

*ONEIDA COUNTY  
FIRE CHIEFS AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES ASSOCIATIONS*

Meeting Held  
Pine Lake Fire Department  
May, 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Introduced our 1<sup>st</sup> Guest speaker, Carol Lobquist from North Central Wisconsin K9 Search and Rescue. Carol explained how the search and rescue K9 unit works. They are on call 24/7 and a request for their service can be done via the Oneida County Sherriff Dispatch Center.

North Central Wisconsin K9 Search and Rescue has put in count less hours into training their dogs in rescue missions, Search and Rescue takes place in all kinds of weather conditions. The team has gone to calls as warm as over 90 and cold as -30 below. K9 Search and Rescue covers Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Price, Taylor, Oneida and Vilas Counties. If your department has a member wishing to join or have any questions regarding the K9 Search and Rescue please feel free to contact Carol @ 715-966-1444 or Linda Erickson @ 715-490-2255.

With the assistance from a few members of the Pelican Fire Department they put on a demonstration of their search and rescue capabilities. Despite heavy rain, thunder and lightning the dogs performed well and located the victims within a short period of time.

2<sup>nd</sup> Guest speaker was Sharon Thorpe RN from Aspirus Medevac. The Medevac has both a ground and air ambulance service with the helicopter being stationed at Wausau Airport. Sharon then introduced the chief pilot for Medevac Air.

He presented a slideshow which detailed the type of helicopter used and it's staffing of a pilot, 1 flight nurse, and 1 flight paramedic with the capacity to transport one patient. They can transport from any where within our area and are on call 24/7 and willing to fly (weather permitting) to a location as needed. Aspirus Medevac can provide assistance for search and rescue missions also. They also have night vision equipment to fly around the clock. He went on to explain the procedures for requesting the unit and some protocols for the landing zone and landing zone safety along with fire department responsibilities. When requesting the Medevac please provide GPS coordinates and communication with them will be on MARC 2

If your department is interested in training on landing zones, please feel free to contact Sharon and she can schedule training. Contact information is 715-847-2136 or e-mail [Sharonth@aspirus.org](mailto:Sharonth@aspirus.org)

Also present was Jim Grant with the US Forrest Service. Jim gave an overview of the fire equipment available for wild land fires. He went on to describe the two fire fighting equipped helicopters staged at Rhinelander –Oneida County Airport. Their main purpose is for fires in the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forest but if requested, can be utilized within our area. They can also provide support for search and rescue services. If interested in training for wildland fires you can contact Jim @ 362-1341.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the minutes as read with a correction the Jeff's last name is Freeze. Motion carried

**Treasure's Report:** Checking account. Balance of \$385.18- Savings \$1,685.11. Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasure's report as read. Motion Carried

**Communications:**

**Oneida County Dispatch:**

**DNR:**

**LAPC:** Will not meet until July

**Nicolet Collage:** There was no report from the above.

**Oneida County Sherriff Department:** Discussed if the department had replaced Phil Schmit, stated that Lloyd Gauthier was named to replace him.

**WPS:** Doing a command system for storms. So far there have been no complaints regarding the WPS dispatch. WPS requested that if possible to provide a pole number when a department calls into the Oneida County Dispatch. This information can speed up their response to your location. Reminder, do not to give out the Emergency number for Wisconsin Public Service to the generally public.

**OCFA:** Next Meeting will be July 28 at 7:00pm at the Red Cross office. The fire safety house will be there for training.

**EMS:** Medic 4 is now in operation and being staged at the Nokomis Fire Department. It will back up Medic 1 and Medic 5 when they are called out. They will go to a stand by location depending which unit is out on a call.

Discussion followed as to which frequency the ambulance should be page out on, EMR 1 or EMR 2, Ken stated we are going to operate as we are now as he is trying to get a wide band exception on EMR 2 and does not want to change frequencies until we get a determination from the FCC.

Discussed the pages with no voice coming from Minocqua Dispatch. Ken K said that they where working on the problem.

Discussed the use of the All Call, it was noted that during the last storm warning each department was paged individually. A question was raised if we want to do test pages for the All Call and if so when. Maybe doing it monthly or bi monthly. Ken K. stated he can do a All Call informational page for the Oneida County Firefighters meeting. We will try that to see how it works.

**Emergency Management:** Ken K. passed out a Media fax sheet containing phone numbers for all local media outlets. Should be used if doing a press release or just informational purposes to the media. "Media fax number enclosed.

Discussion followed if any department with medical response have done mask training for the swine flu. Rhinelander is willing to do training for this or possibly via the collage.

**MABAS:** Need to get the cards into to Ken K ASAP so they can get into the system. Will need to set up a meeting to finalize the cards.

**Old Business:** Nothing

**New Business:** The DNR fire grants need to be in by July 1, 2009.

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2009 at the Northwood's Golf Course by the Crescent Fire Department.

Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Tom  
Secretary

#### Media Fax Numbers

RDN	365-6367
North Star Jour	369-4859
New Radio Group. (WHDG, WRHN, WOBT, WMQA, WLKO)	362-1973

Channel 12 NBC WJFW	365-8810
WCYC Coyote 93	369-9475
WXPR	362-6007
TL News	715-479-6245
WRJO	715-479-6511
Tomahawk Ldr	453-1865
Lake Land Times	715-358-2121
2-1-1 (Fax All news Releases)	361-2892
211 after HRS	262-547-1609