

1900 hrs Meeting was called to order by Chairman Finnegan.

Members attending: Joe Finnegan, Mike Lecuyer, Robert Kerr, Vinney Ferry, Scott McRobbie, Jerry Wilson, Augie Weiss, Bob White, George Brouse, Ron Streeter, Jim Lowery, Mike Farrell, Tom Popham, Kevin Crosby, Bob Crowe.

Excused Absence: Lonny Scott, Gary Lutz, Joe Gallagher, Craig Laplante, Adrian Bush.

No secretary report as Craig Laplante was absent.

Chairman Finnegan recognized Director Mike Lecuyer who reported on the new communications survey and the Blue Wing group. He stated that many fire/ems agencies have not responded to the survey request (17).

He also spoke about a new call taking system for 911, Includes new trunk lines being installed by Verizon. Intrado (VIPER) cutover date will be November 12.

He advised that Scott Edkin was no longer our state Fire Protection Specialist, he has been re-assigned. Jeff Burkhart is now the new FPS.

Director Lecuyer also spoke on dispatch issues, turnover rates, a new QA/QI system from Priority Dispatch. System will improve dispatcher performance as they will be working to a standard of performance. He also said new people will be coming on board and trained. He mentioned the sheriff's dispatcher position possibly going back under the control to the sheriff. Expect more to come as personnel and changes come about. The issue of state police leaving the dispatch was discussed briefly. Bob White asked why would St Law Co want to take on the 911 calls from the state police. Director Lecuyer stated because of the service to the people of St Law Co.

Chairman Finnegan asked about use of cross streets on the new cad system. Director Lecuyer said there are still problems. Bob White stated we need consistency among all dispatchers regarding the use of cross streets.

BFIR status for 2013 was at 100%. For 2014 numbers are not clear yet. Reminders will be sent out. Let the office know if problems with the system. A new Information Liaison Program (ILO) is in the works. It relates to terrorism, See Something! Say Something! Craig Laplante POC.

Tom Popham asked about the county hazmat team status. Chief Farrell Ogdensburg Fire Dept. briefed the group saying trailers are being checked. The issue of workman's compensation and members of the team was discussed.

Bob White asked if there are issues with dispatch as tones, voice portions of pages have been missing. Director stated he would investigate further but needed info from the field regarding the matter.

Chairman Finnegan asked about the use of pagers verses the use of active 911 or other cell phone apps. It was noted some active 911 messages have more information than others. Director Lecuyer stated the information from the CAD is sent out automatically to active 911 system.

Bob Kerr spoke on the county training center and the Sept 20th 2014 grand opening. On the training calendar it was noted a Haz Mat Operations class was coming Nov 3, 6, 10, 12 at the center. New FF1 course changes were discussed, to include the need to buy new books for students use. It was agreed to have another Chiefs Summit and ask the new FPS Jeff Burkhart to attend and provide the group with information on the changes. To be announced.

Bob White brought up the issue of Lawrenceville, N Lawrence and Nicholville fire depts. not getting funding from the town board. Work is under way to merge into one dept by 2016 implementation.

Ron Streeter raised the issue of Fire Police from Franklin County being disbanded, and is St Law Co Fire Police affected. It was noted St Law Co is has a different setup.

Chief Farrell asked about depts. compliance with the Rope Self Rescue systems, both the self assessments and equipments purchases. He stated he attended a PESH class in Watertown on it. Discussion followed.

Kevin Crosby asked about how many members were supposed to be on the FAB. Chairman Finnegan said 21. Kevin stated not many come to the meetings, are there bylaws that identify attendance requirements etc. Director Lecuyer said yes and that options are available to address the issue. He said he would review attendance records and send letters out to FAB members not attending meetings for an extended amount of time.

Director Lecuyer mentioned he has approached the county board of legislators regarding the hiring of a Deputy Director. He stated there is definitely a need. Chairman Finnegan asked if the FAB would be in favor of sending a letter to the board of legislators on the matter. M/M by Ron Streeter, 2nd Jerry Wilson to send a letter of support. All in favor.

Next Meeting set for December 18th.

2040 hrs M/M Bob Crowe 2nd Augie Weiss to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Robert E. Kerr Acting Secretary.