

ST. CLAIR/MONROE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 23, 2013
Smithton Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by President Brent Saunders and recessed for dinner. The meeting was reconvened at 1925 hrs. President Saunders thanked Chief Schutzenhofer of Smithton for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made by Chief Funk and seconded by Chief Zinck to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

President Saunders introduced Dennis Schipper as the new Chief of Public Safety at Mid-America St. Louis Airport.

There were no reports from St. Clair County EMA or the ETSB however Herb Simmons from CENCOM did report that a meeting is scheduled with AT&T to discuss telephone line problems at CENCOM.

Lee Smith from SWIC Fire Science reported that the SWIC final exams for Technical Rescue Awareness and Hazardous Materials First Responder: Operations are approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for state certification. He also reported that fliers announcing the fall class schedule will be distributed in July.

Dan Bauer had no report on behalf of the State Fire Marshal; however he did thank the personnel of the Smithton and Mascoutah Fire Departments who rescued him from high water during recent flash flooding in the Mascoutah area.

Don Feher reported that the SCSESA teams are "alive and well". The association members are having trouble scheduling classes with the Illinois Fire Service Institute, so they plan to deliver their own training program in house. Team members are assisting the St. Louis Fire Department with a special event at Busch Stadium and they recently executed a successful animal rescue in Columbia. Herb Simmons added a request that departments requesting assistance from SCSESA make the request through CENCOM according to standard procedure.

President Saunders offered fire extinguishers to all departments for training purposes and asked any departments that originally requested extinguishers to pick them up in O'Fallon. There are approximately 300 still available.

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At this time Secretary/Treasurer Tom Elliff arrived and presented the treasurer's report. Chief Funk made a motion, seconded by Chief LaPointe to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Chief Elliff reported that the Volunteer Combination Officers Sector of the International Fire Chiefs Association is presenting a fire attack weekend in Effingham, Illinois on June 25th & 26th. He has additional information.

Chief Elliff reported the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association received a grant to assist non-career departments with recruitment and retention of personnel. He asked if the association is interested in hosting a workshop on the subject to be delivered by the IFCA. Group consensus indicated interest. Elliff said he would notify IFCA the association will indeed host a workshop.

Chief Elliff reported that CENCOM dispatched departments are experiencing problems with text pages and time reporting generated from the computer aided dispatching system. The CAD vendor is working on a solution for the problems. Chief Elliff stated that without objection, the CENCOM CAD committee will be converted to a CENCOM steering committee. There was no objection raised.

With no further business before the association a motion was made by Chief Funk and seconded by Chief LaPointe to adjourn. The motion carried.