

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

May 26, 2016

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

VP Smith thanked the Metro East Mutual Aid Group for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was recessed dinner at 7:09 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:36 pm.

VP Smith introduced Dan Allen, Illinois Sales Rep with Leo M. Ellebracht & Company who donated \$200 for a portion of the dinner this evening. Jim Maxwell with Scott Safety gave an overview of the 2013 NFPA standards on SCBA units and new features of the Scott units.

VP Smith introduced Gordon Fietsam and David Perl with the SCSESA K9 Division. Gordon gave an overview of the capabilities of the K9 Division.

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

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$14,336.65. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

EMA/CENCOM/911 – Radio reprogramming should start the middle to end of June once funding is in place. Templates are being worked on. St. Louis City Talk Groups for deployable units will be programmed. 459 new radios have been purchased and the county will have available 361 used portables and 93 used mobiles for \$500 each. They will be programmed with the new templates. There is a limit of 10 radios per department. There is discussion of eliminating the truck numbers from the dispatch announcement.

SWIC – Water rescue class will be included in the fall semester. Rope Operations is a prerequisite.

IFSI – John Nichols has 2016 ERG guidebooks available. IFSI will be hosting TIM class on June 11th. The officer that is responsible for shutting down a highway must have the class. Steck Cooper Insurance and Ideal Insurance have donated \$100 each for lunch and expenses. Registration can be done online or on the day of the training.

IFCA – Rick Welle advised senate bill 2704 passed both houses which addresses EMS issues. The IFCA has opposed a new program called IMPACT that is a state requirement that deals with EMS transports.

SCSESA – Have received a grant from Phillips 66 to replace foam and appliances.

STARRS – Funding that was reduced in the last years has been reinstated. Audit was conducted for issued equipment with no major issues found.

New Business:

Joe Zinck inquired if any departments have heard any issues involving changes in evacuation procedures of school when fire alarm are activated. He reported that law enforcement has been having discussions about this. Brian Walsh reported that Missouri officials have also had discussions but the fire marshal's are opposing the idea. Rick Welle reported that no legislation has been introduced concerning the issue.

Belleville Fire Department is taking applications for establishing a hiring list.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.