

## ONEIDA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S AND EMEGENCY SERVICES ASSOCIATIONS

Meeting was held January 10, 2007 at Law Enforcement Center.

- ❖ **Review and approval of minutes:** Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve / carried.
- ❖ **Review and approval of treasure's report:** \$256.00 checking \$630.67 savings. Motion was and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve / carried
- ❖ **Committee / Organization Report:**
- ❖ ***Sheriff's Department:*** The dispatch center is back in their original location, There are some issues of pagers going off and there is no voice. Or the pagers not going off but will hear it on the radios. The dispatchers have used headsets and sometimes the batteries go dead and there is no way of knowing they are dead. If you have any questions regarding dispatching please contact Lt. Dan Hess.

LT Jim Wood did a briefing about the snowmobile trough ice /child drowning in Lake Tomahawk. Discussed starting a dive team here in Oneida County as the closest dive team is in Tomahawk. There were questions of where the funds are going to come from and getting members. Tomahawk Fire Department can assist in the training as well as getting some of the local dive shops involved.

It was stated there is cost in starting a dive team, maybe it would involve Divers from the communities around the area also. This could lower the cost somewhat. The Chiefs were asked to take this information back to their members to see if there is an interest within the Fire Departments. Will bring this back to the next meeting and discuss if we want to start a committee on this.

- ❖ ***Communications:*** There was a discussion regarding the paging procedures such as one page verses two pages. All in attendance stated The fire departments and 1<sup>st</sup> responders wanted the two pages. Kelly the head dispatcher will bring this up to the other dispatchers to page twice. Sometimes they might not able to do the two pages right away as they get a lot of 911 calls from an incident.

The dispatchers are still sending the time of calls to department faxes. Just let the dispatcher know if you want the time faxed to your department.

- ❖ **LEPC:** Meeting was today. Went thru and completed procedures related to the operation of the LEPC. Accepted two new members. The HAZMAT team now covers Oneida, Forest, Lincoln, Langlade and Vilas Counties. There is a satellite HAZMAT group trained in Three Lakes. We are placing equipment within the other counties to use by the tem in emergencies. Clearance Puza is the HAZMAT Chief.
- ❖ **Nicolet Collage:** Advisory Committee recommend doing SCBA training. If your department needs it please contact Lynn Larson. Lynn also asked if there was any interest in swift water rescue in the area as they have an opportunity to send instructors to a train the trainer class. All in attendance felt that it would be a good idea and several departments would request the training.
- ❖ **WPS:** Virgil asked, if the county has a plan for a pandemic (bird flu) outbreak. Ken stated the Oneida Co. Heath department has a plan and they had just recently completed a training exercise on that subject content. If more information is needed, contact Linda Conlin, she is the head of the Heath Department. There was a brief discussion regarding power outages. Just remember that the priority numbers that WPS provides to the Fire Departments is not for public use.
- ❖ **OCFA:** Still need to get the information sheets from back from departments about the banquet. We need to know how many are going to be at the dinner. Still set for March 10, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Express Rhinelander.
- ❖ **EMS:** Kevin was not at the meeting. The training defibs need to be reprogrammed.
- ❖ **Emergency Management:** There will be two weather spotter classes. The first one is at the Law Enforcement Center April 11, 2007 at 10:30am. The other one at Three Lake High School same date but at 6:00pm. The ICS class links are on the Emergency Management website if any of your members of your department need to take the class they can access it.

Ken talked about the MABAS A motion was made by Ken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan to start a committee, Committee members are Wayne, Herb, Terrie, and Ken. Any questions please feel free to contact any of the members.

- ❖ **Old Business:** RIT committee meeting will be held January 30 at Newbold Fire Department.
- ❖ **New Business:** Discussion followed regarding who is responsible for searching a school during a bomb threat. The sheriff department has personnel trained in that and all the Chiefs felt that they are not trained or equipped to perform a bomb search. They all felt they will assist if requested to provide the security around the area and to log vehicles coming and going.

Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn / carried at 8:56pm

- ❖ **Tours of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) by Ken Korten Hof and the New Communications Center by Dan Hess and Dispatchers were conducted.** It was a very informative tour and we thank all for taking the time to conduct them.

Next meeting March 14, 2007 @ 7:00 pm @ Nokomis Fire Department  
Come a little early and check out their new engine

Tom White Secretary.