



## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

*48 Court Street Canton, New York 13617-1169*

### **St Lawrence County Joint Fire/EMS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 27, 2014.**

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 by FAB Chairman Joe Finnegan, with 28 members present.

Present were: Craig LaPlante, Craig Ballard, Augie Weiss, Bob White, George Brouse, Jeff Hammond, Lonnie Scott, Kevin Crosby, Gary Lutz, Vinney Ferry, Adrian Bush, Robert Kerr, Rick Coller, Jim Lowery, Joe Gallagher, Joe Finnegan, Chris Adams, Dan Parker, Storm Cilley, Mike Farrell, Ann Smith, Bob Crowe, Jim Bunstone BOL, Kevin Wells Sheriff, Jim Chestnut Emergency Services, and Director Michael LeCuyer.

Excused were: Jean McLear, Curt Newtown, Frank Burns, Ron Streeter, and Tom Popham.

Thank you to the EMS Advisory Board for joining and helping with the selection of the new Director. Introduced the new Director Michael LeCuyer. Also welcomed Sheriff Kevin Wells for attending this meeting.

Minutes from the June 12, 2013 meeting were read, M/M by Bob White to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Augie Weiss, carried.

A letter from Jim Bunstone about TIPS, there is Funding for some Training on Drug Intervention Procedures.

The new Training schedule is out, we have about 350 hrs left thru March 3, 2014. We are trying to use these hours up rather than give them back.

There is one change, the FF/EMS OSHA class has been changed to Norfolk.

The Courses have been laid out thru June 7, 2014 and will be announced in April.

Not much news on the Training Facility at this time, we are still working with the State on Funding and Grants.

Also we are working on Engineering plans. The Burn Annex is done and we have used it , SOP's/SOG's are in the process of being developed for this.

James Chestnut spoke on the Spillman system, we are still working on it, along with working on the Interoperability grant. This system will go live on March 3, 2014. There is still some training that needs to be done. We are still looking for Points of Interest to enter into the system.

Dispatch is short staffed and permission has been asked to hire two part time Dispatchers.

There are Chiefs that are signing off on students Training requirements that are not ready for the training, they need to be more cautious of this.

There is training available at the State Fire Academy if anyone is interested.

We also need to keep up on sending in BFIRs to keep up our training hours.

Haz-Mat Team, this issue is still in the Lawyers hands for an approved contract.

Introduced Dan Parker, County Legislator.

Chris Adams EMS Advisory Board; REMAS, this program may be cut in the 2015 Budget.

The FAB and EMS Board will draft a joint letter to the State to keep this funding available in the State Budget.

Drugs on ALS Rigs; Starting May 1 2015 any ALS rig needs to apply and have the License to carry Narcotics, if they do not have this the REMAC will remove them from the ALS class and downgrade them to BLS.

Chemical Suicide Training, we would like to see this continue in the County. Haz-Mat/ First Responder EMS are required to have this training.

There is a possibility of losing the Rotor Aircraft in Potsdam, it will be replaced with a Fixed Wing Craft, there will be more information on this in June.

At this time there is no more business, M/M by Bob Crowe to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Lutz, meeting adjourned at 20:55.

Respectively submitted

Craig LaPlante