

**Oneida County Fire Chiefs and Emergency Services Association Meeting  
Stella Fire Department**

**13 Nov 2013**

Meeting called to order at 18:02

**Minutes**

Minutes reviewed and approved as read

1. Doug Rehm
2. Bob Reimert

**Treasurer Report**

Treasure report reviewed and approved as reported.

Beginning balance:	\$1737.12
Distributions:	\$598.31
Receipts:	\$235.00
Ending Balance:	\$1373.81

1. Tom Waydick
2. Wayne Kinally

Nearly all departments have paid dues

**Sheriff Department**

No report

**DNR**

Grant period is open. Don't wait till the last minute. If you have questions call Nicole Matthews can be reached at (608) 367-0848. Watch out for ineligible items and taxes.

Last year grant awards have been announced.

Make sure you report all fires. They impact your grant applications.

All fires require a permit unless there is an inch of solid snow cover on the ground.

**Emergency Management/Dispatch**

Introduced Sherry Congleton – 911 manager for Oneida County.

Page to Text is still coming. Working on negotiating a better price.

They are down a couple dispatchers, but they are working on hiring a couple new dispatchers.

When they do the Thursday night pager tests they are going to do it from Vilas to test the backup equipment. They are asking that one person from the department respond just to verify the equipment is working properly. It will sound a little different.

If there is a car fire and you request information from dispatch regarding the fire they may be limited on what information they can release. It is advised to ask deputies on scene because once the information is run through the state they are restricted on what information they can release.

### **Communication Meeting**

Bart Tegan was invited to attend the Communication Meeting. It is an advisory group that is trying to keep all stakeholders in the area including other bordering counties informed on what we are doing.

### **LEPC**

Nothing to report. Next meeting coming up in January

### **Nicolet**

Class scheduled in January for accelerated ELF A. Three Lakes is looking at hosting an accelerated Firefighter I starting in January also.

Nicolet is looking at hosting more NFA courses because of the low costs associated with them.

Please preregister for classes as soon as possible.

### **WPS**

Nothing to report.

### **OCFFA**

Not present.

### **OCEMS**

Budget was passed on Tuesday.

MABAS training was sent out to managers and waiting to hear back.

Working on driver training.

Lift assistance – it was brought up to page the closest fire department not the first responders because not all departments have first responders.

### **Oneida County Dive Team**

Lt. Hess wanted to thank the Newbold Fire Department for their assistance on their last call.

### **Hazmat Team**

There is an email from Wisconsin DNR requiring reporting when fire departments use extinguishing agents that may run off into bodies of water. More information to come.

### **MABAS**

The next meeting is December 11<sup>th</sup> at Crescent Fire Department. Radio Drill at 18:00 and meeting at 18:30.

Authorization forms need to be in by November 23.

Still working on the Drill in February. Two evenings in the middle of February. First night is a class, second night is the drill. Tentatively February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

Most of the dues were sent to Dave Hollands by mistake. It was suggested to set up a mailing address. It was recommended to use the following address:

OCFCESA  
PO Box 400 Courthouse  
Rhinelander, WI

#### **By Law Changes**

Tabled until next month. Looking at defining voting member and associate member and who pays dues.

#### **Recruitment Committee**

Looking to form a committee and for a chairman and committee members. This summer there has been several departments (Pelican, Fire District Alpha, Nokomis) meeting to discuss recruiting and holding public events for recruiting. There was a number of member recruited for area departments from these efforts. The recruiting booth from the County Fair was very successful. It was suggested to have a group of individuals from the OCFCEA meet with the Recruitment Group to find ways to work together. Recruitment is important and we need involvement from all departments. Motion was made to nominate Bruce Klinger to represent the OCFCEA to the Oneida County Emergency Services Recruitment Committee.

1. Andy Beach
2. Brian Gehrig.

The next meeting of the Recruitment is December 18 @ 19:00. It is asked that each department send a representative to the meeting.

It was suggested to ask dispatch to identify what departments are mutual aid on structure fires to help identify fire location on shared roads. Automatic Aid is different than mutual aid. Dispatch is going to try to incorporate the language "Automatic Aid" on calls where it applies.

Tom Waydick Sr. is retiring in January after being Chief for 20 years. Thank you for your service Tom.

#### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Oneida County Hazmat Building – 1819 River Street @ 18:00

Motion to adjourn

1. Larry Matthein
2. Bart Tegan