

# Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Meeting

May 14th, 2014

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 18:02 at the Pine Lake Fire Department

**In Attendance:** Sherri Congleton, Ken Korten Hof, Wayne Kinnally, Ryan Larsen, Brian Gehrig, Phil Puestow, Bart Tegen, Larry Mathein, Doug Rehm, Tom Waydick, Brian Hollands, Norm Peterson, Jake Bonack, Steve Siefert, Dana Baumgartner.

**Review and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:** Motion by Tom Waydick, second by Ken Korten Hof to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014. Motion Passed.

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

Last Report All Accounts were	\$1,774.72
Less amount for Plaque for retiring Chief Waydick	- \$92.31
Check found from Town of Lynne/Willow-	+\$25.00
Current balance:	\$1,707.41

Note from Treasurer: Invoices will be coming out in September, please be sure to update your mailing address so they are received properly

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

## Committee Reports

**Communications/Dispatch:** Sherri Congleton-

- Updates to CAD system require that Emergency Medical Responders be clearly identified separate from FireFighters for paging purposes. When submitting your rosters to Sherri be sure that all members are marked appropriately
- The Text to Page system is being used by a few departments in our area (Pelican Fire), they are still working to improve system. Reminder: This is a back-up means of communication, not to be used to replace radios and pagers.
- Sherri explained the Dispatch Center is currently training several new employees, so please be patient with them, and use quality assurance forms if there are issues.
- A handout was provided with commonly used CAD Abbreviations
- Ken Korten Hof mentioned that Forest County has an e-sponder training coming up. He offered to host one in Oneida County if we can get at least 10 people to commit to coming. Ken will work with Dana to set this up.
- The question was asked if information relayed to Law Enforcement could be shared with Fire & EMS also. Discussion-decision made that service should contact dispatch via phone for additional info if they have it. Many times the dispatchers are also limited on the information available. Again, for follow up purposes, the more information you can get to Sherri about the incident, the better they can do at tracking it.

**Sheriff's Department:** Ken Korten Hof

- Ken reports that Dan Hess has been promoted to Chief Deputy, still in the transition phase
- Ken was asked to follow up with LE to be conscious of where on a fire scene their squads are parked, as they can sometime block access routes for needed apparatus.

**Oneida County Dive Team: No Report**

**DNR:** Jake Bonack/ Lake Tomahawk Ranger

- They are now working a different Spring schedule. If you call and cannot reach who you want, please try someone else in the area.
- A mailing list for staffing plans comes out daily, contact Phil Puestow to be added
- Grant applications are now out
- Remember to acquire permits from the DNR before scheduling any practice burns
- If you are having permit issues, notify the DNR if you would like them to follow up, or if you are planning to.
- Burning hours/days- they have again made some changes. Always check website for current and accurate information. Ex. If it is actively raining, and the forecast calls for rain, burning may begin at 11am. Sundays and Holidays are also okay.
- Most permits are now submitted online, multiple businesses that still have paper. Phil Puestow has a list of all Oneida County Wardens so you may contact him, get from local DNR office, or call 1-888-WIS-BURN for information.
- Permits are issued to individuals, not property/address.
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**LEPC:** Ken Kortenhof

- Ken reports they have not met since our last meeting- next meeting will be in June.

**Nicolet College:** Dana Baumgartner

- Upcoming Fire Fighter I Certification testing coming up, practice June 7<sup>th</sup>, testing June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for hosts for fall Fire and EMS classes. Dana will be scheduling within next two weeks so please contact her if you have an interest

**WPS:** Bart reports that he received notice from Mike that he could not attend tonight

**Oneida County Firefighters:** No one in attendance to report

**Oneida County EMS:** No one in attendance to report

**Emergency Management:** Ken Kortenhof

- There will be a 2-hour storm spotter class at the YMCA on 5/20 at 9:00 am, and again that evening in Crandon. One will also be held the night before in Manitowish Waters- contact Ken for more information

**MABAS:** Wayne Kinnally

- Recently had a call in which MABAS was used (#2). This reportedly worked well in dispatch.
- When one department could not respond, the next one was automatically pulled, reportedly worked "so much nicer".
- Question of why they did not automatically dispatch RIT team? It was noted as a "working still" in which they did not go in, however would like to have the response. Dispatch will follow up on this.
- Next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> in Pelican Lake

**Recruitment Committee:**

- Brian Gehrig reports that they will have a display at WalMart on 6/14, looking for equipment.
- Committee is still meeting at Pelican Fire on Friday nights- next meeting 5/30, Fire District Alpha
- Asked for feedback on the possibility of advertising at the local movie theatres? Unsure if this is a possibility

**Old Business:**

- Contact and email list sent around for updating. See attached.

**New Business:**

- Larry Mathein reported that Bob Reimert is no longer the Little Rice Fire Chief, he has been replaced by Dustin Bonack
- Larry also reported that Willow Fire has lost more members
- Tom Waydick reports Rhinelander Fire Department will be doing a live burn next Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> of the old DNR building in town. They are currently awaiting clearance from the state regarding proof of asbestos abatement. Anyone interested contact Tom- this will be a great training opportunity, with a focus on safety. Hoping to do 12-15 different sets.
- Norm Peterson of Pelican Fire reports they have a chapter of the Red Knights and provided a handout for an upcoming event. June 1<sup>st</sup> they will begin at Pelican Fire at 2:00pm, riding to Eagle River. They will also have a Memorial Ride on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from Merrill Fire to the Rapids Fire Memorial site to raise money. Dana will distribute flyers at other county association meetings.
- Motion made by Wayne Kinnally to donate \$100.00 to the Red Knights, second by Doug Rehm, motion passed.
- Bart Tegen states that the President of UST Fire Apparatus, John Wotman has a home in Pelican Lake and has offered to help out with events if the group has any ideas? Discussion about help with the cost of food for the FF banquet, picnic, recruitment? Bart will check with Scott Counter to see if he has specific needs or ideas.

**Officer Elections:**

- Nominations by email, only one reported- Jason Goeldner had emailed nominating all current officers
- Motion made by Bart, second by Larry to open to nominations by the floor

**President:**

- Phil Puestow nominated Bart Tegen for President, second by Doug Rehm
- Motion to close nominations from the floor made by Norm Peterson, second by Steve Siefert
- Unanimous ballot cast, all in favor
- Bart accepts nomination, continued for 2 year term President

**Vice President and Treasurer:**

- Doug Rehm nominated Larry Mathein for VP & Treasurer, second by Dana Baumgartner
- Motion to close nominations from the floor made by Norm Peterson, second by Brian Hollands
- Unanimous ballot cast, all in favor
- Larry accepts nomination, continued for 2 year term as Vice President and Treasurer

**Secretary:**

- Larry Mathein nominated Dana Baumgartner for Secretary, second by Bart Tegen
- Motion to close nominations from the floor made by Phil Puestow, second by Steve Siefert
- Unanimous ballot cast, all in favor
- Dana accepts nomination for 2 year term as Secretary

**Set Next Meeting Location, Agenda Items and Date:**

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Newbold Fire will host
- Will need to review and determine annual dues at September meeting

**Adjourn:** Motion by Tom Waydick, second by Ken Kortenhof to adjourn. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 19:45.