

# Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Meeting

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 18:05 at the Stella Fire Department

**In Attendance:**

Bart Tegen (Stella Fire)	Jason Goeldner (Sugar Camp Fire)
Brian Hollands (Pelican)	Sherri Congleton (Oneida Dispatch)
Mark Fetzer (Newbold Fire)	Zane Hagstrom (WPS)
Brian Gehrig (Pine Lake Fire)	Dana Baumgartner (Nicolet College)
Phil Puestow (DNR/Nokomis Fire)	Dave Kirby (Three Lakes Fire)
Norm Peterson (Pelican Fire)	Tom Waydick (Rhineland Fire)
Pat Winger (Hazelhurst Fire)	Terri Hook (Oneida County Sheriff's Office)
Wayne Kinnally (Nokomis Fire)	Ken Kortenhof (Emergency Management)
Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner)	Doug Rehm (Lake Tomahawk Fire)
Steve Siefert (Newbold Fire)	Wayne Sparks (Pelican Lake Fire)
Lloyd Gauthier (Oneida Sheriff's Office)	Manny Oradea (DNR-Forester)

**Review and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:** Motion by Jason Goeldner, second by Waydick to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014. Motion Passed.

**Review and Approve Treasurer's Report:** Larry Mathein :

Treasurer's Report as follows:

Last Report All Accounts were:	\$1,608.33
Deposit :	\$450.00
Current balance:	\$2,058.78

Dues have been received- Sheriff's Dept., Emergency Mgmt., Pelican and Three Lakes outstanding

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

**Guest Speaker- John Grossman of the Red Cross**

- John presented information on some very important topics that the Red Cross is working on- always looking for support and volunteers
- Topics included the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign Executive Summary, Smoke Alarm Facts and the Pillowcase Project
- \*\* Encourage communities and areas to volunteer and become involved
- \*\* Don't hesitate to contact the Red Cross as early as possible for needs- that's what they do
- \*\* See attachments for details

## Committee Reports

**Communications/Dispatch:** Sherri Congleton

- Dates are set for backup pager tests. The last one should be 1/15/15- please designate only one person from each department to respond. Beyond that, tests will be done quarterly

**Sheriff's Department:** Lieutenant Lloyd Gauthier

- They are also shorthanded
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**Oneida County Dive Team:** Lieutenant of Detectives Terri Hook

- The dive team was down 3 members, however they just hired 2 new recruits
- They appreciate all of the support they receive, and do not hesitate to contact them- the sooner the better

**DNR: Phil Puestow**

- Pine Lake fire is willing to host the Intro to Wildland Firefighting course, Phil is looking for numbers of interested people- please contact him if you have members you would like to send
- 6 hour class, Tues/Thurs 3/10 and 3/12/15
- Will be offering a session for brand new firefighters March 10-12 6:30-9:30 pm. Phil will send out information
- Grant Deadline is fast approaching- 4/15/15. Please be sure these are all completed and submitted
- DNR has an interim grant manager- Jennifer Fireherm 608-266-1967
- Phil asked for input on refresher trainings- what do you want per department?

- Reminder that the website is updated daily at 11 am, so you can check daily on burning permits
- DNR will continue to email staffing plans and weather updates

**LEPC:** Ken Kortenhof

- Ken reports that Brian Gehrig will remain as the Chair of this committee, with Jason Goeldner as Vice-Chair
- Jason Goeldner will also remain HazMat Chief
- Recently attended Commodity flow study presentations- received a great deal of information on specifics of actual materials going through county.
- Ken asked if the Association would like to hear more of this info- group requests yes. Ken will attempt to get a presentation for association
- Their next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Nicolet College:** Dana Baumgartner

- Update on current classes being offered, both Fire and EMS
- Explanation of funding for HazMat Ops classes- 3 additional sections scheduled for this spring
- Will be holding a Learn thru Burn in Elcho on 3/14 and 3/21. Stay tuned for registration details
- Looking for feedback on what we can do to serve you better

**WPS:** Zane Hagstrom

- WPS will be rolling multiple units from down South when initially called, as they are working to train more units to relieve Fire Dept.'s at "Wire Down" scenes

**Oneida County Firefighters:** No one present to report. Asked if anyone had details about annual banquet- no one was aware of any arrangements

**Oneida County EMS:** Ken Kortenhof

- Two new ambulances are coming, 1 to HYMC, 1 to Med 4/Nokomis

**Emergency Management:** Ken Kortenhof

- Happy to announce that they are "fully staffed"

**MABAS:** Wayne Kinnally

- Seeking nominations for Vice President
- February meeting will be held in Minocqua
- Will discuss card updates and review what information should be included on them

**Recruitment Committee:** No Report

**Old Business:**

- Contact and email list sent around for updating. See attached.
- Jason Goeldner provided some follow up on the concerns of response behaviors between Fire/Police/EMS.
  - Asked for ideas and discussion on how we can all work together better.
  - Suggestion of having biannual meetings on Traffic Incident Management and safety topics
  - Discussion on Traffic Safety Trainings, review of previous 6 months
  - Reminder of need for additional equipment to be ready on highways for fatal accidents, etc...
    - \*D.O.T. has a trailer ready to go for this purpose (detour signs, equip, etc...)- contact Dispatch for these resources (County or State Hwy's only)
- Follow up on Standard Operating Guidelines for Search and Rescue
  - The County does not have SOG's on this, individual departments are responsible for creating their own
  - Oneida County Sheriff's Dept. will be in charge of these scenes. Terri states they are working to train their detectives, and will look to include possibly some chiefs or representatives in future trainings
  - Debriefings are not happening as frequently as they should- let's all work together to make this happen

**New Business:**

- Bart Tegen has Aladdin set up to do their SCBA Tank Recertification on 2/18/15. Please contact Bart, or them if you are interested in getting this done.715-732-0645
- Larry Mathein brought up the discussion that we all need additional training on what a meth lab may look like
  - Agreement that we all need additional training in this area to be safer, and more aware- Terri Hook will look into some additional training on this topic
- Wayne Kinnally brought up discussion of TIME training and how the secondary crashes can be worse than the initial
  - Watch DOT/for upcoming notices of trainings

- Lloyd Gauthier states that communication during these incidents is key, everyone has their role
  - Discussion on which common channels can be used between law and fire- this should be a command decision/discussion between law and fire on scene to be sure communications are continued
  - Discussion of Nate Ouimette and what a great job he does of maintaining communications/help/command- Kudo's to Nate!!
- Tom Waydick reminded all that they have scheduled HazMat physicals through Med Compass for March- Dana will email information to all if you are interested (mailed 2/3)
    - These physicals meet OSHA standards and are in NFPA compliance for your requirements

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

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 pm, Pine Lake Fire will host

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mathein, second by Hollands. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 19:47.