

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

## *December 3, 2015*

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Saunders.

President Saunders thanked St. Libory Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was recessed dinner at 7:09pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$13,366.25. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

President Saunders introduced Tom Davison with 1-800-Boardups. 1-800-Boardups donated \$300 to the association. Tom gave a presentation about services are offered. Jill Fry gave a presentation with Fire Incident Recovery Expert Services. Jill spoke about assistance their company offers with victim assistance.

President Saunders introduced the new chief of Northwest, Chester Borkowski, and the new Assistant Chief, Mark Goerger.

Chief Joe Zinck reported that Larry Wesselman has retired from the Mascoutah Fire Department.

St. Libory Assistant Chief Ron Boegkoetter has retired.

SWIC – Lee Smith reported that classes for 2015 are finishing up and they are gearing up for 2016. Flyers for Spring classes were sent out. Fire Officer classes will start in January as well. Tactics class will be in Spring and Legal Aspects will run in the fall.

Illinois Fire Chiefs – Rick Welle is now our area representative. House Bill 2039 passed yesterday and the senate is to vote next week which should free up some money for fire services and training in the state. A lot of other bills are being worked on which will mainly affect the career departments. PSAP consolidation is a controversial issue that is being worked on.

OSFM – Terry Ford reported that the ambulance revolving loan program is taking applications. The fire truck loan program awarded 12 loans. Greg Vespa inquired about moving the investigation conference to a weekend program and if there would be more attendance from area departments. Looking at having burn cells and a program on juvenile fire setters. Dan Bauer will start inspecting the schools beginning in January.

SCSESA – Have submitted paperwork for a new command vehicle. A side sonar has been received for water rescue. Deer Stand rescue class is available.

Chief Walsh advised of meetings taking place in St. Louis about standardizing responses and looking at how units are dispatched to calls including special rescues.

Red Cross – Sebastian Lury is leaving the Red Cross. McKenna Cooper and Tina Davis will be taking over the response area. The Red Cross is looking to work more with fire departments with home fire safety.

Memorial Hospital is available for incident debriefings if needed. EMS assistance grants will be available in January for departments who run first responder.

Discussion was held on the recent changes with CENCOM

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The nominating committee recommended the following slate:

President – Brent Saunders

VP – Lee Smith

Secretary – Tom Elliff

Treasurer – Aaron Hooch

Director – Dave Owens

Director – Lynden Prange

Director – Tom Pour

Director – Brian Walsh

Director – Dwayne Carpenter

Motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations by acclamation. Motion passed.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century senior officer class will be Mar 12-13, 2016.

Motion was made and seconded to set the 2016 dues at \$50. Motion passed.

The January meeting will be hosted by St. Louis Fire Department and will be held at AB/Inbev.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.