

***Oneida County Fire Chiefs
November 11, 2009***

Meeting called to order @ 2040

Minutes from last meeting M/ Ed Tadych 2nd Doug Rehm M/C

Treasurers Report

\$1,685.11 in savings
\$ 385.18 in checking account

There was an error in the dues invoice that went out. Dues are \$25.00 for the year and not \$50.00. If your department has paid \$50.00, we will reimburse you for half.

Committee Reports

Dispatch problems – People in the Tomahawk area are not receiving pages. This has been an ongoing issue since the new radio system was put in place. This particularly affects departments in the Western part of the county who have members working in the Tomahawk area. The departments have tried pager amplifiers with little or no success.

Some departments are still not receiving faxes from dispatch with their times.

Automatic mutual aid is not always being dispatched as set up. Any fire within the confines of a building should be considered a structure fire and the appropriate mutual aid paged. Dave will follow up on these problems with Ken and Dan Hess.

Sheriff

Nothing to report

Department of Natural Resources

Nothing to report

L.E.P.C.

The next meeting is January 13th 2010. Nothing else to report at this time.

Nicolet College

After discussion with the Fire Advisory Board, the college wants to add a voluntary additional 6 or 8 hours to the end of each module of Entry Level Firefighter. The present 30 hour class currently does not have enough practical time for new students to become proficient. This additional segment would be voluntary and paid for by the department

with the cost in the neighborhood of \$20.00. Many of the students have asked for more practical time and until such time as the State adjusts their funding for the class, this is the best alternative.

There was also talk of having a skills night once a month at the college. The thought was a department could send 2 or 3 firefighters for a three hour class on basic skills. Some suggestions were hose streams, ladders, ventilation, etc. This skills night would be done by pre-registration so everyone would know ahead of time whether the class will be held or cancelled due to attendance. This will start after the first of the year, possibly as soon as February.

Also discussed was the idea to schedule ELF classes for the whole year so each department would know ahead of time when and where a class will be held. This will hopefully aid in figuring out when would be the best time to send your new members at the closest location.

The college is working on designing a website for fire training. In the future this will allow us to keep up to date on any training in the area.

The college has two new classes available; Traffic Control and Scene Management and Hybrid Electric Vehicles: First Responder Safety Training. Both classes are ready to go, and if your department is interested, let Lynn know. If the Hybrid vehicle class is held at the college, they will arrange to have a sample car there for viewing.

Wisconsin Public Service

Nothing to report

Oneida County Firefighters Association

Nothing to report

Oneida County Ambulance

Nothing to report

Emergency Management

There will be an ICS 300 class in Rhinelander January 13th and 14th with the location to be announced. The class will run 8:00 to 4:30 PM.

There will be a public safety meeting December 9th at the Law Enforcement Center. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and all Chiefs are encouraged to attend or send a representative. Things to be covered are;

The upcoming narrow banding plan

The new E-sponder System
ICS training
M.A.B.A.S.

Northway currently has a sale going on for Motorola Minitor 5 pagers. They are priced at \$317.00 for a stored voice, single channel pager. They also have dual channel pagers on sale; give Ken a call if you need more information.

M.A.B.A.S.

There will now be a MABAS meeting on the second Wednesday of the even months opposite the Chiefs meeting. We need to discuss items such as implementing the IFERN frequency and setting a timeline to get things done and our division up and running. We have fallen behind and need to get back on track soon. More information will follow as to times and location.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Tom Waydick talked about Christmas trees in public buildings. This is currently up to the fire chief whether to allow or not. They are allowed if all rules are followed. This applies to all natural cut vegetation including wreaths, pine roping, etc. You can also dictate when these items shall be removed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 13th. Location to be determined. If interested in hosting or if you have an idea of a location, please let Brian or Dave know.

Meeting adjourned M/ Larry Mathien 2nd/ Doug Rehm M/C