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Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 23, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bush at 19:02 with 18 members present.

Present were Craig LaPlante, Gary Lutz, Kit Smith, Jon Putney, Scott McRobbie, George Brouse, Ron Streeter, Robert Kerr, Jeff Hammond, Joe Finnegan, Joe Gallagher, Adrian Bush, Tom Popham, Marty Hassett, Bob White, Frank Burns, Dale Gardner, and Bob Crowe.

Excused were Eric Morrow, Jim Lowery, Steve Badlam, Dan Basford, Jerry Wilson, and Jim Houmiel.

Chairman Bush welcomed new member George Brouse and all other members introduced themselves.

M/M by Joe Finnegan to accept the minutes from the April meeting, 2nd by Joe Gallagher, carried.

Director Hassett: An update as to what is happening with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility by Dale Gardner, there has been a lot of work being done such as the compressor is up and running, the pond has been drained, cleaned and is being refilled.

The smoke building has been totally renovated, purchased a new smoke machine, AC has been installed in the Education Building, removed the old car props and have new ones installed (propane operated), installed a cold water system to the Education Building.

Massena Fire is working on a porch for Instructors to use for the roof operations training. Two new door props have been installed; Gouverneur Fire is working to install lights for this.

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There was discussion on what to have put on the sign. It was decided to have St Lawrence County Fire Training Facility Inc. Dedicated to George E. Briggs. The land has been surveyed and is done; we are waiting for the Lawyers to finish the paperwork.

The ICS Board has been upgraded. We are looking for a new Burn Building. There will be a meeting with the SLC Fire Chiefs and the Fire Instructors to look for ideas, there are 2 designs in the running and the price is a factor, and there will be a report back next meeting, the committee will be looking at the neighboring facilities.

Training: We had to reschedule a FF1 Course in Morristown. Everyone is encouraged to check the County web site to look for training courses, dates and locations.

Also you can check on the DEC Part 217 for Open Burning regulations.

There is 1200 hours of Training which has been scheduled out. Everyone is reminded that the training penalty is in effect, so if anyone signs up for training and can not make and they do not call to remove themselves there will be a charge back to their department.

Accountability Tags: They are being done and departments need to call the office to set up a schedule to get them done.

County Fiscal Crisis: There is a possibility of Budget cuts for the Emergency Services office on July 1, 2011. Marty will keep everyone informed.

We have applied for a \$2.1 Million Grant which is a part of the Cell Surcharge for the 911 Center.

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Also we have applied for a Homeland Security Grant which some of this if granted will be used for new Hardware and Software for the 911 center.

There was discussion on the other entities associated with Emergency Services from Director Hassett such as the Fire Investigation Team, Dive Team, Haz-Mat Team and where the funding for these comes from. The Dive Team is a stand alone team and members are covered by their home department's insurance, as is the Fire Police. The Fire Police need to be requested.

There was discussion on reimbursement costs for the Haz-Mat Team and local departments may have to cover some of these. We will also look for ways to recoup some of the costs from the incident or owner of the product, such as the company.

A question was brought up about an Air Ambulance (Helicopter Service). Director Hassett will be attending a meeting on Tuesday, June 28th. Craig LaPlante has asked as to what we need to do as a Board to help support this and is willing to work on this with Director Hassett. Director Hassett will let us know what will be needed to help support this.

Good of the Order: There is no new business.

Our next meeting will be on August 17, 2011.

At this time there is no more business ,M/M by Frank Burns to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Hammond, meeting adjourned at 20:17?

Respectfully submitted

Craig LaPlante

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