

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

*July 28, 2016*

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Smith.

The meeting was recessed dinner at 7:06 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 pm.

VP Smith thanked the Lebanon Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

VP Smith introduced Jon Betten with HM Fire & EMS Risk Management. Jon gave a presentation on insurance services provided to the fire service.

VP Smith introduced Bob Stephens with Bob Kat Paging. Bob had a presentation on Unication Pager G5 paging unit. BobKat paging donated \$100 to the MABAS Division for upcoming training classes.

VP Smith introduced Ray Rohr with the Shriners Hospital. Ray gave a presentation about the Shriners Hospital and the services they provide and some literature available for departments to use.

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

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$14,257.60. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

EMA/CENCOM/911 – The grant for funding for the radio reprogramming has not yet been received. It is anticipated that the funds will be available the first of August with programming to be done towards the end of August. Bryan Whitaker will be sending information about new talkgroups and template information. The 800 system was down a few weeks ago. A generator issue created a problem for UPS units. Motorola has fixed the problem and are implementing additional solutions to keep the issue from happening in the future. Question was asked about notifying departments when outages occur. The county will be looking at notification procedures. Discussion was held concerning the dispatch of truck numbers by CENCOM. Information will be send to CENCOM departments about possible solutions.

SWIC – Water Rescue class will be held in August. The OSFM will be changing testing procedures for certification. They will no longer proctor the written exams and the regional sites will now administer the tests effective the end of the year. In January, state exams will be required for all courses separate from the college course exams. Test dates will be scheduled by SWIC but will not follow the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday schedule as has been done in the past.

IFCA – Rick Welle discussed House Bill 4522 that makes changes to non-resident billing for fire district has passed the house and senate that is waiting for the governors signature. Registration with IMPACT is required if a department is doing billable services to Medicare. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the IFCA.

OSFM – Greg Vespa informed the group of an upcoming Juvenile Fire Setters Program that will take place September 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$100 per person.

SCSESA – The class B foam is being updated through a grant from Phillips 66. New nozzle and appliances were purchased along with new foam. Will advise when the unit is placed back in service. A new combustible gas detector has been placed in service. A grant from Eastman will allow for monitors received from different agencies to be linked together. Will be hosting a fundraiser at Swansea FD on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

New Business:

A request for the Association to write a letter of support for Dan Eggleston for IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP was received from Chief Render. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Motion passed.

Aaron Hoock has advised that his ability to continue to serve as Treasurer is limited. President Saunders has appointed Brett Weigand to fill the unexpired current term of the Treasurer.

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