

## FAB Minutes

February 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 19:01 hours in the meeting room of the EOC. We started by introducing all attendees. The Director announced that our new legislative representative Larry Denesha had another meeting and could not attend. Mike gave us the number of calls received by the dispatchers for the month of January. He then outlined the training planned for the next few months. These included BEFO, FF 1, Fire Officer 1 and FF 2.

### Old Business

We then discussed the planned fire fighter rehab issue and the progress to date. The SOG's are in draft form and being developed. After a discussion of various approaches, the group felt that it should be done on a district level due to the diversity of different areas. Mike pointed out those personnel records such as physicals, SCBA training and similar information must be maintained in order to qualify for fire fighter benefits in case of injury or death.

The communications construction project is on hold due to the winter weather and work will be resumed as soon as weather permits. Massena and Ogdensburg towers are up and should be on line by May or June. Kimball and White Hill should also be completed this year.

NYSP Dispatchers will be out of the County PSAP by April 6, 2017. They will have a person here until midnight April 5. Mike is working on getting more help to take on the added load. We should all let our people know that there is possible opportunity for dispatch jobs in the near future. The Director is also talking to local PD's about picking up more dispatch duties for parts of some days. He mentioned some changes that must occur when the SP leaves. Mike is planning a chief's summit meeting for the last week of April. A question has come up about the use of the all call system to alert outside agencies when ambulances are not available. Mike explained that this is done only when other solutions are exhausted and it is needed. Bob Crowe suggested that we initiate a new frequency for EMS all call. Mike said this could be done and the group supported the idea.

### Deputy Coordinators

Car 4 (Jeff) has a district meeting coming up March 9.

Car 10 (Kevin) called attention to a table top exercise for gas, electric and other agencies is being planned.

Car 5 (Lonny) has a district meeting April 9.

The dinner honoring Bob Kerr as fire fighter of the year will be held May 6 at Norfolk.

As hospitals have to conduct a mass casualty drill, one is being scheduled for June 1. It will be a 100 casualty incident of an air crash. Mike pointed out the difficulty of tying up every ambulance in the county. He is communicating with organizers to solve the problem.

Next meeting April 20.