



STORY COUNTY FIRE EXECUTIVES & ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Dana Wipperman President/Treasurer
Lysle MacDonald Vice President

Fire Fighters Executive and Association Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2013 at Roland

Those attending the meeting included:

Dana Wipperman - Nevada	Lysle MacDonald - Story City
Ben Smith - Gilbert	Jerry Johnson- Zearing
Keith Anderson - McCallsburg	Bill Hook - Cambridge
Jerry Banks - McCallsburg	Colin Chinery - SCSO
Matt Grimsley - Roland	Keith Morgan - EMA

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Wipperman.

Minutes & Agenda Approval

- The minutes and agenda were reviewed and Zearing motioned for approval and Story City seconded the motion to approve them. MCU

Election

- The floor was opened for nominations for the executive positions for the Association. Zearing motioned they remain as seated, McCallsburg seconded the motion. MCU. After the vote, Nevada reminded everyone that it was time to pay dues for 2013.

Sheriff's Office Update- **Colin Chinery**

- SCSO has a new dispatcher, Mary Linn.
- The Sheriff's Office will be hosting their Citizen's Academy which gives civilians the opportunity to learn more about how the Sheriff's Office operates. The Academy starts in March and if people are interested they can find more information on the program on the Sheriff's webpage.
- There was discussion on implementation of automatically e-mailing times and calls for service to the fire departments. Fire departments thought this was being worked and SCSO was still waiting for the Association to develop standardized procedures for to deal with this issue and to provide a list of e-mail address to send the reports to. There was also discussion on how the new format for the calls for service was difficult to read and perceived discrepancies between times as listed in the reports and the actual times. It was highlighted that if an agency believes that the times are incorrect, it is best to contact SCSO dispatch as soon as possible so they can go back and listen to the tapes to verify times. If there are problems with the system or how it is used, getting the issued reviewed as soon as possible will also provide

SCSO information so they can correct any problems that might be occurring. The Chairman asked for a show of hands of those that wanted the calls for service sent to their departments by e-mail and all were for this process. He then formed a committee of Story City and Cambridge to develop either an e-mail list or an e-mail that was accessible by those that would need the reports and he asked SCSO provide any requirements they would have for a policy on this topic.

- There was also discussion that fire incident commanders were having difficulty getting plate/driver's license information from dispatch. Iowa Code provides access to this information to fire fighters, but one caveat was that this information could not be sent by e-mail so these reports would have to be sent to a fax machine.

Story County EMA

- Story County is revising the county wide hazard mitigation plan and jurisdictions have been requested to provide information on the risk that each community faces. As a part of this, the EMA Coordinator encouraged all fire departments to provide any data they have on significant fire events such as field fires that caused considerable monetary cost due to lost crops or statistics on fires due to lightning strikes. This information will help the planners quantify the risk from wild fires and severe thunderstorms. Your city clerks should know who is collecting this information for your community. If you can't identify who you should be providing this information to, contact the EMA. Additionally, please track the amount of time it takes you to collect this information, your efforts can be counted towards the in-kind match which will help cover our portion of the planning effort without having to expend funds.
- The Emergency Management Commission adopted a revised guidance for activation of Outdoor Warning Sirens which now allows for activation of the sirens for winds equal to or greater than 70 mph or hail equal to or greater than 1.75 inches (golf ball sized). Activation of the sirens may be due to a National Weather Service warning or observed conditions and it will likely increase the number of times that the EMA will be requesting spotter activation during darkness as their reports of wind conditions and hail will be useful in determining if sirens should be activated. The EMA is reviewing and revising communications procedures for storm spotters to accommodate new technology (NWS Chat) and requirements to be able to determine if siren activation is needed. There was discussion on what radio channel could be used to gather weather reports without cluttering a command channel and the EMA channel was recommended as all fire departments have this channel. The EMA also stressed that the media message for this change will occur during the run-up to severe weather week and the focus will not be on the change, but that when you hear the sirens, get indoors and gather more information. Also, don't call 911 when the sirens are going off, get to a sheltered site. More will be coming in the future on this topic.

Training

January 10: Roland

April 10: Slater

2013 7 PM Meetings:

July 10: Story City Maxwell

October 9: Zearing

- Story County EMA will be hosting an Emergency Response Workshop on Saturday, Jan 19, 9am to 1pm in the Huxley Tornado Shelter. The objective is the get agencies and jurisdictional executives together from across disciplines and dispatching agencies to review command, control, and communications procedures to identify ways to improve them.
- The State Fire Service School is taking registration and it appears that they are filling up quickly. If you are going, get signed-up.
- On March 27th, Nevada Fire will be hosting Storm Spotter training at Gates Hall starting at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is welcomed.
- Boone will be starting a Fire Fighter I course. It starts in February. Contact Chief Adams for more details. His number is 515-432-3436. His email is jadams@city.boone.ia.us.
- Nevada is hoping to host an EMT-B class in the near future.
- Mary Greeley Medical Center will be starting an EMS conversion class.
- Story City is looking to do a Fire Fighter II class.
- On November 1st and 2nd, Story City will be hosting the Iowa Fire Chief's Association meeting which is a great place to network and learn from other departments.
- Gilbert asked if there will be any pumper operations training in the near future and the answer was, no.
- Zearing will be having Crash Incident Management Training on March 13th.

Calls/Round Table:

Nevada - Nothing significant

Story City - Looking to purchase a hose test rig and they polled those attending if they thought they would use it also. Gilbert and a few other departments expressed interest.

Roland - Nothing significant to report

Gilbert - Boone County is switch ing VHF radios and Gilbert has concerns about compatibility of the new radios with the VHF portables Gilbert has. Other departments on the west side of Story County also expressed concerns about this issue. **Note:** The EMA has spoken to the Boone Co EMA about this issue since the meeting and he said the new radios will be both digital and analog so Boone Co fire should still have the ability to communicate using the radios that are currently in Story County.

Zearing - Asked if any other departments had been working with the schools to establish protocols for active shooter incidents. The EMA told the group that Ames/ISU PD did some active shooter training over the Christmas break and the topic of getting Fire and other agencies involved in this planning and training was important as law enforcement will be concentrating their first forces inside school and fire will most likely have initial responsibility for the scene outside the school. Pre-planning and coordination of activities in one of these very dynamic situations would be critical.

Cambridge - Had a question on where to get the application for fire fighter license plates and they were provided the needed information.

Collins - Nothing significant to report.

SCSO - Audrey is stepping down from her position of working with the CISM team. The team will need a new leader.

Kelley - Picking up some new younger blood.

McCallsburg - Nothing significant to report.

EMA - Worked with Colo Fire on cattle truck roll-over which was a good example of agencies working well together. It involved SCSO, ISU Vet Med, and Couser/Moser cattle producers. The EMA asked if the fire departments would support using FEMA software called IRIS to build a typed data base of equipment owned by all the fire agencies. There was general support for the initiative.

Additional Items:

- Next meeting April 10, 2013 in Slater.

Adjournment:

- Story City motioned and Collins 2nd for adjournment, MOU. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm