

Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Meeting

January 8th, 2014

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 18:03 at the Oneida County HazMat Building
In Attendance: Sherri Congleton, Ken Kortenof, Ryan Larsen, Brian Gehrig, Phil Puestow, Bart Tegen, Larry Mathein, Mark Fetzer, Jake Lobermeier, Doug Rehm, Tom Waydick, Bill Willig, Dave Kirby, Brian Hollands, Chris Bartelt, Jason Goeldner, Dana Baumgartner.

Guest Speaker: Liz Bartholomew, "A story of PTSD from a first responder's wife."

Liz talks of her husband's diagnosis of PTSD and many of the afflictions/perceptions that make this diagnosis difficult to deal with. She encourages all responders to be open to the idea that we all need assistance at times, and it is very real. She shared her business cards and has offered to speak at any department at their request. Feel free to use her as a resource- Dana Baumgartner at Nicolet has also offered to be a point of contact for this information.

Review and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion by Tom Waydick, second by Larry Mathein to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2013. Motion Passed.

Review and Approve Treasurer's Report: Larry Mathein read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Last Report All Accounts were at	\$1,373.81
Dues collected:	\$350.00
Interest earned:	\$.46
Current balance:	\$1,724.27

Note: the account earned \$2.54 interest in 2013

Motion by: Brian Hollands, second by Jake Lobermeier to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Announcement of New Appointments in the County:

Newbold Fire Chief- Mark Fetzer
Crescent Fire Chief- Jake Lobermeier
Monico Fire Chief- Dustin Conley
Hazelhurst Fire Chief- Pat Winger

A request for a plaque to be made for retiring fire Chief Tom Waydick was made for his 20 years of community service.

Motion by Dave Kirby, second by Jake Lobermeier to approve funds for this project as presented. Discussion: Ken Kortenof will make the plaque. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Communications/Dispatch: Sherri Congleton-

- feedback on automatic aid, responses are that it is going well.
- Discussion about alarm calls (ex. PerMar)-would you like additional resources right away? Consensus among present is to auto aid for alarms that involve structures.
 - Reminder that the auto aid form is on the website- services are responsible for keeping up to date and notifying **Ken/Phil Puestow** when changes are made

- Discussion on when the boat & dive team are dispatched for ice/water incidents. Resources available to assist? Dana will contact Spirit and ask them to attend next meeting to discuss options of using the helicopter/thermal imaging to assist in rescue efforts.
- Request for clarification on how incident numbers are assigned on the Rip & Run reports- are these tracked in sequential order for all agencies, or per agency? Sherri will research and email answer

Sheriff's Department:

Ken reports page to text is coming, not ready yet

Dive team has had several recent calls. Dan Hess is available to contact for training

Air boat is stored at Newbold Station 2, for reference if needed

DNR: Phil Puestow

- Introduction to Wildland Suppression will be held in Vilas County on 3/4 and 3/6, Boulder Junction Community Center 6-9pm, contact Paul Stearns or Mark Conke at 715-385-3355 ext. 105 or 106 for more information. 2015 will be in Oneida County
- Snowmobile clubs have put markers at all intersections (map available and distributed to all present). Each club has a 3 digit ID number- these markers are numbered by clubs, not townships when referencing locations. Oneida Dispatch has all numbers programmed into CAD system for quick reference for directions.
Sherri will forward mapping info to all Chiefs via email
- Pocket calendars and diaries are now available from the DNR
- Many other classes available- contact your local ranger for information and to schedule
- MABAS Training 2/12 Nokomis Fire Station 6pm , Wildland Simulation 2/19 Nokomis Fire Station 6pm. (will need zone book and portable radio)
- 3 hour zone book training also available
- Department Action Plan updates need to be in to Phil by the end of this month

LEPC: Ken reports last meeting is yet to be rescheduled. There was a HazMat call in Monico, no report available yet.

Nicolet College: Class updates- 2 sections of Incident Safety Officer added, one in Oneida County, one in Vilas County. Chris Bartelt explained that we have been looking into options for traffic safety classes, the DOT does offer one free of charge, but it is geared entirely toward law enforcement. Nicolet does have a version we are able to offer, watch for upcoming details. Smoke Diver class will be held beginning February 4th in Rhinelander. This is a very physically demanding course, will be challenging for students. EMS- Emergency Medical Responder course to begin at NATC on 1/14, EMT class to begin 2/5/14. All spring refreshers are currently scheduled, so encourage enrollment.

WPS: No Report

Oneida County Firefighters: No Report

Oneida County EMS:

-Ken extended a thank you to Pine Lake Fire for assisting with getting an ambulance out of the snow

- Larry Mathein has offered to provide training to departments/services/school for scene recognition and preservation. Reminder that every out of hospital death is considered a crime scene until proven otherwise, please help to reinforce this with your services.

Emergency Management: Ken discussed recent announcements regarding the warming centers being open during the recent subzero extreme temperatures. Asks for any feedback if someone feels there is a better way/additional way to get these communications out, many stated they had heard or seen the announcements. Discussion regarding email list, or by E-sponder notification.

- LP gas shortage and rationing discussed. Ken asked if there were any issues services were aware of, and if they arise please notify him

MABAS: Wayne Kinnally reports that card updates are coming up, all information is out to departments. Reminder of the 30 day approval time, they should be returned to Wayne by 2/20/14 to meet the 3/20/14 deadline. Reminder of trainings to be held at Nokomis station, as noted above in DNR report.

- Would like to see 2-3 representatives from each department for these trainings

Recruitment Committee: No report.

Old Business:

- Updated contact and email list for recruitment drive- no information available
- Dues- Larry to hand out
- Discussion of revision to current by-laws regarding membership. Larry provided a sample from a different county organization and asked for it to be reviewed and provide feedback. By-laws are on the County Emergency Management webpage for review. Will add this topic to March agenda for discussion and possible action.

New Business:

- Chief Kinnally opened discussion on traffic control issues and training. Requested information on what other departments are doing- it appears most departments have been providing their own trainings for this.
- Tom Waydick reports Med Compass will be coming to Three Lakes to do annual physical evaluations for HazMat on 3/19/14 in the evening and 3/20/14 in the morning. States it takes approximately 10 minutes and costs \$65.00. Contact Dave Kirby or Tom Waydick for further information.

Set Next Meeting Location and Date: March 12th, 6:00 pm at Nicolet College, Birchwoods Center Room 107.

Adjourn: Motion by Larry Mathein, second by Doug Rehm to adjourn. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 20:06.