

# WYOMING COUNTY CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

\*Meeting called to order on November 17, 2015, at 7:32 p.m. in Attica by President Primo Biscaro.

\*Pledge to flag recited by all. No chaplain present for invocation.

\*Roll call taken with 15 depts. present, 4 BOF reps. 1 ECC rep. and guest speaker, Barry True, from Monroe Ambulance.

\*WY-52 gave a short presentation on the statistics of what's happening with our EMS service in this county. Only 193 active EMS responders to cover emergency calls. This is a state wide problem and not just here. He then gave the floor to Barry True from Monroe Ambulance to go over coverage changes with ambulances in this county. Medic 80 at WCCH (ambulance)—24 hours a day. Medic 81 at Arcade/Sheldon (fly car)--- 8 a.m. till midnight. Medic 82 at Sheldon (ambulance)—7:30 a.m. Till 5:30 p.m. He also went over other changes and the floor was open for suggestions and questions. Ideas were discussed and Pres. Biscaro thanked Barry for coming and meeting resumed.

\*No reading of last minutes cause it was our steak roast.

\*Treasurers report read and accepted.

## **\*COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS:**

\*VFIS is offering a LOSAP seminar December 3 in Buffalo if any are interested.

\*Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center looking for donations. Declined

\*VFIS newsletter here for info.

\*Mercy Flight asking for donations. Declined

\*Chief's paid FASNY \$140 towards seminar we just had in North Java. Only had 35 people attend. Also, gave Joe and Mary Siler \$153 for food that night.

\*Vol. Firefighter magazines and other reading material here to take.

**\*REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:** None

**\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

## **\*NEW BUSINESS:**

\*New organization meeting dates presented for 2016. WY-52 met with heads of organizations and it was agreed upon to go with new schedule to make for less meetings. Motion made and seconded. Approved.

\*Question asked if Chief's would help pay for meeting meals. Discussed that county pays some towards their meeting meals. Motion made and seconded to give host company \$50 towards meal. Approved.

## **\*WY-52 REPORT:**

\*Radio system update: working through mobile installations and are about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through. The new system is generally working well. Let WY-52 know if you have any problems.

\*Pager update: pagers are working well. Some had to go back cause of battery clips.

\*Hazmat meetings changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m. They were informed that it fell on chief's meeting nights. Looking for more new members. Hazmat drills are being

conducted. Had a few responses from the team for MVA's, nothing major. Have been acquiring a fair amount of new/updated equipment through the regional Hazmat program that NYS initiated.

\*FFI class update: Had 100% graduation with 13 students. No dropouts. Thanks go out to chief's and fire departments for getting equipment up there.

\*FFI graduation is tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at TC. Chief or designated person should be there in full dress uniform for a short program to honor their graduates.

\*On EMS side: meeting with captains and chief's and politicians went well. All but 2 departments didn't show. Thanks to all that did.

\*On the CAD reporting system: WY-51 has been working on this through some grant money and has put a system together. Hope to get it out in a couple weeks.

\*Hazmat training looking good. State Fire updated the class and it is broke down to 5 modules now. You only need to go as far as you need to meet requirements of your department, the Hazmat Team or PESH.

\*Update on crude oil transportation: generally by rail. Nothing through Wyoming County at this point, but a possibility it might after the new bridge goes up in Letchworth. This crude oil has a higher flammability rating than gasoline has.

\*Update on Springville paid EMS providers operations. Changes going on there. 2 providers stationed there, Mercy EMS and RMA ambulance.

\*Remember to save the scene for fire investigation. (Preserve!!) Don't go hoeing out then call investigation. Let them in to take pictures first, then you can continue.

\*Digital multimedia is out there. On an average for people who live in villages or cities, you can get on camera 50-55 times a day so be careful what you do out there.

\*Need to work on 2015 fire reporting. Generally all are doing well on there reporting. Still have a few departments behind.

\*Reviewed on whats happening over in Paris, credible threats to USA are eminent. Paraphernalia here to pick up. Remember-- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!! Call Sheriff's department or the 800 #. MAKE THE PHONE CALL. Chances are it might or might not be anything but don't take that chance.

**\*FIRE TRAINING:** (Registration needed)

Live Fire training--January 12<sup>th</sup> @ TC

Pump Op's-- March 8<sup>th</sup> at Silver Springs

AVET-- March 22<sup>nd</sup> (looking for a home to hold this)

\*Any other classes interested in let WY-52 know. Needs to meet minimum number for classes so they don't get canceled. As of this a.m. we are 125 hours in the hole. Let's get our firefighters trained properly.

**\*WORKING ON:**

Solar panel training—working on building code division, be aware there is electric current inside these panels

NYS updating Fire Officer development—can break class down

Agri accident training & awareness grant: working with farm bureaus in 10 different counties to bring hands on and EMS training to our area.

\*Special training event with Tiger Schmottendorf-- understanding and engaging firefighters. Is a 3 hour class. Cost is \$1000. Will hold at Warsaw high school possibly or ? Motion made and seconded to get it and have Chief's association pay for it. Approved. Decided to hold it in March. Open it up to other counties as well.

\*Fire ground responsibilities of incident commanders: possibly bring it in. 20 hour program. Too long of a class. See if it can be broken down more. Need 2 days in a week. Find out and bring back to meeting if any interest.

\*Had some interest on flash over training--\$100 per student. Minimum class is 60. They provide helmet, coat, you bring SCBA and mask. They will bring a burn room. Read more on it on State Chief's web site. Looking into it. See if we can get enough to go. Bring back at next meeting.

\*Company officer leadership—brand new class. 2 day course. Fall training. Possibly a Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. And Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

\*On the legislation issue:

Sprinkler law was beat down. Need to get a letter campaign out. We have form letters here to take, just put your FD letterhead on and send out.

\*Question asked why Firefighter I class had to go back Saturday morning, they were not happy. Issue has been addressed.

**\*WY-51:**

\*On the radio project: 4 departments left to go. If all is well it should be done by Christmas.

\*Base station installation will begin after all mobile radio installations have been completed if a department wants one. Some costs are involved for the department.

\*Any issues with installs let WY-51 know before he signs the check.

\*Blue tooth was programmed the way we wanted it, volume was made so it didn't back feed.

\*Contract from county when installation is done.

\*Turn pagers off or other radios, so backfeed is minimal.

\*Extra portables were ordered, let WY-51 know if any departments are interested. If at all possible use #6 channel.

\*\$4000 portables available if you want one.

\*Asked why radios keep keying up. Cause people are messing around with them.

\*WY-52 wants us to pick up info here before we leave.

**\*REUMAN REPORT:**

\*ECC had their meeting last night but nothing spectacular. Next ECC meeting will be January 18 at Kennelworth.

**\*GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Turkey raffle this Saturday in Attica

Super Bowl raffle in Perry

\*Next meeting of Chief's will be January 19, 2016 in Attica along with County Firemen's Association at 7 p.m..

\*Meeting moved to election of the 2016 Officers:

\*Don Simons came forward to run this year's elections and results were as follows:

Pres. Primo Biscaro

V.P. Joe Siler

Chaplain Howard Barraclough

\*Elections closed and meeting reopened. Pres. Biscaro came forward and re-elected his Sec./Treas. Alice Biscaro

\*Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

\*Wishing all a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING

\*Respectfully submitted,

**Alice Biscaro**

Alice Biscaro, Sec./Treas.