

Oneida County Fire Chief  
And  
Emergency Association  
Meeting held September 8, 2010

Representatives from Aspirus Medevac, ground and air transportation were at the meeting. They talked about landing zones and getting pre determined landing zones set up and recorded. They passed out a binder that the helicopter carries containing landing zone coordinates and information about the LZ and any special hazards that may exist. It showed an entire counties different LZ with pictures of the zone and all pertinent information of that zone. They were looking to see in Oneida county had anything put together similar to that. We stated that we have a lot of the information already but not compiled in a book for the entire county.

They also covered some of the criteria to consider when calling for an air flight. When requesting the helicopter weather does take part in the flight. There must be a 3 mile visibility and the cloud ceilings must be more than 1000 feet, it takes time to prepare and lift off the ground so the more notice you can give them the sooner they can respond.

If the helicopter is requested and not utilized there is no charge for that service. They passed out contact information and stated that if a department was interested in doing some training to give them a call.

If interested contact Jason or Sharon at 715-574-3769

The meeting was called to order

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** See attached

**Dispatch:** Discussion followed regarding the range of the Nokomis repeater to south and west. Stated that the Tomahawk area has poor reception and that is where several of the fire department members work during the day. Dan Hess and Ken K. stated they will look at that area, and if funds are available add a different antenna.

Discussion followed on the use of the fire ground channels and dispatch was asked if they keep track of which channel a department had switched to. Dispatched stated that they did not record that information. Discussed if dispatch should assign channels and all felt that should be left up to the IC, but requested dispatch keep track of the channels. The reason is if there are two separate incidents at the same time in close proximity to one another, there could be radio interference.

When communicating with a helicopter, once one has been requested, the communications will be conducted on MARC 2. There was an incident where the helicopter was called to a scene and the fire dept experienced communications problem.

Doug Rehm stated that if there is a 1st responder call in Lake Tomahawk his department can be requested to provide lifting assistance if required. Doug did state that there have been calls where Medic 4 was requested to help for lifting. He did state he has several members trained in 1<sup>st</sup> aid and can be used if needed.

**Sheriff Department:** Nothing to report.

**DNR:** Nothing to report.

**LAPC:** Last meeting was held in June 9, 2010. Reviewed the Hazmat Team membership and LEPC bylaws. The Hazmat membership is strong. The next meeting will be in January.  
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**Nicolet College:** Nothing to report.

**Wisconsin Public Service:** Nothing to report.

**OCFA:** Next meeting October 26, 2010 at 7:00 AM at the Red Cross office in Rhinelander. Scott is going to be sending out questionnaires to all the departments for any ideals for the Association and to try to get more members to attend the meetings.

The Association will be sending information regarding the Association meetings out via US mail as there have been issues regarding not receiving e-mails correctly.

**EMS:** Rhinelander Fire Dept. has started their ambulance service. They can respond outside the city limits if requested due to all other County Units being on a call or outside their service area. Rhinelander ambulance will not take calls if Medic four is available. Their priority is within the city and do not want to step on any toes.

Currently Rhinelander ambulance has nine paramedics on staff. If you have any questions regarding Rhinelander ambulance service please contact Terry Williams or Tom Waydick at Rhinelander Fire Department.

**Emergency Management:** ICS training needs 20 people to hold a class. The last class was canceled due to low registration. If your dept is interested in a class contact Ken K.

The airport training exercise went very well. The fire training simulator experienced some issues and was not working as expected. The reimbursement checks for departments that participated in the drill will be mailed in about a month.

**MABAS:** Training for Dispatchers will be held September 15, 2010 at the law enforcement center. Need to get 6-8 people with radios for this training to run through some test scenarios.

Next MABAS meeting will be October 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Pelican Fire Department. Plans are to go live after that meeting.

Wayne Kinnally went to the annual meeting where they did a MABAS exercise around the Chicago area. He was impressed on how well the training went and how much equipment and manpower was assembled in a short period of time. If you have any questions or would like to do any training regard MABAS please feel free to contact Wayne.

**Old Business:** As a reminder Little Rice Fire Department has their canteen unit available (ESU) if your department needs them. Please call Dispatch and have them paged if you need them. There is no cost to the departments; however some departments have made donations back to Little Rice FD for its use.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

The next meeting is November 10, 2010 Holiday Acers @ 7:00 pm

Motion made and second to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried.