

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

May 22, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brent Saunders.

President Saunders thanked the Caseyville Fire Department and the Metro Counties Mutual Aid Group for hosting the meeting.

Chief Saunders was recognized as the Combination Fire Chief of the Year from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. The Metro Counties Mutual Aid group presented Chief Saunders a plaque.

Meeting was recessed for dinner at 7:04pm

Meeting was reconvened at 7:25 pm.

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

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$12,494.63. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

EMA – ISO reports for communications

911 – Bill Gamblin advised a bond was established in excess of 5 million dollars to replace the current 911 equipment. New equipment will be capable of communicating with voice, text, and video. Funding will also be used to replace radio towers in the county. A tower in Caseyville has also been purchased.

SWIC – Lee Smith received notification that the site visit for International Fire Service Accreditation Certification will be June 21st. IFSAC accreditation recognizes training nationwide.

IFCA – Symposium was held last week. Bob Buhs, Executive Director will be retiring August 1st. Information about legislative issues are regularly sent out. Witness slips need to be submitted by departments to voice their opinion to the legislators. Fire Service Conference will be in October in Peoria. The Fire Districts conference will be held in June in Springfield.

OSFM – A new K9 has been placed in service for Investigator Vespa. Terry Ford highlighted the State Fair and the need for help to staff the OSFM booth at the fair in August. Information will be passed out.

SCSESA – Cory Ellis advised that Robert Blackwell has stepped down as Chief of the Department. Technical Rescue classes have been scheduled for this year. Corey Ellis will be serving at the acting chief.

ILEAS – Dave Fellows advised a new database has been rolled out which will include MABAS assets

Joe Zinck highlighted the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing thru Memorial Hospital and passed out information about the program.

Fayetteville FD has taken delivery of a boat purchased through the St. Louis Port Authority. Training is taking place for persons who will operate the vessel.

New Busniess:

John McGuire advised of the need for space at the Swansea engine house and the need to move the foam trailer. SCSESA owns the trailer and plans will be made to move the trailer.

June 6th will be a deployment exercise in Bond County.

June 28th Mid America will be having an exercise. Departments involved will be notified by Mid America if they will be involved.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Motion passed.