

# Oneida County Fire Chief's & Emergency Services Meeting

Wednesday, March 10th, 2016

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 18:00 at the Nokomis Fire Department

## In Attendance:

Mark Fetzer (Newbold)	Dave Kirby (Three Lakes)
Bart Tegen (Stella Fire)	Dana Baumgartner (Nicolet College)
Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner)	Sherri Congleton (Oneida Dispatch)
Brian Gehrig (Pine Lake Fire)	Ryan Larsen (Pine Lake)
Steve Siefert (Newbold)	Ricky Keller (DNR)
Tom Waydick (Rhineland Fire)	Doug Rehm (Lake Tomahawk)
Wayne Kinnally (Nokomis Fire)	Keven Mahner (Crescent)
Wayne Sparks (Pelican Lake)	Dan Tannah (WPS)
Robert Hutchison (Crescent)	

**Review and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:** Motion by Andy Beach, second by Tom Waydick to approve the Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion Passed.

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

Treasurer's Report as follows:

Last Report All Accounts were:	\$2,510.60
No Checks:	
Depost:	\$25.00 (dues)
Interest:	\$.00
Current balance:	\$2,535.60

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

## Committee Reports

### Communications/Dispatch: Sherri Congleton

- Still fully staffed
- Will be completing combined pager tests with Vilas County Dispatch on 4/21, 8/18 and 12/15/16 at 6:00pm each day.

### Oneida County EMS:

- No updates at this time

### Emergency Management: Sherri Congleton

- Statewide Tornado Drill will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 pm
- A Storm Spotter class will be held at the Law Enforcement Center on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 10:00am. Contact Dawn or Ken to register.
- Sherri states Ken has been doing follow up on evacuation planning discussions from last meeting

### Oneida County Dive Team: Sherri Congleton

- Sherri states Captain Hook did not have anything to report

### MABAS: Wayne Kinnally

- Updating of cards still moving slow
- Group has set April 1<sup>st</sup> as the date to get cards in service, hopefully all updates will be completed by then
- All current authorization cards are in with the exception of Cassian Fire
- Discussion on how to increase participation and completion
- Reminder to all departments to encourage your neighboring departments to complete their updates, as this affects everyone's responses
- Next meeting scheduled to be held at Cassian Fire on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 6:00pm drill, 6:30 pm meeting
- **The following departments have not yet submitted their card updates, please do so as soon as possible:**
  - Cassian
  - Crescent
  - Fire District Alpha
  - Hazelhurst

- Minocqua
- Willow Region
- Woodboro
- The following departments have submitted cards but need to make some corrections:
  - Monico
  - Pelican
  - Lake Tomahawk
  - Sugar Camp
  - Newbold
  - Three Lakes
  - Little Rice
  - Rhinelander

**DNR: John Gillan**

- John has a new position, now at the Sutliff Avenue center.
- Ricky Keller is now in Rhinelander
- The rest of the area are now backfilling openings- working to train staff to run command independently, will fill in the interim
- Several vacancies yet in Oneida County areas- several areas still uncovered. Woodruff Area 1, Heavy Rescue not filled yet. Retirement position of Phil Tyler is currently accepting applications, hope to have this one filled soon.
- Grant information- Phil had sent out details April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting paperwork from last year's grants.
- Information passed around regarding Private Demolition of old buildings in WI and requirements. Contact DNR with questions
- Spring Burning- new liabilities are more clearly noted on forms
- Emergency Fire Wardens still in place, but plan to get down to no more than 3 per county by 2020
- All fire towers have now been decommissioned as previously discussed. Increased use of aircraft to help early identification. Currently 1 plane in Rhinelander that flies 2 routes for detection. Next closest aircraft is in Peshtigo.
- Early Spring! Contact Ricky or Phil to set up your brief Wildland Refreshers! Reminder to get equipment checked and be aware of the changing weather
- DNR Forestry Contact Record also shared, and asked to be submitted as indicated. See Attached.

**LEPC: No Report**

- Next meeting will be in June

**Nicolet College: Dana Baumgartner**

- Reminder to all to renew not only personnel EMS licenses before June 30<sup>th</sup>, but also that all Operational Plan updates should be submitted to DHS along with Service License Renewals.
- Fire Officer I Certification class- new curriculum has been approved, will be available by summer for any future offerings. Will no longer be offering the Entry Level Fire Officer courses
- Request for feedback, questions, comments, concerns?

**WPS: Dan Tannah**

- Dan reports he is newer to this area, will be covering Eagle River East, Rhinelander and Tomahawk areas until June- unknown locations after that time. He has been a Hazelhurst Firefighter for 25 years.
- Coming in to storm season! Please watch for down wires, and avoid the dangerous situations
- Reminder, to please notify WPS of practice burns, to be sure the gas and electric have been disconnected
- Reminder- on structure fires- if there is natural gas present at the building, on a riser, that there are plastic pieces in those, and they will melt, so be cautious

**Old Business:**

- Contact list has been updated

**New Business:**

- Officer elections for this Association will be held in May. A nomination committee of Brian Gehrig and Andy Beach will work to appoint nominations.
- Brian Gehrig reports that on 3/24 at 6:00pm the Pine Lake Town Hall will host a training in conjunction with the Oneida County Drug Endangered Children's Team. This will be a 2.5 hour training, and focuses on safety in response. This is a FREE training open to Fire Department members and their spouses.
- Wayne Kinnally asked if anyone is having ladder testing done to please get in touch with him
- Question regarding information on the Firefighters Banquet this year- will it be happening? Andy Beach reports that Don Reichert has taken over lead of this group, and as they are in a state of flux, there will not be a banquet this year.

- Tom Waydick reports update on Sprinkler Certifications and Act 270. As of 2017, will have to be Certified Fire Inspector. They will accept old curriculum at this time, however must hold a State credential to do commissioning of new fire alarm and suppression systems.

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

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 that 6:00 pm, Nicolet College will host

**Adjourn:** Motion by Tom Waydick, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 18:51.