

# WYOMING COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

\*The WCVFA meeting was called to order on October 1, 2015 in Attica by Pres. Terry Snyder at 7:35 p.m.

\*Pledge to flag recited by all.

\*Benediction given by Chaplin Francis (Beannie) Head.

\*Roll call taken with 8 departments present, 3 BOF reps.

\*Minutes of previous meeting dispensed.

\*Treasurers report given and accepted.

## **BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

\*Motion made and seconded to pay Attica \$30 towards tonight's food. Approved.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

\*Howard brought up that the letters for firemen of the year next year will be changed so we don't have the mix up like we had this year. The letters will ask for a contact person and phone number so we can notify the winners. Even if your member doesn't win an award, they will receive a certificate of recognition so make sure you attend.

\*Beannie asked if he needed to send out a form for necrology list to each department so he could get these back with years of service etc. He also thanked everyone for putting him back in as Chaplain. Its a real honor to serve this association.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Still trying to figure out convention dates. Will have them by next meeting in January.

## **WY-52 REPORT:**

\*Over the years it has been getting increasingly low on participation at some meetings. Had a meeting with the 4 organization heads to come up with a plan on combining and or cutting down some meetings starting in 2016. Discussed why the changes were needed. Low attendance, repeated info, too many meetings in one month. New schedule was gone over with the changes made. Remember, any organization can call a meeting if deemed necessary at any time. Each association needs to vote on new schedule changes at their next meetings. Motion made and seconded to let Chief's and any other Wyoming County Fire or EMS association meeting be able to meet along with WCVFA meeting. Approved. Discussion continued.

\*Radio system update: up and running and looking real good. Tony updated us saying installation will start on Monday a.m. Cowlesville will be 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at 2 to 3 months process. Need 3-4 days per department. So far so good. Alot of testing going on . Extra chatter needs to STOP. Everyone is listening now.

\*Pager grant update: pagers all went out and are working well. Saia looking at opening their shop back up in Chaffee. Identifier pager has to be there, trying to minimize this.

\*Fire prevention week next week. October 4-10. Reach out and hopefully you have your planning laid out.

\*FFI class running right now. Class going well with 15-16 students. First time for this class here. Having a meeting this week at the fire academy to make some changes to the format. Having some problems with it. Hours won't change, just trying to make it better for the student. 4 classes a week with a double on Saturday not giving students enough time to do their homework. New books are 2 ½ inches thick so there is a lot of reading. Chances are students would fall behind at this pace. On the Hazmat side, breaking it down to modules. You can pace yourself. Transition class coming down the road.

\*Next County Fire Police meeting will be October 21 in Perry.

\*FYI-Jam in the Valley 2016 will be changed to June 30-July 1&2.

\*Grain bin rescue training in Varysburg went well. Donations paid for this class. Put 75 EMS people through it. Looking at putting a series of training together next year, manure pit emergencies, auger emergencies, grain bin fires etc. Broken down by month instead of all week. Sorry for the short notice. Was offered at the last minute.

\*Vital sign registration till the end of the month.

\*Fire info sent to chief's about incident that happened in the Village of Endicott. Said there were booby traps in the building aimed at firefighters, which wasn't the case. It was set to burn the place down. Look at the big picture when you respond. Just don't run into someplace to be a big hero.

\*Reminder on EMS side, anybody who's provider status has changed, expires, runs out, get this info into office and pre-hospital care.

\*FASNY class in North Java, October 7, has many seats open. RSVP FASNY. Chief's pay part of your registration fee.

\*Fire survival is still scheduled for November 3 at TC.

\*Engine Company op's—first class out there. October 19 at TC

\*Update on State Chief's—heavily involved with legislation, education. Sprinkler issue gone away for now. State chief's got grant for public education and going after sprinkler law into effect. Seat belt law, lo-sap law, truck weight law, all waiting for governor to sign.

\*2 hour presentation on what OSHA is all about. State chief's is offering and trying to bring up this way.

\*Best practices of chief officers: pilot to come here too.

\*Bus accident drill they had in Fillmore the other night was too late to get out. Pete Hopkins ran it on Sunday but will set one up if we want it.

**\*Miscellaneous:**

\*If you participate in any WNY activities, your department has to be a member with current dues paid or you won't be eligible.

\*Benediction given by Chaplain Francis Head

\*Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

\*Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Biscaro, Sec./Treas.

