

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

December 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Brent Saunders.

President Saunders thanked the Lebanon Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

Meeting was recessed for dinner at 7:04pm.

Meeting was reconvened at 7:34 pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$12,341.56. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

President Saunders introduced Mike Gilbert, the new EMS Coordinator with Memorial Hospital. Mike is also the coordinator for Critical Incident Stress Team. The team is in need of firefighters to be on the team to serve as peer coordinators. Persons interested should contact Mike Gilbert. Contact information will be provided.

J.P. Penet spoke about the information during the recent Ferguson events that came from the intelligence center.

SWIC – Lee Smith advised the 2015 schedule has been sent out. Exams for state certification have been approved. Future students will now be able to certify thru OSFM by taking the SWIC tests. The instructor (I and II) and fire officer programs (I and II) will run as a year long program concurrently starting in 2015.

IFCA – Bob Buhs is still retained as director. The search committee is working to finalize a new director. The Illinois Fire Protection Districts will now have a two day event in Fairview for trustees.

OSFM – Terry Ford advised the small equipment grants have been graded and are awaiting funding. Extra equipment can be given to the fire exchange program. A dump tank is available for a department in need. 10 Scott air packs (2.2) will be available.

SCSESA – Jason Bruns advised they responded to one call for service. Conducted a deer stand rescue training in the Waterloo area. Will be having training at Holten Meat in the future. Fire rehab trailer is in service from STARRS.

New Business:

Motion was made and seconded to make the 2015 dues for the chiefs association at \$50.00 per department. Motion passed.

Chief Schutzenhoefer spoke about LED marquee signs that are available thru a homeland security grant. He will provide information to interested departments.

Election of officers. The nominating committee offered a slate as follows for the 2015 year.

Brent Saunders - President

Lee Saunders – Vice President

Tom Elliff – Secretary/Treasurer

Dave Owens - Director

Dwayne Carpenter - Director

Lynden Prange - Director

Aaron Hooch – Director

Motion was made and seconded to elect the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Belleville FD will be hosting a Fire Inspector class thru IFSI the week of Feb 9, 2015

Bryan Doyle passed on information from Guarantee Electric about a grant to replace engine house lighting with LED lighting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Motion passed.