

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Adrian Bush at 1900 hrs with 19 members present.

Members present: Adrian Bush, Richard Coller, Tom Popham, Bob White, Frank Burns, Jim Lowery, Vinny Ferry, Marty Hassett, Jerome Wilson, Robert Kerr, Augie Weiss, Jon Putney, Jeff Hammond, Bob Crowe, Joe Finnegan, Scott McRobbie, Ron Streeter, George Brouse.

Excused: Eric Morrow, Jim Houmiel, Craig Laplante

Chairman Bush Introduced Guest, Scott Edkin and Machenzie Jewell from OFPC/DHSOC Copy of minutes from the October meeting was presented for discussion, no discussion. M/M by Tom Popham, 2nd Bob Crowe to accept the minutes, motion carried.

Chairman Bush turned floor over to Director Hassett for updates relating to his office. He mentioned the passing of Frank Martin, flowers were sent. He also stated Brian Sullivan is the new Car # 8, replacing James Sullivan. Director Hassett briefed on the hiring of 3 part time dispatcher positions, and upgrade to the 911 CAD system. The county budget was discussed. John Putney mentioned more tough decision to come, use of tax cap and fund balance

Director Hassett spoke on the county response deployments to Broome county during the flooding. He referred to concerns with use of resources, staging, pre-positioning of resources. He stated these types of events do not happen often enough for everyone to be good at it. He mentioned more state level after action meetings to come.

Director Hassett briefed on training hours, low enrollment numbers, cancelation of classes. He asked Bob Kerr, Deputy Coordinator for training to comment. Bob stated 7 classes were cancelled so far in 2011. Need for Chiefs to get involved. He asked for feedback in how to fix the problem and for improvements going into 2012.

Scott Edkin- OFPC briefed on his status. He stated he was being moved to another area of the state and that Machenzie Jewell will be his replacement. Director Hassett thanked Scott for his outstanding support to the county training program.

Frank Burns asked about the narrow band radio status in the county. Is there funding for reprogramming of equipment etc. Bob Crowe Deputy Coordinator for Communications briefed on the status. He stated the changeover would require special attention. Work under way to address the problem with Wells Communications. Departments are on their own as far as purchasing needed radios, pagers. Communication failure drill mentioned. He also mentioned some extra non-repeater frequencies would be available.

Bob Kerr was asked about items going on at the training center and the status of fund raising for the new live burn building. He stated some upgrades to the center included, air conditioning in the classroom, new moveable partitions in the smoke building and painting of the classroom building. Fund raising committee is doing well. No much support from the local fire departments but some good support from the local business, credit unions.

Chairman Bush mentioned meeting with the EMS Advisory Board would be held in Feb.

M/M by Joe Finnegan 2nd by Chairman Bush to dedicate a page of the December meeting minutes in memory of Jim Sullivan and Frank Martin. Motion carried.

Page # 1 dedicated in honor of Jim Sullivan and Frank Martin.

Chairman Bush asked for any other “Good of the Order” business. No other business.

M/M by Joe Finnegan, 2nd by Vinny Ferry to adjourn 19:45 hrs

Respectfully Submitted

Robert E. Kerr