

WYOMING COUNTY CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

*Meeting called to order on March 16, 2016, at 7:35 p.m. in Bennington by President Primo Biscaro.

*Pledge to flag led by Chief Jim Dick.

*Invocation given by Chief Jim Dick.

*Roll call taken with 12 departments present, 3 BOF reps, Guest speakers Judy Laird, and Jason Crunen from Red Cross..

*Floor turned over to Judy Laird to talk to us about the upcoming anniversary of 911 and what they would like to do. They would like all the departments in this County to be in front of the Court House in Warsaw to participate in a commemoration ceremony of the 911 attack and Judge Mike Griffith is backing this. She also asked to meet with a few Chief's later on to help with planning this event. Pres. Biscaro thanked Judy for coming.

*Red Cross rep Jason Crunen is here to talk to us about the free smoke alarm program which they are still doing. Also, Red Cross is looking for 3 or 4 people to volunteer to help assist with Red Cross calls, helping displaced people from emergency situations. Pres. Biscaro thanked Jason for coming and meeting resumed.

*Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

*Treasurers report read and accepted.

***COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS:**

*WNY Fire Police seminar and drill info, July 29th at Hemlock Fair Grounds.

*WNY info on hotels, ad book, parade and convention schedule.

*WNY info on necrology list and ceremony.

*WNY dues of \$15. Motion made and seconded to pay. Approved.

*Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center asking for donations. Motion made and seconded to send \$50. Approved

*Motion made and seconded to pay Bennington \$50 towards tonight's food. Approved
Chief Jim Dick donated the check back to the Chief's Association. Pres. Biscaro thanked him.

***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:** None

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

***NEW BUSINESS:**

*FASNY has a solar panel tactics seminar and wanted to know if Chief's want to sponsor one. Question asked if we want to schedule one for this fall and all agreed.

***WY-52 REPORT:**

*Radio system update: pretty much completed, working great. If problems, get with WY-51 ASAP so he can get it corrected.

*Keep extra chatter down and off the Fire dispatch F-1 and Emergency Service 1 channel

*Texting issues being worked on. Seems to be working. Very few complaints.

*County siren problem was repaired Monday.

*Looking at the "I AM RESPONDING" program. This will be funded by a grant a grant.

*Work continues on the CAD Fire reporting system.

*Need to work on 2015 Fire reporting. One department still owes.

*2016 physicals scheduled and letter with packets sent out. Dates are as follows:

March 24	Sheldon
March 29	Strykersville
April 7	Warsaw
April 18	Bennington
May 11	Gainesville
May 24	Arcade

*Ag training—worked out well, had meetings. Asked the Chief's if any interest in running another 4 hour grain bin seminar. All in favor. Went over some dates. Will be set up in August.

*State Chief's update—Scholarship applications very low. Closed out. To find out more go to NYS Chief's web site.

*Fire Ground Responsibilities for Incident Commanders needs to be on a weekend and can only get it down to 16 hours.

*Cyler Mansion seminar--based on a fire down State and inhabitants of the building were hoarders. Is a 3 hour program.

*United concerns--cancer assumption. Only paid firefighters get coverage, volunteers don't. Trying to get this passed for volunteers.

*Legal conversion of structures.

*Fair billing act for Ambulance Services, right now they have to bill under Fire Departments.

*Retired Firefighters to be able to teach and not limited to their income.

*Increasing disabilities benefits.

*Increase tax credit for Volunteer Fire/EMS responders to \$1,200.00

*WY-51, WY-52, the Sheriff's department, some Supervisors met with Senator Gallivan and talked about requirements and what we can do to bolster our ranks and support the volunteers.

*Recruitment 2016 program-18/19 participating this year. Everyone was good at getting back on what they want to do with recruitment. All agencies in this County except one chose to move forward with recruitment program this year plus Perry Ambulance stepped forward and is taking part. This year we are working with FASNY and Senator

Gallivan is also assisting with the Wyoming County efforts.

*For years the Chief's Association has paid for the signs and numbers for recruitment. Last year we had 375 #-\$75, signs are \$22 each, and letters are 20 cents each. Motion made and seconded to continue with Chief's Association to buy signs and letters and extra posts. Approved

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

Firefighter I @ TC—Orientation April 7—Class starts April 28

Chief Officer or Delegate needs to attend first night

NIMS 700 @ TC—April 14

EVOC @ Wyoming Fire Hall—April 18

NIMS 100 @ TC—April 21

EVOC @ TC (looking for a home)--May 31

Rescue Tech Basic @ TC—July 12

Pump Op's @ TC (looking for a home)--August 23

Water Supply @ TC (looking for a home)--September 8

X-BOX CLASS @ WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—APRIL 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

NEED A GOOD TURN OUT FOR THIS—ALL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

ARE WELCOME—NO CHARGE—CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION IS PAYING

\$1000 TO PUT THIS ON SO PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND

***IN THE WORKS**

Fire Police Class

Terrorism Update training—let WY-52 know when you want one.

Aerial class

***EMS TRAINING:**

Opioid Overdose training—March 23—7-9 p.m.--North Java

PED's trauma training—March 28 @ Strykersville @ 7 p.m.—April 7 @ 9:30

a.m. @ DSS--June 1 @ DSS @ 7 p.m.

Burn treatment training @ DSS—March 31

Buffalo EMS conference @ Millennium in Cheektowaga-April 15-16. Early

bird registration by March 31--\$95, after that it is \$130

***NEW BUSINESS:**

*Question asked by Chief Mark Keem whose radios these were and was told the County's. Asked how to program some other channels in and was told you can't, they are pass word protected. If you want changes made, contact WY-51. He also wanted to know what the bills were for from Saia and was told that it was for what his Chief ordered and approved.

*WY-51 asked every Chief here tonight to pick up your contracts for the new radios. States what the radios are, responsibilities of the radios, etc.

***GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Attica F.D.-- Pancake breakfast-- March 20—7:30-12:30

Strykersville F.D.--Sportsman Raffle—April 2

Bliss F.D.--Gun raffle—March 19

Bennington F.D.--Gun raffle—March 20

Attica F.D.--Trip Raffle—April 9

*Next WCVFCA meeting will be May 17 in Bliss

*Benediction given by Don Simons.

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,

Alice Biscaro

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