

Queen City Area Fire Chiefs Association

19 Jan 2006

Minutes of Meeting

Start and Attendance: The meeting was held at Springfield Fire Department Headquarters with the meeting called to order at 1905 hours

Present: Gary Wilson, Bill Zieres, George Smith, Dan Whisler, Duane Compton, Jimmy Sebree, Tony Edwards, Bev Zieres, Travis Trent

Chief Sebree welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes/Financial Statement:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Financial records were returned from Jake Archer.

Guests

Gary Wilson from MU FRTI gave an update on the annual report and handed out copies. He discussed the statewide survey results.

He discussed an examination of the infrastructure of the institute. One of the results will be that the Center for Distance Independent Study at the university will be providing a curriculum specialist to assist with development of classes. The technical rescue classes were the first to be worked on. Content experts come up with the content and the curriculum specialist puts it into class form.

A new online class, Intro to Emergency Management, will be available February 1.

The institute plans to offer an Instructor III pilot followed by delivery of the class once a year. Instructor I and II will be revamped in the spring; revised Instructor I should be available by Labor Day.

Haz Mat Ops classes are being adjusted to include core competencies plus about 10 specialties.

School bus rescue class, and Outdoor Search and Rescue will be updated also. After July 1, Emergency Management Certification classes will start

online. NIMS 300 level will be available by June 30 '07.

They are working on blended learning for aircraft rescue. Firefighters who want to go overseas must show certification.

In the instructor program, DHS has instructor qualifications for people teaching DHS classes and the Bureau of EMS wants to adopt DOT requirements not met by Instructor I.

The Train the Trainer conference may undergo changes. It is set up now to be a break even thing. Many people are taking TTT and not teaching the classes. The registration form may require the signature of the chief or training chief in the future. The conference may go to an every other year schedule or return as a preconference at the Instructor's conference.

Other items discussed by Wilson included the difficulty with web registration and staging of mobile props. The institute may have a funding stream for the driving simulator trailer.

In order to deliver field classes more efficiently, FRTI is requesting regions to get together and come up with a list of classes the region would like to have delivered and schedule them in an area that several departments could take advantage of.

Summer fire school cannot meet its expenses. 2006 and 2007 will happen, but changes may need to be made in the future.

The institute is reviewed by the university every 5 years. They have received approval to develop a business plan to develop a training center. Law enforcement and EMS want to be included and it may include Boone County and Columbia Fire. The plan may include advanced fire training. A burn tower is a maybe. It will have specialized training props for technical rescue and possibly dorm space. They are looking at land that the university already owns.

SEMA has blessed both NIMS 300 and 400 classes taught through the university.

Wilson thanked the chiefs for supporting the institute. Springfield Fire Department is the number 2 customer to Kansas City Fire in numbers of students.

After a discussion, George Smith will set up a meeting of chiefs and training officers to plan a schedule of classes for Greene, Webster and Christian

Counties. The meeting is planned for our March 16 meeting. Smith will set up a location.

IAFC Report –

Missouri Valley Division Report –

Incorporation papers – Chief Sebree took care of the incorporation. Chief Compton made a motion to reimburse Chief Sebree for the fee. Motion passed.

LEPC Report – Joye McElewey retires effective April 1.

WMD/Haz-mat Team Reports – The February state exercise will include 28 teams.

The Incident Management Overhead teams are making progress.

Legislation Issues –

Training items:

Fire fighter I and II is continuing at LR

Fire Inspector at Branson the week of May 8.

MoChiefs regional conference Feb. 25 at Big Cedar.

Reading Smoke class June 2 in Springfield.

Agro-terrorism Feb. 15 in Christian County.

Event Exercise planning March 20-21

March 14 is the statewide tornado drill

Weather spotter class Feb. 28

Train the Trainer Conference March 3-5 at Tan-Tar-A

Fire fighter Day at the Capitol is April 12.

Rescue Tech April 8-9 in Springfield

Rope Rescue April 21-23 Springfield

Old Business –

Chief Whisler had a meeting with the vice presidents of both hospitals at Cox North on Nov. 28 to discuss ambulance response.

A second meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in March at 9:30 at Springfield Headquarters.

New Business –

Chief Sebree appointed Duane Compton as treasurer.

Chief Whisler and Chief Sebree expressed concerns over fire districts billing for services for non-district residents involved in wrecks and car fires within the districts.

Districts currently billing were asked to consider the effect on mutual aid.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:25 hours.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Zieres