

St Law Co Fire Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/16/2023

Members attending: Joe Finnegan, Bob Kerr, Larry Denesha, John Mitchell, Mark Bradish, Chief Ken Stuhl, Rick Russaw, Larry Whitton, John Lashomb, Eric Johnson, Kevin Crosby, Vinney Ferry, George Massarotti.

Members Excused: Bob Crowe

7 PM. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Finnegan

Chairman Finnegan asked if there were any questions or concerns with the December secretary report. No questions or comments. M/M Eric Johnson 2nd J Lashomb to accept, Carried

Legislative Update:

Larry Denesha reported on Cantons large Solar farm (1700 acres) Local planning board dealing with it along with issues associated with battery storage, concerns with safety.

Larry mentioned the states \$270 billion 2023 budget and the distribution of money to counties for Medicare and Medicaid. State owes money to counties in order to meet local cost of \$3.8 million.

Lastly Larry mentioned efforts in Albany to provide funding for volunteers to receive \$1,000 if they complete BEFO, IFO, F/O classes. Money to go to members not their department. More to come on the matter.

Directors Update:

Matt Denner was not at the mtg. Deputy Director J. Mitchell was present and reported on the new Command Vehicle being purchased. Expect delivery by end of March.

Communications project moving along, meeting next week to discuss status. A brief discussion on purchasing new radios using the counties contract took place. George Massarotti mentioned a vendor who was selling used rebuilt radios that match requirements for our radios at a fraction of the cost of new. (Sunny Communications)

Relocation of dispatch to the 2nd floor is underway, expect completion early 2024. Dispatch is short 3 positions.

It was asked how the county departments were doing with NFIR reporting. J Mitchell stated only 2 departments not reporting 100%.

State Fire Protection Specialist

George Massarrotti was in attendance and reported on changes coming to the state's special operations, services are getting split. Haz Mat, Technical Rescue etc.

He reported on Classes getting updates or revisions, Aerial, VROL, Engine Company.

There will be a 4 hr class for decon/cancer prevention coming as a regional approach. Also a 6 hr Modern Fire Behavior class is in the works.

New Business:

Mark Bradish asked about dispatch doing a better job giving cross streets when dispatching calls. He stated it is hard to find locations without cross streets.

J Mitchell reported on using different colored ID Tags for Jr firefighters.

J Mitchell mentioned a class for new chiefs covering strictly administrative subjects would be a good idea. Consensus was that would be a good idea.

Old Business:

Joe Finnegan asked about the question of using Incident Time Clocks. Matter was from last months meeting. J Mitchell shared sample SOPs from other counties who use the time clock concept. It was thought best to have a committee work on this and report back. Tom Conklin, Ken Stuhl and Rick Rusaw will form the committee.

Bob Kerr asked about the LODD SOP that was discussed a few meetings ago. It was agreed it would be a good to have something to follow should it be needed. Joe Finnegan mentioned Bob Crowe was already working the matter. George Massarrotti mentioned the states procedures and he would share such. He strongly suggested the FPS needs to be called ASAP if this were to happen. More to come on the SOP once all parties get together and work on it.

Training: J Finnegan said another Youth in the Fire Service Day was being planned. Date of possible July 28, or August 26th. Bob Kerr has the lead on it.

Training Center: Bob Kerr stated things were in winter mode. No issues, some training has been conducted. Most recently the NFPA 1403 Standard update. 15 people attended the 4 hr class.

Investigation Team: J Mitchell reported 1 new member was certified on the team with 1 more taking the class.

Water/Dive Team: J Mitchell reported Parishville held a live training class. It was well attended and good training. It was noted a better job of getting the word out is needed as some departments would have liked to attend had they knew about it in advance.

Haz Mat Team: J Mitchell reported trailers are stored in Massena. There was a breakdown recently with a trailer. Currently 6-7 hazmat technicians on the team.

2025 Hrs for the good of the order no other business conducted
M/M to adjourn B. Kerr 2nd M Bradish Carried.