

St. Clair County Fire and EMS Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 14, 2015

Hosted by Cool Springs

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Meeks	Ashville
Rexanne Brownfield	Shoal Creek
Eric Mueller	Shoal Creek
David Smith	Shoal Creek
Vernon White	Shoal Creek
Dale Metcalfe	Friendship
Wayne Mealer	Friendship
Clarence W. Quarles	Gallant
Howard Downs	Cook Springs
Marcie Battles	Cool Springs
Terry Layfield	Cool Springs
Shane Layfield	Cool Springs
Arthur Willis	Cool Springs
Mike Jarmon	Cool Springs
Katie Jarmon	Cool Springs
Danny Staples	Cook Springs
Tommy Liverett	DEC Fire Restoration
Chris Key	RPS
Bryan Price	Wolf Creek
Dustin Parker	Odenville
Carter Franklin	Odenville
Kevin Henry	Odenville
Judy Smith	Gallant
James Smith	Gallant
Richard Harvey	Springville
Kelly Warren	Wattsville
Victor Fluharty	Wattsville
Tony Glanze	Wattsville
Scott Sweatt	AFC
Skip Kittrell	Alabama Fire College

The April 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: Skip Kittrell – Alabama Fire College

Meal was sponsored by Tommy Liverett from DEC Restoration

TV Raffle won by Howard Downs

MINUTES:

The March 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/March2015Minutes.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	\$ 8,344.91
Get Alarmed Account	\$ 350.20
Money Market Account	<u>\$12,751.70</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$21,446.81

Rexanne reported that the only transactions in the month of March was the Interest payment on the Money Market Account.

Dale Metcalfe 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:

No report given.

EMA:

No Report

COG:

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.

Richard reported that due to conflicting schedules the COG meeting would not be held, the April meeting will be cancelled and going forward they would be schedule every other month.

MARCH MORPHINE USAGE

- **40 Patients**
- **16 Chest Pain**
- **12 Trauma**
- **12 Pain Management**

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

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

RPS:

All the trucks have now been replaced. The entire fleet of transports are new.

TRAINING:

- Shoal Creek is still in need of a First Responder course
- Autism Awareness Course at Springville, April 20, 21, 22. If interested contact Richard Harvey
- Child Safety Restraint Technician Springville, April 27, 28, 29
- Rescue Technician: Rope 1 Springville, May 11th through May 16th, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily
- Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Springville, June 11th, 12th, 13, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily
- Fire Inspector 1 Springville, July 13th through July 17th, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM each day
- Gallant 160 class beginning the 1st week of May
- Emergency Care Provider in Springville, last weekend in July with the 160 beginning the 1st week of August, to be completed by Thanksgiving
- Chaplain Training being offered by the Alabama Baptist Association to any department that is interested. If interested contact Carl Brownfield

RADIO COMMITTEE:

Bryan reported that he spoke to Bill in regards to the service policy. Due to it being an issue that need to be addressed immediately, he sent out a request to the board for approval to accept some of the cost. The amount was approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,400.00. We need to send a request that the county will pay for this. But if that is not approved then the association will need to pay for this. Richard stated that he has not seen nor did he know of the charges at this time.

Richard reported that we need to get this grant closed so that the equipment can be transferred. He voiced his concerns for the \$1,400.00 for the call out, the repairs to Chandler Mountain and then the charges to have that swapped out again. Bryan stated that he believed the charges covered all of this.

Bryan reported that he believed that the issue is that there is a difference between what AllComm states and what the association believes the credit that should still be on the books from the report that James gave last month. He believes we are closer to closing out this grant. Richard reported that we are running out of time on the grant and if we are not careful the city of Moody is going to have to pay back \$700,000.00. Which eventually will fall back to the Association to pay that money.

Every invoice that they sent the Association we have paid. We are trying to find out what the original down payment of \$75,000.00 was used for. We have not heard anything in response from AllComm in regards to this money. The extension we are currently working under expires March 2016.

FORESTRY:

No Report

BY-LAWS:

A preliminary By-Laws document has been sent to the County attorney for review. Once the attorney has completed the review, the board will meet to finalize everything and it will be posted to the website for everyone to review it. At which point it will be brought to the association for a vote.

ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

Skip Kittrell – Regional Coordinator for the Alabama Fire College, reported that he is the first point of contact for anything that may be needed by the departments. Burn trailer and simulator, if you want it for your area, send Skip an email with the dates that you would like to use it. Include a couple choices in case your first choice is not available. Fire Officer 1 and 2 and Health and Safety Officer, Thursday from 1 until 5 at the Hoover Administration Office.

The Southeastern Fire Chief Association is having their conference in Birmingham in June 18th, 19th and 20th. Saturday, June 20th for a \$25.00 preregistration fee, anyone who is not registered for the conference you can spend the entire day at the exhibits. Wednesday, June 17th for \$20.00 is an ISO class. You can sign up on the website.

Alabama Power has 6 trailers for training for power line safety. This can be arranged with a 2 week notice if any department is interested contact Skip Kittrell and he will provide a phone number so you can arrange this training for your department.

He reported that they have sent a curriculum for approval to the fire college for a class to be formed, called The Introduction in Crisis Negotiations for firemen. This will be a 1 day 8 hour class.

HONOR GUARD:

No report given.

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 or 205-753-3730

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the threat of rain, Alabama Power cancelled training that they had scheduled to complete tonight. They will reschedule later in the year, possibly in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the options for the Association banquet. It was discussed with favorable response that instead of a formal banquet we would rather have a family day on a Saturday at a park with possibly some firefighter games, children friendly games, etc..... Venues that were suggested were, Homestead Hollow, Springville Camp and Conference, Pell City Park, Winnataska, World Song, Sumatanga, Greensport, preferably someplace with a lake. Food will be provided by the members with a potluck dinner, with meat provided by the association. Each department would be responsible for their awards.

Upcoming Events:

Cook Springs Chicken Fry – April 18

Shoal Creek Annual Tornado Remembrance – April 25

Wolf Creek Fish Fry – May 23rd

DEC offers a service to assist the departments collect service fee from the insurance companies for structure fires.

Motion by Dale Metcalfe to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Howard Downs. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The May Association meeting will be held at Shoal Creek on May 12, 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