

St. Clair County Fire and EMS Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 10, 2015

Hosted by Davis Lake

**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
Dale Metcalfe	Friendship
Wayne Mealer	Friendship
James Smith	Gallant
Judy Smith	Gallant
Clarence W. Quarles	Gallant
Howard Downs	Cook Springs
Marcie Battles	Cool Springs
Arthur Willis	Cool Springs
Tommy Liverett	DEC Fire Restoration
Chris Key	RPS
Grant Huey	Forestry
Mike Platts	Argo
James Robinson	Training
Dustin Parker	Odenville
Dakota Leslie	Odenville
Tony Glanze	Wattsville
Larry Underwood	Wattsville
Patricia Eskew	Davis Lake
Devar Wilson	Davis Lake
Michael Castleberry	Davis Lake
Stephen Jenkins	Davis Lake
Kenny Wallace	Davis Lake
Dale Trattier	Davis Lake
Gwen Wilder	Wolf Creek
Michael Wilder	Wolf Creek
Bryan Price	Wolf Creek
Bob Berry	Pleasant Hill
Creighton Crump	Odenville
Penny Lake	Odenville
Joe Acker	BREMSS

The February County Association meeting was called to order at 7: 00 pm by Vice President Carl Brownfield of Shoal Creek. The invocation was led by Wayne Mealer and pledge of allegiance was led by Carl Brownfield

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Davis Lake furnished the dinner

Tommy Liverett from DEC Restoration – TV Raffle won by Larry Underwood

**MINUTES:**

The January 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/January2015Minutes.pdf>

Wayne Mealer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; this motion was seconded by Howard Downs. 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 January 31, 2014:

Regular Checking Account	\$ 7,547.91
Get Alarmed Account	\$ 350.20
Money Market Account	<u>\$12,746.99</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$20,645.10

Rexanne reported that the only transactions in the month of January were deposits for Membership Dues and the Workmen’s Comp Insurance reimbursements.

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

**BREMSS:**

Joe Acker reported that the State EMS Director has chosen to move to another position. Mark Jackson will be the Interim Director. They have informed them that the next Director will have a background in EMS.

Joe reported that we have a lot of hospitals on divert and we need to contact TCC and let the family know in advance of the status of the hospital that they may want their family member transported to. When asked about the overflow, Joe stated that the patient’s choice would overrule and the other deciding factor would be the hospital that the patient’s doctor practice at, or the hospital that the

patient was admitted to in the past 12 months. If none of these conditions exist than TCC would make the decision on the location the patient would be transported to.

**EMA:**

No report given

**COG:**

Howard Downs reported that COG will be meeting the week of February 17, 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.

Howard reminded everyone that Central is supposed to dispatch an ambulance to a structure fire, if they are not there call Central and request that one is dispatched to your location.

**JANUARY MORPHINE USAGE**

- **37 Patients**
- **12 Chest Pain**
- **15 Trauma**
- **10 Pain Management**
- **172 Total Doses Given**

Howard Downs 205-640-2496 - [Sandhow@windstream.net](mailto:Sandhow@windstream.net)

Richard Harvey 205-368-7688 - [sfd377@aol.com](mailto:sfd377@aol.com)

**RPS:**

Chris Key reported that RPS he only has 2 more units to replace in his fleet.

Chris stressed that if you have a structure fire and RPS is not on the scene, you need to contact Central 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.

**TRAINING:**

- Interest in a 6 hour Public Information/Communication Class that will be hosted by the EMA – Ellen will be in contact. This will address Media contact and Press Releases. Contact James if you are interested.
- 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
- 160 Class in Gallant in May

- Fire Instructor 1 in Friendship

### **RADIO COMMITTEE:**

Bryan reported that we are moving closer to closing out the grant. James is working with ALLCOMM on some accounting issues that need to be resolved. James stated that there were some charges for individual departments, such as police departments that were charged and against the grant that were not supposed to be, so these are being disputed.

### **FORESTRY:**

No Report

### **BY-LAWS:**

There will be a meeting following the Business Meeting tonight. Plan to have an updated version soon.

### **HONOR GUARD:**

Larry Underwood reported that the Honor Guard is standing by and is ready to respond when needed. He reported that they have lost some members and need to replace those members. If anyone is interested in joining or if you need the services of the Honor Guard contact the Wattsville Fire Department., or Larry Underwood at [Larry.Underwood@trin.net](mailto:Larry.Underwood@trin.net) or 205-753-3730

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Salamander ID system is up and running. You can go to the link on the County website. Make sure the information that you provide and the qualifications that you mark, you need to have certification for these qualifications.

The County Commission has not made any formal moves as to what is going to be done with the funds that may be accessed to RPS. But they do know what the Association feels should be done with these funds.

No update on the Emergency Operations Plan.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tommy Liverett reported that the company will board up the house and secure it. The next step is getting the family into a hotel and secured. When you contact Tommy let him know the number of family members, animals, windows and doors of the home, he will relieve the fire departments of the responsibility of dealing with the family while fighting the house fire and he will do the dealings with the family. He will then get everything filed with their insurance company. All of his expenses are paid for by the home owner insurance company. If the home owner does not have insurance the company will absorb this cost and does not charge the fire departments or anyone else. If the home owner does not have insurance, Tommy has contacts at the Red Cross and he will contact them to assist with the

placement of the family. He or his associate will stay with the family members until the situation is resolved.

The company does restoration of contents, restoration of clothing, rebuild of the structure, they are a full service company. You will never hear any of his associates selling anything on the scene.

Tommy is offering kits that can be placed on the department trucks that have the essential that the family would need and be given to the family at the scene. Give a list to Rexanne and she will provide that information to Tommy.

It was decided that going forward each person will only be allowed to win a TV once a year.

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

The March Association meeting will be held at Wattsville on March 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