

Oneida County Fire Chief's
And
Emergency Services Association

Meeting was held on November 8, 2006 at White Stag

Review and approval of minutes: Motion made and 2nd to approve/
carried

Review and approve of treasure's report: \$330.67 in saving and \$56.75 in
checking accounts. Motion was made and 2nd to accept / carried

Committee/Organization Reports:

Communications: The dispatch center is getting switched around and the new radio counsels should installed and the project completed by November 20th. There was a lengthy discussion with several questions regarding the dispatching. There is an issue with dispatching sending out officers first to 10-50 not the fire departments or they will page out first responders not the fire department. They need to page out the Fire departments and then the officers. It was stated that this issue was discussed at the last communications meeting. If anyone has any questions or issues regarding dispatching center please contact Dan Hess or you may attend the communications meeting held every other month.

- **Sheriff's Department:** None
- **DNR:** None
- **Nicolet Collage:** None
- **WPS:** None
- **LEPC:** Signed contracts with Langlade, Vilas, Forest, and Lincoln for coverage for the Hazardous Materials Team. Key areas will be stocked with equipment to aid the HMT. If anyone will like to take a tour please contact Clearance or Ken for a tour of the equipment.
- **OCFFA:** The fire safety house and the tow vehicle is now up and running. The OCFFA banquet has been changed to March 10th, 2007. The request forms for how many tickets your department requires needs to be turned back in no later then January's meeting. The forms will go out by the end of this month. The stick that was used to open the vents in the fire safety house has been

removed and replaced with a ladder. There is a new check list that is being created and must be filled out when you check the Fire Safety House out or in. The awning was repaired by Custom Covers and Awnings in Arbor Vitae and all the parts and work was donated to the association. Both propane tanks were filled and cost donated by Amerigas. The next meeting is January 23rd 2007 at 7:00pm at the Haz Mat Building on County K Rhinelander.

- **EMS:** None
- **Emergency Management:** A MABAS exercise was held at the law enforcement center. We need to provide some directive as to where we will go next. All felt that there was a lot more work needed before we can implement the system. The dispatchers are not in favor of it. All felt it would be beneficial to get on box cards computerized. A motion was made and 2nd to that Oneida County Fire Chiefs proceed with the implementation of the MABAS System / carried.

Old Business:

Had a brief report from Bob Reimert on the Wisconsin State Firefighters Associations. Stated that the membership is very strong but if your department is not a member please contact them for information on how to apply. The dues are \$20.00 per year and that does provide each member with certain benefits. With a large membership, it provides for strong support in Madison when it comes to laws affecting fire departments. If anyone has any questions please contact them, names and numbers are in the magazine or web site (www.wi-state-firefighter.org)

- Talked about trying to get something together to send out to employers such as a Thank you for letting the employees respond to calls. Hope to have something together here within the next month or two.
- The DNR grants were sent to area departments. The money is out for communications like radios and pagers.
- There is an issue of some departments getting half pages or tones going off but no voice. Discussion followed about problems some departments are having with the Minitor IV pagers to see how they were having the problem fixed.

New Business:

Bruce Klinger from Pelican Fire talked about the RIT team meeting at Crescent Fire Department on November 28th at 7:30pm. Going to

develop the SOG's so that if your department wants to have members trained we are all on the same page county wide.

If your department would like help with fire prevention programs, Neal Morris has offered his help. He is a retired firefighter and has several programs already developed. He has in the past done these presentations in Vilas and Oneida County. He now has more time to devote to the program and is willing to help out in any way. His number is in the phone book.

The airport is developing an exercise to be held in 2007 at the Oneida County airport. Will keep everyone informed as more details become available.

If anyone will like to do any public service announcements and need assistance they can contact Dawn at Emergency Management.

The association had received a request for a donation of funds from Tammy Alfter regarding a Ken Blaszkewicz fund. This was tabled until Brian Gehrig or Dave Hollands can get more information.

Brian is going to contact Jeff Hoffman and Dan Hess to take a tour of the new dispatch center. We will hold our next meeting at the Law Enforcement Center January 10th, 2007 at 7:00pm, no dinner will be provided

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn / carried at 9:26pm

Tom White Secretary