

# *Minutes of the St. Clair/Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association*

## *March 24, 2016*

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Saunders.

President Saunders thanked Sentinal Emergency Solutions for hosting the meeting.

President Saunders introduced Pam Budke with C.H.A.M.P. Assistance Dogs. The organization provides assistance dogs to persons with disabilities. They also provide therapy dogs to offer assistance to those who need it, and they are working in areas where people have lost their house to fire as well as stress debriefings for first responders.

The meeting was recessed dinner at 7:22 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:51 pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$14,282.78. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Condolences were expressed to the Cahokia FD for the passing of district President Frank Braun.

Dennis Schipper is now a fire inspector with Scott AFB and introduced Quin Cayson who is the new chief of Mid America Airport.

Dan Allen with Ellebracht is the new representative in the Illinois counties.

EMA/CENCOM/911 – Radio reprogramming should be happening beginning sometime in June. Will need to know what departments want in their Zone A relatively soon. The B zone would be all the fire dispatch groups. Programming is to be done at each departments engine house. The connection of the St. Louis radio systems and the St. Clair County radio system thru ISSI is supposed to be running soon.

The PSAP consolidation continues and the plan was approved at the last ETSB meeting. The plan has been submitted which would have the four PSAP's being Belleville, O'Fallon, East St. Louis, and CENCOM. The plan must be completed by July 2017.

SWIC – Lee Smith reported classes continue.

OSFM – Arson seminar information was sent out via email last week and will be April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Will be held in Fairview. Grinnell insurance will bring burn buildings, there will also be a video conference with juvenile fire setters.

The juvenile fire setters intervention program is now being conducted by the OSFM. Instructors are being trained now and will have a train the trainer program that will be established.

SCSESA – Firefighters can train with the SCSESA members as long as there is permission from their chief. Received a grant for \$75,000 and will be purchasing new haz mat equipment. K9 division is available for searches.

STARRS – 2016 budget was just completed. The ISSI connectivity was paid for by STARRS. Cyber-security and microwave studies are being done to prevent hacking. Remaining funds will be going to the Haz Mat and USAR teams to replace equipment.

New Business:

The Southern Illinois 911 memorial walkway will be dedicated on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Would like to have 343 uniformed members

St. Libory fish fry will be Friday evening.

The airshow will be June 2017 at Scott AFB.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.