

Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 2014

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 18:05 at Newbold Fire, Station 1

In Attendance:

Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner)	Wayne Kinnally (Nokomis Fire)
Bart Tegen (Stella Fire)	Dustin Bonack (Little Rice Fire)
Jason Goeldner (Sugar Camp Fire)	Zane Hagstrom (WPS)
Doug Rehm (Lake Tomahawk Fire)	Jake Lobermeier (Crescent Fire)
Dave Hollands (Pelican)	Sherri Congleton (Oneida Dispatch)
Steve Siefert (Newbold)	Ken Kortenhof (Emergency Management)
Ryan Larsen (Pine Lake Fire)	Mark Fetzer (Newbold Fire)
Brian Gehrig (Pine Lake Fire)	Dana Baumgartner (Nicolet College)
Phil Puestow (DNR/Nokomis Fire)	

Review and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion by Jason Goeldner, second by Dave Hollands to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 14th, 2014. Motion Passed.

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

Last Report All Accounts were	\$1,707.41
Less donation to Red Knights	- \$100.00
Dividend received	\$.46
Current balance:	\$1,607.87

Motion by: Doug Rehm, second by Wayne Kinnally to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

DNR: Phil Puestow Ranger

- Next round of grant applications will be coming out in October, good completion rates on applications last year.
- Reminder not to wait to submit your orders
- Low levels of fire activity reported for both Spring and Summer
- Changes to the Burning Permits
 1. Check site for most current updates
 2. Start time changed from 6:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 3. Reminder: burning can still be done on Sundays and Holidays (barring other restrictions)
- Please continue to follow up with the DNR if you are responding/or being made aware of people burning without permits- this information helps their tracking

LEPC: Brian Gehrig

- Last meeting was held in July
- Tom Waydick was appointed Assistant Chief of the HazMat Team- Congratulations to Tom!
- Meeting covered mostly administrative issues
- Next meeting will be held in January, date unavailable

Communications/Dispatch: Sherri Congleton-

- A HUGE THANK YOU to all services in their cooperation and patience during the power outages last week
- Appreciation from both sides- dispatch and responders felt it went well
- Staffing Update:
 - 1 Dispatcher in training yet
 - 1 Vacancy remains
- Text-to-Page: Dispatch can only follow up on their end as far as missed messages, delays, etc... Many issues come from the actual cell phone, or their carrier/provider. Sherri can verify the contact information is correct/in the proper category/etc...However, every phone and every provider have different variations/settings that may need to be adjusted
- Issues have been brought up by a few that they are not getting messages, delayed messages, etc...
- Discussion regarding Minocqua Dispatch and Oneida Dispatch "stepping on each other", and responder traffic as well. This cannot always be controlled/helped if one department is busy they cannot listen to traffic from the other.
- Wayne Kinnally offered a reminder that the Base Stations at departments could be better utilized, to help with heavy workloads on dispatch/departments. Please remember to use this resource if you have it available

- Reminder that EMR 2 and Fire Ground Channels can also be used as secondary

Sheriff's Department: Ken Korten Hof

- Terri Hook has been promoted to Lieutenant of Investigations, and is also in charge of the Dive Team
- Brian Barbour has been promoted to Detective Sargent
- There are several new deputies in training program at this time

Nicolet College: Dana Baumgartner

- Presentation of learning resource tools that are available to Fire students in the Entry Level Courses, and to all departments to use for in-house training- Laminated handout for reference:
 - a. Skill Videos
 - b. Quiz's
 - c. Skill Sheets
 - d. Audio Book
 - e. Interactive Scenarios
 - f. Scenarios
- Departments can purchase the Jones & Bartlett Access Code without the textbook, info is on reference card
- Current class enrollments are good for Fire Classes (21 in ELF), need several more yet for the Fire Inspector scheduled to begin October 2nd, please contact Dana for more information
- EMS classes-
 - a. Currently 17 in EMT class
 - b. Requested EMR scheduled to begin Oct. 2nd, current enrollment- 0. Please encourage interested candidates to register
 - c. Multiple FEMA offerings to choose from, contact Dana for more info and to schedule!

Oneida County Dive Team: No Report

WPS: Zane Hagstrom

- Asked for feedback from departments about storm responses last week
 - a. Departments request that if there is to be a delayed response time they be made aware/or dispatch, so they can allocate resources appropriately.
 - b. Departments report that many times no ETA's were given, Zane explained that this is due to the local dispatching, many times they are not able to give estimates
 - c. Three Lakes and Sugar Camp schools were shut down and cancelled for the next day because they could not get a call back from WPS, or an estimate as to when power may be restored. This causes difficulties such as food service/storage having to be shuffled unnecessarily, etc... Request better communications/call back at least
 - d. Departments state they have been using the Priority Number, Zane reports that unfortunately they do not always have answers or specifics

Oneida County Firefighters: No report

Oneida County EMS: Ken Korten Hof

- New ambulances will be coming for the Minocqua base, then Nokomis base
- Ken states they will have a new staffing pattern for Harley Fall Ride this weekend
 - a. Medic 4 will not roam on standby, will stay based at station
 - b. Medic 1 will backup if Medic 5 is paged
 - c. Rhinelander Fire will backup Medic 1
 - d. Due to patterns over last years, no on-call crews for Medic 2 or Medic 6

Emergency Management: Ken Korten Hof

- Ken asks that if you are out on calls and see significant damage, please report it to him via his cell phone, as they may not be aware. If unable to reach him, please contact Oneida Dispatch
 - a. Examples: road washout, structural or road damage, road closures, injuries, etc...)
- E-Sponder updates:
 - a. If only one or two people to be updated, it can be done right through the web page.
 - b. If more than that please contact Dawn with updated information
 - 1.) Please designate ONE person as point of contact for each service to keep Dawn up to date, this way they can verify accuracy and avoid unnecessarily overwhelming. Thank you.

MABAS: Wayne Kinnally

- 10/11/14, Will be holding a Water Movement Drill in the Lake Tomahawk area

- a. Small water shuttle with a couple engines and tankers filling
- b. Drill will have responders paged directly from their stations (each dept. to decide if members gather at station, or respond from home)
- c. This drill will not be scripted, they will call for additional resources as necessary
- d. Will be looking for engines and/or tenders

Recruitment Committee: No Report Available

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- Membership- Larry Mathein advises we need to set new dues. Approximately \$1,600.00 in current account
 - a. Motion by Doug Rehm to continue with \$25.00 annual dues, second by Dave Hollands. No discussion, all in favor- motion passed. Larry will send out bills as he did last year.
- Mark Fetzer reports that Newbold will be hosting a Search & Rescue Training on 9/27 and 9/28.
 - a. Non-certified class
 - b. Will include both classroom and outdoor training, times 07:00 to 17:00
 - c. 15 from Newbold attending, others are invited! Maximum of approximately 40
 - d. \$100.00 registration fee for the two days includes LUNCH!
 - e. Contact Ken Korten Hof if interested, payments will be made to Newbold Fire
- Mark Fetzer reports that Newbold will also host a CAFS Seminar by Dominick Caletti on 10/25/14
 - a. \$60.00 registration fee (includes LUNCH) per student, contact Mark for more details
- Bart shared an event from Jim Hanson/Boulder Junction Fire
 - a. They are hosting a Strategies & Tactics for Residential Fires course on 10/25/14 from 08:00- 16:30 at their station
 - b. \$65.00 for the day (includes LUNCH)
 - c. Contact Jim Hanson at J.Hanson@townofboulderjunction.org for more information
 - d.
- Jason Goeldner reports that WTCS Fire Advisory Committee approved a "Letter of Equivalency"
 - a. This allows out of state credentials to be reviewed and recognized as valid if they meet criteria
 - b. Individuals will need to provide a portfolio for review to determine eligibility
 - c. In-state candidates may have other requirements to meet
- Jason Goeldner also shares a request from Carl Frisk- Dept. of Safety and Professional Services
 - a. Be sure Departments are appropriately reporting all incidents
 - b. Continue to maintain appropriate and up to date documentation of all inspections, required trainings, etc...
- Jason Goeldner also reports that Sugar Camp Fire has some extra boots, if you know of anyone in need, please contact him
- Dave Kirby requests feedback on how other departments are compensating Firefighters, his town clerk & treasurer are inquiring
 - a. Discussion about points system vs. per call, etc...
 - b. Discussion of how the Affordable Care Act affects town employees, tax ramifications, etc...
 - c. Suggest legal counsel to help determine right path

Set Next Meeting Location, Agenda Items and Date:

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm, Sugar Camp Fire will host

Adjourn: Motion by Wayne Kinnally, second by Doug Rehm. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 19:35.