group that is interested reach out to Michael or Doug. Applications are being accepted for the Spring Fire Code Inspector Class Starting April. The Spring Fire investigator class started last week.
- Training Council – The CFMA slots are now full. Walter Summers, Tim Tharu and Roger Nelson. They should be meeting soon.
- CFMA Conference Committee – Dates are April 11-12 of Brochure is out and registrations are due by Thursday March 21st
- NFPA – No Report
- ICC – No Report

- New England Fire Marshals – RI is using a statewide inspection program that might be something to investigate.
- Codes and Standards – No Report
- 541 Committee – Would like to purchase 8 copies of the IFC for code adoption review. The cost would be between 900 and 1250. A Motion was made seconded and passed to purchase the books.
- Fire Prevention Code – The last 2 openings have been filled with Tim Suden and Michael Brown
- Chapter 11 sub-committee – The committee is recommending using chapter 11 of the IFC for Existing Buildings. This will be passed along to the State Fire Marshal.
- Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Having a meeting today. Kevin Kowalski is the Acting Chairman until the September election of officers. Peter Carozza has retired from Chairman and from the Commission after 30 plus years.
- Residential Sprinkler Coalition – Contact Alan Zygmunt at CFA to schedule it. List of requirements will be sent out with the minutes.
- Membership – Many code class students have put in for their 1st year free membership. List is attached. Also Ronald Miles, Eric Sobolewski, and Kevin Mullen were accepted along with the 33 from the code class.
- Old Business – None
- New Business –
 - By-Law change in Membership section. It will be emailed and discussed and voted on at the annual meeting in April.
 - Discussion on co-sponsoring the NFAS 2-day CRR Program. It was decided that we would co-sponsor if there was no big financial commitment.
 - Motion was made seconded and passed to support the Invention Convention once again with the \$1000 contribution and Rich Klotzcier will advise on June or October to have them attend out meeting.
 - A motion was made seconded and passed to approve up to \$3000 to send the President and 2nd Vice President to the Fire and EMS Symposium in Washington DC.
 - Discussion on Solar presentation. It was decided that we would pass it along to the Joint Council and the Fire Chief Organizations as it does not affect Fire Marshals and it affects Fire Suppression operations.
 - Discussion on EV Charging stations in parking garages.
- Good and Welfare –
 - Discussion on the recent large number of fire fatalities and the news media reaching out to fire marshals. Most have been sent to the State Fire Marshal. The thought of PSA



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announcements being created. It was decided to create a Fire and Life Safety Education Committee. This committee will be chaired by 2nd VP Tourville and an email will be sent from the president through the secretary to solicit some members. Also the committee can reach out to Pedro Muniz from CSP PIO Unit to help with PSA development.

- NFPA 1 is out for public comment
- There is a new phone app and device that will ignite fireworks. Be on the watch for these to be used. They are a hazard and have no ratings or approvals that can be found at this time.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 11th at the Conference.

There were 16 members present and the meeting was adjourned at 1028 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary