

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

*May 26, 2011*

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Saunders

The meeting was recessed for the meal at 7:05pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:22pm.

President Saunders thanked St. Louis Downtown Airport Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report - The chief's checking account balance is \$8792.84. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

President Saunders introduced the several guests for the evening.

EMA – Looking doing a risk management plan at Vertex Chemical in Dupo. This plan will involve departments from both sides of the river.

911 – The 911 van is available for parades if departments would want it. The 911 office is ready to move forward with a meeting to consolidate the call types for the CENCOM departments. Mr. Gamblin has begun working on applications for narrowbanding the existing frequencies. Bids are also being obtained for replacing VHF transmitters. Bill is in charge of the STARRS governance committee for mapping. Looking at combining the maps from the eight county region which would make map sharing available to surrounding counties. Radio programming and maintenance has been shifted to Randy Lay at EMA.

ER Mapping – Security issues are still being looked at to be able to make the servers available to the fire service.

SWIC – A new class will be on the fall schedule called Legal Aspects that will be presented by Andrew Caruthers with Jim Sinclair assisting.

President Saunders introduced Illinois State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis. Marshal Matkaitis highlighted the recent memorial service held in Springfield. The Marshal's office with IFCA is endorsing the "Courage to be Safe" class and recommends all departments participate in the class. The budget for the OSFM is being worked on. One of the issues being looked at is the funding for the revolving loan program and it is hopeful that additional money will be available for this program, and well as more money for the cornerstone program.

SCSESA – The team has responded to a couple of white powder calls, a call for mercury, and assisted with a police action and an accident in Dupo. The team spent three days last week training with the St. Louis UASI region. All five teams in the region as well as Missouri Task Force 1 participated.

STARRS – The department of Homeland Security eliminated 31 UASI regions across the US. St. Louis UASI funding was cut in the process to 5.9 million dollars with just over 1 million dollars going to law enforcement. For 2012, DHS has recommended that Congress eliminate all but 10 of the top UASI regions. The budget committee will have the budget for the board for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

President Saunders introduced John Nichols with ISFI. John highlighted the cornerstone program. MABAS 35 will be sponsoring a class in Troy for Company Tactical Officer. This will be a free course. Registration must be made by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The class will be October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration must be done thru IFSI.

Global fire had a demo truck available for inspection.

IFAMA will be hosting a class for Harrison Generator next week in Decatur.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm