

*Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Association*

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Meeting January 11, 2012  
Brick Bar & Grill Lake Tomahawk

Meeting was called to order by Brian Gehrig.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the minutes from the last meeting.-  
Carried

**Treasure's Report:** Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasure's report as read-Carried .

**Communication's:** Discussion followed on the times being recorded by dispatch on the rip and run reports. The times are not correct, an example was given that a unit went in route and arrived on scene in a matter of seconds when in fact it was several minutes. Also discussed that back to quarters time is still not showing up and the Fire Departments need that time for their records. Dan Hess stated they are trying to fix that issue but the last test that ran was not successful. Dispatched was questioned as to why the times were taking so long to be posted and Dan said that if it is tied in with a medical call, dispatch will wait for the Med. unit to return back to quarters prior the report being generated. This is an issue if Med 4 has to transport to HYMC and will not return to quarters for quite some time. Dan Hess is going to look into these issues.

Dispatched was questioned, as to why on medical calls information is being relayed to the deputies and NOT passed along to the other responding units, such as the 1<sup>st</sup> responders or Med units. Dan stated when this situation arises let him know and he will check into the call.

It was noted that the fire departments are not being paged for car accidents with unknown or with reported injuries. Newbold had situation where the 1<sup>st</sup> responders and Medical units were sent, but the Fire Department was not. This procedure was adopted several years ago by the Chiefs and fire departments for the safety of their personnel when they are working at a scene on a roadway. It seems to be more common when the deputies request that the vehicle occupants be checked out. The fire departments do not mind if they are asked to respond non-emergency and are happy to set up traffic control for the scene to protect all personnel.

Pine Lake FD reported they had an issue where downed power lines had trapped 4 people in three vehicles after a power pole was struck. One person was injured and they had to wait for WPS to arrive and de-energize the wires. After a discussion with the WPS employee he stated that he was not aware that there were trapped people with injuries. Questioned both WPS rep and dispatch where the failure in communications was. Both stated they would check the situation out.

Little Rice FD asked why their automatic mutual aid departments were not being paged at the same time that they were. They had to request that the automatic mutual aid departments be paged. Dan Hess stated that sometimes when the call is received via a cell phone that the dispatcher has to manually look up the ESN zone and see who is to be paged. They page the jurisdiction department 1<sup>st</sup> to at least get them going and then look up the rest.

Dispatch stated that they do not need to be notified when a department goes out on training, out on a service call, or when equipment is out of service as they do not write this information down. Most departments stated they will call out to their units to their department, so their people will be aware they have unit out. Sometimes dispatch will answer sometimes not. Dispatch also reminded the fire departments that every unit does not need to call them as they only record the 1<sup>st</sup> unit out, 1<sup>st</sup> one on scene and last unit to leave the scene.

**Sheriff Dept.:** No report

**Dispatch:** No report

**DNR:** No report

**LEPC:** Held the meeting in January and took care of the procedural items for the year. Tom Waydick was appointed as HAZMAT Assistant Chief. Next meeting June 13, 2012. .

**Nicolet College:** Firefighter 2 class will finish up in January. Haz Mat is a 40 hour class coming up in April. Jason stated that for learn thru burns the fee are going to be \$1,600.00 to \$1,700.00 for Nicolet The web site is up and running and that several classes are being posted. If you see a class that you have people interested in, please contact the school as soon as you can, as some classes are being cancelled due to low attendance.

**WPS:** Been quiet there is nothing to report at this time.

**OCFA:** Election will be held for the officers at the next meeting. The old tow vehicle has been sold. The banquet is set up for May 5, 2012. Will be sending out information forms to all departments.

**EMS:** Rhinelander fire department is requesting that any member of your department that drives their ambulance must be trained on driving, a driver requirements sheet was passed around. This is due to their insurance company requirements. Suggestion was made that some ID tag system showing that a member of a department has been trained to drive be made up. .

**Emergency Management:** E sponger training on March 22, 2012. Looking at doing it at the college. Ken asked what would be a good time to hold the class. Will try to set something up convenient for all. Ken reported that his department received a grant for weather radios. Ken was looking for suggestions and criteria to give them away..

**MABAS:** Next meeting is February 8, at Sugar Camp FD. Elections of the MABAS DIV 114 officers will take place at that meeting. Also a reminder for all department to return you resource lists back to Ken K. or Wayne K. Once the resource list are in they will send out to all departments so that they can update your cards.

**Old Business:** Discussed the meeting times and locations. Most places we hold our meeting at are ok but in the past we have had to meet out in the open or public areas, which at times have made the conversations difficult. Talked about meeting at an earlier time or starting while we wait for food. Having a non-dinner meetings to speed up time was discussed. No general consensus was agreed upon.

Tom Waydick of Newbold Department is willing to host the next meeting at his fire department.

**New Business:** Monico Fire Department is looking for turnout gear for it members. If your department has any to donate please contact the Monico Chief.

Elections will be held for the officers of the fire chiefs- for president, vice-president, treasure, and secretary. Per the adopted bylaws of the organization, the current officers are in-eligible to continue to hold office as they have reached the term limits as set. Ken K. will send out a nominations form for interested parties to run.

Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Business meeting is March 14, 2012 at 6:00pm  
Newbold Fire Department on Highway 47 North.**

**Newbold has graciously offered to provide a meal for the next meeting but are requesting a RSVP so that they can plan on the serving. Please reply to Janet Siefert**

Thomas White ----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Janet Siefert** <[jsiefert@gmail.com](mailto:jsiefert@gmail.com)>

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Subject: Chief's Meeting - March 14th

To: [wknvfd@gmail.com](mailto:wknvfd@gmail.com)

Cc: Tom Waydick <[twaydick@frontier.com](mailto:twaydick@frontier.com)>

Brian

Newbold will be providing dinner for the Chief's Meeting in March (steak, salad, potatoes, dessert). Can you let the Chiefs and whoever else attends know this and possibly ask for a RSVP or provide a rough count for us so we know how much food to have? If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks in advance!

Janet Siefert