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

January 26, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Saunders.

President Saunders thanked the Madison FD for hosting the meeting and thanked 1-800-BoardUP for providing the meal.

President Saunders introduced States Attorney Brendan Kelly and Major Rick Wagner who presented information on a tax referendum that will be on the April ballot. 5.5 million dollars would go to police and fire departments. There is a facebook page established to present information about the issue.

President Saunders introduced Tom Davison from 1-800-Boardup.

The meeting was recessed dinner at 7:33 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 pm.

Tom Davison provided information on what 1-800-Boardup does. August 15th will be the annual fundraiser for Responder Rescue which will be a kickball tournament. April 22nd will be a bags tournament for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

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

Treasurer's report - The chiefs checking account balance is $14,433.69. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

EMA/911/CENCOM – Radio reprogramming will be starting soon. Templates are still needed from several departments. Some questions that have been brought up. Fire Common channels are common between Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe counties. Zone A2 will be added for Monroe County. Zone D will be reserved for interstate mutual aid. An air to ground talkgroup will be added. Additional information about the setup of the new talkgroups and changes in existing talkgroups were discussed. The zone for St. Louis is reserved.

April 2nd is the earliest that the new CAD system would be placed online. Departments will be able to update boxcards if needed. If not, existing boxcards will be utilized.

PSAP consolidation between Fairview and O'Fallon has been completed. Swansea is still being worked on.

SWIC – Spring semester has begun.

SCSESA – Nothing new

New Business:

Chief Allen is serving on the steering committee for the tax issue and will address any issues and obtain accurate information. The information that was presented are tentative number. Chuck Kofron at the GIS Department will review all data should a fire chief need more information. The dollar amount that is being presented is an estimate, and is subject to change based upon what the actual amounts taken in would be. The money would not be able to be held by the state before being sent to the county. It is unknown what the disbursement cycle would be. Motion was made and seconded to offer support from the St. Clair/Monroe County Fire Chief Association for the 1% public safety tax that will be on the April ballot. Motion passed.

The official address for the Chief Association for 2017 will be 329 Hazel Avenue, Belleville, IL 62223

Motion was made and seconded to approve a $150 membership to Backstoppers. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on having the vendor showcase in July. Motion was made and seconded to have the showcase in July. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.