

St. Clair County Fire and EMS Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 13, 2015

Hosted by Friendship Fire Department

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carl Brownfield	Shoal Creek
Rexanne Brownfield	Shoal Creek
Eric Mueller	Shoal Creek
Angela Cook	Shoal Creek
Lockett Blanton	Shoal Creek
Mike Blanton	Shoal Creek
Chuck Morris	Shoal Creek
David Smith	Shoal Creek
Megan Chambers	Shoal Creek
Sam Wise	Shoal Creek
Dale Metcalfe	Friendship
Wayne Mealer	Friendship
James Smith	Gallant
Judy Smith	Gallant
Greg Smith	Gallant
Clarence W. Quarles	Gallant
Howard Downs	Cook Springs
Danny Staples	Cook Springs
Marcie Battles	Cool Springs
Arthur Willis	Cool Springs
Tommy Liverett	DEC Fire Restoration
Ken Kirkes	DEC Fire Restoration
Chris Key	RPS
Scott Sweatt	Forestry
Richard Harvey	Springville
Brian McDougal	RPS
Mike Platts	Argo
James Robinson	Training
Patrice Hulton	Friendship
Carter Franklin	Odenville
Dustin Parker	Odenville
Dakota Leslie	Odenville
David Talley	Wattsville

The January County Association meeting was called to order at 7: 00 pm by President Richard Harvey of Springville. The invocation was led by Richard Harvey and pledge of allegiance was led by Richard Harvey

GUEST SPEAKERS: David Echols from EEP furnished the dinner

Tommy Liverett & Ken Kirkes from DEC Restoration

MINUTES:

The December meeting minutes were distributed via email to the SCCFA Yahoo Group and have been posted to the St. Clair County Fire and EMS webpage:

<http://www.stclairco.com/clientuploads/documents/SCCFA/Minutes/December2014Minutes.pdf>

Wayne Mealer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; this motion was seconded by Marcie Battles. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was passed with no objections.

FINANCIAL:

The financial report was provided by Rexanne Brownfield.

SCCFA Account Balances as of December 31, 2014:

Cash on Hand	\$ 00.00
Regular Checking Account	\$ 2,505.91
Get Alarmed Account	\$ 350.20
Money Market Account	<u>\$12,746.99</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$15,603.10

Rexanne reported that per the discussion in December she had deposited the \$20.16 from Cash on Hand into the General Account. She also reported the following transactions for the month of December was for the following:

Interest:

\$1.62 – Money Market Account

Payment for Awards:

\$114.00 - General Account

Expense:

\$204.00 – Awards

\$1,304.87 – Salamander Maintenance

Howard Downs made a motion to accept the financial report; this motion was seconded by Marcie Battles. The motion to accept the financial report as given was passed with no objections.

BREMSS:

Joe Ackers contacted Richard Harvey to inform him that he would not be present by requested that Richard inform the association that the Medical Directors attempting to have the protocol revisions done by March. If anyone has any suggestions, corrections, and/or additions for the protocol to send them to Joe and he will present them to the Directors.

Richard stated that he had discussed the use of a mass casualty trailer that belongs to Springville with Joe, in regards to moving some of spine boards from the trailer at TCC, to the trailer in Springville to be used for Mass Casualty if the need should arise. Joe needed the associations approval to allow this to happen. Richard would like to send a letter to BREMSS stating that the association is in agreement if no one has an issue with that.

Dale Metcalfe made motion to authorize Richard to send a letter to BREMSS requesting approximately 50 Spine Boards to replace the cardboard Back Boards that are currently on the Springville trailer.

EMA:

No report given

COG:

Howard Downs reported that COG will be meeting the week of January 19, 2015. He again stressed that if you have any issues with the ambulance service to contact them immediately. The sooner they have the information the sooner the issues can be resolved. If you have a problem with an ambulance service other than RPS responding to your incident contact Chris.

Marcie posed the question in regards to the money for the penalties being funneled through to the association. Richard stated that they did have a meeting with Kelly, and that there is an account that will be set up for this money. But as far as movement on the expenditures there has not been any.

2014 MORPHINE USAGE

- **347 Patients**
- **87 Chest Pain**
- **190 Trauma**
- **72 Pain Management**
- **1814 Total Doses Given**

Howard Downs 205-640-2496 - Sandhow@windstream.net

Richard Harvey 205-368-7688 - sfd377@aol.com

RPS:

Chris Key reported that RPS is in the process of replacing all of their vehicles over the next several months.

Chris stressed that if you have a structure fire and RPS is not on the scene, you need to contact and have one dispatched to your location. They had an incident in Riverside, where 2 firefighters fell through the floor of the structure, sustaining injury. No one realized that there wasn't an ambulance present until it was almost too late.

Richard stated that he and Chris need to discuss this information with Bill at the next COG meeting. We need to get this resolved quickly, before we lose an emergency responder while responding to a call.

TRAINING:

James reported that he and Richard met with Skip Kittrell the Regional Coordinator for this area, for the Fire College and found that they have established some goals of training that they want to have completed. Some of them regionally, or county wide. One of the classes is a Car Seat installation class, an autism awareness class that they would like to have completed, as well as how to manage as a family liaison during tragedies.

- Firefighter II class at Springville, beginning January 22, 2015. Class will be on Monday, Thursday and 2 Saturdays for a total of 40 hours. If interested contact Graham or Bud
- January 31, 2015 – Area Hurst representative will be available for vehicle extrication training. They would like to obtain newer vehicles with high compression steel. Any one that would like to attend can
- Hurst will be going to Mercedes in March to cut up a newer vehicle, the departments will be invited to attend this
- Shoal Creek is still in need of a First Responder course
- Traffic related class dealing with apparel, signage, managing traffic, etc....
- Public Fire & Safety program, they will be contacting departments throughout the county looking for departments willing to host the courses. They will need to know what type of facilities you can provide, etc...
- Believe there will be 1 or 2 more 160 classes offered this year
- Mobile water supply
- Vehicle extrication training

If your department has a need for certified training, please let Richard and James know. James said that as soon as they receive the listing of the courses that are going to be available they will contact the departments to obtain locations for specified training. Dale Metcalfe let it be known that his department would be ready and willing to host training at the Friendship facilities.

Richard suggested that you go onto the Fire College website and review the non-certified class that are offered. Such as Pumper Testing for Service, Hydrant and Hose, Propane Emergencies, Managing and Leading a Diverse Work Force, CPR, and 1st Responder. etc.....

RADIO COMMITTEE:

Richard stated that there have been a few unusual issues lately. The email system of reporting the issues that you may be having, is working well. Most of the time they can get the problem resolved rather quickly. Usually within approximately 15 minutes.

FORESTRY:

Scott Sweat stated that anyone that is still holding their 2015 grant application paperwork for the state money, needs to turn into Scott immediately.

BY-LAWS:

No report given

HONOR GUARD:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

We looked at meeting locations for 2015, and we still have an opening in August. Mike Platts has offered to host it at Argo.

A motion was made by Wayne Mealer to accept Argo being the location for our August meeting, it was seconded by Marcie Battles. The motion was passed with the objections.

Richard reported that they have met with the COG, and they have assessed some penalties. They have met with the county to verify that the money goes into an account so that the money is not lost in the system. Wayne Mealer ask if the money is going into a county account, will they be able to allocate the money for other county groups, such as the Sheriff department. Richard state yes, the way that the rules are written, is that the money is to be expended by the 911 board for improvement to EMS services under the recommendations of the County Fire Association

Richard once again stated that we need to come up with ideas or suggestions from the association for use of this money. He feels we are looking at approximately \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00 over the span of the contract, unless something very unusual should happen. The money has to be for health and safety issues that would benefit the public. One idea that was brought forward by Carl Brownfield was CPR and First Responder training. Richard suggested that there is a need for public education. We could also purchase training aids, such as CPR, or ALS training aids. Richard has stated he would like to have the list and begin narrowing it down no later than March.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard reported that the EMA is in the process of rewriting the Emergency Operation Plan. The Emergency Operation Plan, essentially covers all different hazards and emergencies. It develops a plan as to how we are going to handle it within the county. They have reviewed the plan that is currently being used in Calhoun County to assist with the development of this plan. What they are trying to do is streamline the process to better manage a mass casualty incident. Richard has provided 2 scenarios of how the groups would be distributed in Operational Area. 1 is by Municipalities the other is by Geographical Areas. Review the listing that was presented to each department and let Richard know if there are any departments that you absolutely cannot work with. We need to pre-identify and establish

the Command Post before the incident happens so that we are prepared for the disaster as well as knowing what resources we would have available to the response teams. Some of the other issues that need to be identified is Communication abilities, staging areas, etc.....

James suggested that this could be paired down to 5 areas, by moving Ragland and Wattsville to the South area and move Shoal Creek to the North area.

Marcie Battles inquired in regards to the Insurance Invoice that they received recently. She wanted to know what year it was for, and everyone was informed it was for 2014 Workmen's Comp coverage. She then inquired as to why they had just received them and was informed that the Treasure had just received the needed information to issue them.

Motion by Marcie Battles to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Wayne Mealer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The February Association meeting will be held at Davis Lake on February 10, 2015. Dinner at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7:00pm.

St. Clair County Fire and EMS Association Meeting Locations for 2015

January – Friendship
March – Wattsville
May – Shoal Creek
July – Cook Springs
September – RPS @ Friendship
November – Moody

February – Davis Lake
April – Cool Springs
June – Wolf Creek
August – Argo
October – Odenville
December – Springville