

Oneida County Fire Chief's and Emergency Services Association

The meeting was held on March 14th, 2012 at Newbold Fire Department.

Meeting was called to order

Guest speakers were Ray Mark and Steve Siefert from The Northwood's ARIES Group. They describe the purpose of the ARIES and who belonged to the group. They gave examples of how they can aid local fire departments in emergencies or severe weather. They had a power point presentation of different disasters that the HAM radio operators had helped out at. Both Ray and Steve stated that the ham radio operators are not there to take over, but to provide help in radio communications, out of and into emergency areas. In Oneida County there are repeaters that they operate and can be monitored by the fire departments. If a department would like more information they can contact Ken Kortenhof, Ray or Steve. Some frequency's to note are 146.940 pl 114.8 AND 145.150 PI 123.0 and 147.195 pl 114.8, You may contact Steve Siefert at 715-277-3827 home 715-493-0551 cell or email him at steves@fortwilderness.com For Ray Marks home 715-356-4134 Cell 715-892-0175 or email kb9cbl@yahoo.com.

Review of the minutes from last meeting A motion was made to accept the minutes as sent-Seconded-Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Dave was unable to attend, but provided the account information. As of the meeting date, in the savings account \$1,258.59, checking account is \$422.78.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Meeting was canceled due to the weather, rescheduled for April.

Dispatch: Scott Meyer was named as a dispatch supervisor. The rip and run reports seems to be working well. There are no major issues, but minor problems still exist for those who receive faxes. Dan is still working on this, so please allow some time. If there any issues, questions, or comments please contact Dan as soon as you can, do not wait until the meeting, Dan stated it is easier to review the tapes and address the issue right away verses a month or two later.

Sherriff Department: Nothing to report.

DNR: Calendars were handed out for those who wanted them. John Gillen reminded everyone that the FFP grants need to be completed before the April 16, 2012 dead line. Please let John or Phil know if you need help with the grant. There wasn't a wild land fire training scheduled in Oneida county this year. There is training April 2nd & 4th from 6:30 pm. to 9:30 pm. in Vilas County, for more information please contact Mark Conkey at 715-358-3358 ext 105. Crescent Fire Department is planning on hosting training next year. If your department is interested in training, please contact John.

LEPC: Nothing to report.

Nicolet College: Jason Goldner is looking feedback and input from departments on college training issues. He relies on this input from all the area county chiefs, as there is no longer a fire advisor board to

make recommendations. Jason goal is to set up training early enough and advertize on the Nicolet web site so that they do not have issues with the 10 person minimum rule and have to cancel a class. If your department is interested in holding a class let him know so he can line up the location and instructors. Questions were asked regarding the cost the college is charging, as some felt the fees are high, Jason stated the fees are set by the board and he only can make recommendations.

WPS: A report was given on a snowmobile accident in Vilas County where a snowmobile had struck a power pole. The pole was busted and power lines were hanging about 8 feet off the ground. Everyone was gone by the time WPS had arrived on scene and the worker noticed foot tracks directly under the power lines. The power lines were still live and with the amount voltage in the lines it could of jumped the lines and struck and killed someone. Need to exercise caution when working around power lines and to treat every line as HOT until advised by WPS otherwise. Contact WPS regarding any issues you may encounter.

OCFA: The banquet this year will be held on May 5th at the Taj Mahall (Northwood's Banquet Center) Tickets; \$25.00. Menu: Prime Rib buffet. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. with awards presentation to follow. Notices were sent out with an attendance response and the name of your firefighter of the year due by April 13th. The next meeting is April 24, 2012, @ Pine Lake Fire Department 7:00pm.

EMS: Tom Waydick Jr gave an update for Ken on the proposed driver requirements for the county and Rhinelander Fire for drivers, when requested to drive a medical unit from the scene back to hospital. Looking at an ID cards for anyone on your departments who is qualified, hope to have this policy in to place soon. If your department will like to be trained on driving the Rhinelander ambulances please contact Tom Waydick and he will get something set up.

Emergency Management: E-Sponder training will be held at Nicolet College. Weather spotting training is set up for May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Nicolet College Northwood's Center. Weather radios that were obtained on a grant are now in for those who wish to receive one and meet the qualifications that are set up. Please go to the emergency management's website to download the form. Map books have been completed and are available to the fire departments, if you haven't received them, please contact Ken ASAP so you may get one.

MABAS: Up dated cards are due, would like to get them approved and to get them to Ken K., so they can be updated into their system at dispatch. MABAS meeting is April 11th @ 7:00pm, at the Law Enforcement Center in Rhinelander. Will be conducting a MABAS response and radio drill prior to the meeting, respond by radio and then follow MABAS guidelines and respond to the meeting.

Old Business: Reviewed meeting ideas, times and locations. Meeting will be held at different Fire Departments around the area with a start time of 6:00pm. All felt that with the nature of some of the conversations, that a more private area was preferred and with some of the environments we have meet in, it was hard to hear at times. If a hosting department wishes to provide a light meal it will be published in the minutes so that attendees can plan accordingly. A motion was made and seconded to adopt this into the minutes and to make others aware of this.

New Business: None

ELECTIONS. The election committee reported that there was no interest in positions of President or Vice President/ Treasure. The Secretary position is an appointed position. Elections were being conducted per guidelines adopted by the membership and stated that there were limits to the terms. The current officers , Brian Gehrig and Dave Holland both stated they did not have issues with continuing, One option would be to modify, change, or eliminate the length of terms requirement as stated in the bylaws to allow this to happen. Will table further discussion until the next meeting. Anyone who still wishes to run for the following positions must contact Jason or Ken before the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held May 9th, 2012 at 6:00pm at Nokomis Fire Department on County Highway L. A light meal will be served by Nokomis Fire.

Thank You to Janet Siefert and Newbold FD for this evening meal !

Motion was made and 2nd to adjourn the meeting.

Tom White
Secretary