

St Law Co Fire Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/20/2023

Members attending: Joe Finnegan, Bob Kerr, Larry Denesha, Matt Denner, John Mitchell, Mark Bradish, Chief Ken Stull, Rick Russaw, Larry Whitton, John Lashomb, Eric Johnson, Vinney Ferry, Art Howie, Chris Valez, Scott McRobbie, Steve Wilson

Members Excused: Bob Crowe, Chris Sherwin, Mark Bomyea

7 PM. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Finnegan

Chairman Finnegan asked if there were any questions or concerns with the February secretary report. No questions or comments. M/M Mark Bradish 2nd Vinney Ferry to accept, Carried

Legislative Update:

Larry Denesha read thank you letter that was sent to Don Mc Carty thanking him for his service on FAB. Larry followed with discussion regarding the states new Real Property Tax Credit. Copies of the law was passed out. Items of concern for this new law was it does not cover people who rent, non-property owners. Maybe it would be better to provide income credits instead of property tax credits. Another concern is fire department members who are in bad standing or lack necessary training and should they be eligible for any property tax credit. This new bill will have impact on local, county governments, as it would reduce tax revenue.

Active 911 vs I am Responding paging survey results were discussed. The survey indicated the majority wanted to use I am Resending. At a previous FAB mtg it was asked if the county would pay the cost for all county departments. Larry said yes. The county was willing to pay for a 5 yr contract at a cost \$120k for the I am Responding system. Matt Denner said I am Responding has a lot of features including fire incident reporting (BFIRS) mapping and would include all members of a department.

M/M Eric Johnson 2nd Art Howie the FAB support the county adopts using I am Responding, Carried.

Directors Update:

Fire, EMS, Police Calls date emailed earlier.

Matt Denner reported Newton Falls FD has dissolved and Star Lake will be providing coverage.

County wide fire reporting is good overall, 2 depts not reporting Dekalb and Pierce Field.

Communications project moving forward. Some problems with dispatch being in Massena. Massena FD and Gouverneur FD having difficulty hearing dispatch.

Bids are out for the dispatch relocation project. Some hurdles to overcome.

New Business:

New Command Vehicle demonstration was held prior to the meeting.

Mark Bradish asked if other Departments had received another letter from JAVA. He questioned the legality of the FOIL Request.

Chairman Finnegan mentioned he had some interest by several FAB board members to change meeting start time to 6 pm. Majority of members present approved changing the time from 7 pm to 6 pm.

Larry Denesha mentioned the passing of Dick Rickwire from Parrishville. Dick was a former Dive Team member. FAB meetings to be held at the county Human Resources building until further notice.

Old Business:

Chairman Finnegan mentioned Jayce from the office found a bunch of FAB record, minutes etc and wanted to know what to do with them. Discussion followed; no action taken. He also asked about who the company was for buying reconditioned portable radios as mentioned by George Massarotti last meeting. Company is Sonny's

Matt Denner was asked about a Technical Rescue team. He said the idea is gathering steam. Resources and training discussed. Kevin Durant might possibly take the lead on the team.

Training: Bob Crowe was not at the meeting to give an update. Matt Denner said a BEFO is running. The IFO class that was advertised was canceled due to a lack of interest. A reminder that the training survey is now on line.

Training Center:

Bob Kerr reported the sheriffs dept and police academy have been using the facility. Alcoa training coming up May 2 and 4. Bob said he had a couple projects for the summer i.e painting the classroom building, repair a small section of the roadway.

Youth N The Fire Service Event is planned for August 26. Planning meeting next week.

Motor Cycle fund raiser being held July 28. Funds to be donated to the training center.

Investigation Team:

Matt Denner. For 2023 18 reports completed. 9 Investigations. Looking at a new software program for doing investigation reports.

Water/Dive Team: Matt Denner reported air boat quotes are going out. ARPA funds possible source for the \$260K boat. Move training coming this summer.

Haz Mat Team:

Matt Denner reported there were 3 calls this yr. Team is progressing with training. Flare kit training July 7 & 8.

2030 Hrs for the good of the order no other business conducted
M/M to adjourn Mark Bradish 2nd Ken Stull Carried.