

Saratoga County Officer's Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2013 @ Galway

1. Call to order by: President Bruzdzinski

Executive Officers Present:

President Ron Bruzdzinski	_____	X
Vice-Pres. Tracey Pommer	_____	X
Treasurer Andy Jensen	_____	X
Secretary Don Baldwin	_____	X

2. Chair led group in the Pledge

3. Moment of Silence in remembrance of departed emergency service members

4. Opening Prayer by Chaplin Jeff Mahar

5. Roll call and Attendance Sheet

a. Departments represented: 12

b. Attendance: 32

6. Report of Officers:

A Correspondence---None

B Treasurers Report

Account Balances:

- Hazmat: \$293.59
- Recruitment: \$1,300.00
- Regular Checking: \$5,265.78
- SCBA: \$0.00
- Special Award: \$880.00

Treasurer Jensen reports he has invoices for 2013 dues to hand out.

Motion made by Galway seconded by Arvin Hart to approve treasurers report all in favor passed

C Vice President: There are still spots left to fill for the Saratoga County Fair Booth. If interested, please contact VP Tracey Pommer. All help will be needed to set up and take down. If you can help with that let her know.

7. Report from Fire Advisory Board

-Those still having trouble with pagers having a squeal when volume on high you might need to reverse the narrow banding to correct that problem. Contact Ed Tremblay with any questions.

12. Old Business

11. Special Programs None

-Stillwater FD car show on May 5, 201

-Hudson Valley leg conference April 21 w glens falls and

-Hudson Mohawk leg conference April 18 New Lebanon and April 27 Jonesville.

-FASNy convention will be August 20-23 in Albany at the Desmond Hotel

-FASNy recruit NY will be April 27 and 28, 2013

-Hudson Valley will meet April 21, 2013 at West Glenn's Falls

-Saratoga County Volunteers Fireman Assoc. Will meet in Waterford on May 8, 2013

10. Special Committees (Bill Mehan Report)

9. EMS Council Report None

-If you are not having problems with your pagers don't get them re-programmed.

-Propane simulator at the training center should be ready by the end of April.

on this contact Ed.

you speak to your state leaders telling them how this affects the fire service. For more info

C&O team member and 1 member on Fire Advisory board because of this. Ed asks that

-The state has recently enforced its ethics law. The County has lost 4 hazmat members 1

-Cad system is being worked on

day time ff 2 class in discussion.

-State Fire training has been distributed. Fire Police, EVOc, Pump operators and there is a

8. Fire Coordinator's Report

-Only 1 chief/radio unit should be calling Firecom to report "arriving" or "clear".

identifying themselves. (Do not use Station 64 for example)

-When base Stations acknowledge calls they are to use their company names when

message.

-When calling fire com please wait for them to acknowledge you then proceed with your

-The Saratoga County Sheriff is retiring.

more info.

-Hero Rush will be on 5-18-2013 See web Saratoga County Officers Assoc. website for

-County still working on CAD system

soon. The training should last two hours.

-Radio procedures have been completed the departments will be contacted for training

-FASNy Recruit NY will be the weekend of 4/27 & 4/28

-The Lakeview tower will be on line shortly.

-We will send out update for the fair schedule and will need help with set up and take down.
See Tracey.

- The Greenfield Fire District Officers are sponsoring a seminar by Billy Goldfeder covering Fireground Injury and Death Survival on May 14th.

- Recruit NY April 27th and 28th

- Website Redesign

o Quotes:

- Firehouse Solutions: \$795 one-time setup fee, \$59 - \$99 per month host fee
- Firecompanies.com: \$499.99 one-time setup fee, \$39.99 per month host fee
- Creative Fire Sites, a Creative Visionz IT Company: \$750 one-time setup fee, \$100 per year host fee
- Triad: \$899 one-time setup fee

o Creative Fire Sites was chosen to redesign and host our site.

o For purposes of full disclosure, Creative Fire Sites is co-owned by Treasurer Jensen.

o At the SCFOA organizational meeting in January, this project was openly discussed between the Executive Officers and the Board of Directors to flush out any concerns and potential for conflict of interests. The Board of Directors opined that should the Executive Committee proceed with the website redesign project, that they would

have no issues if the SCFOA obtained a quote from Creative Visionz so long as Treasurer Jensen recused himself from any involvement in any quote process and

any involvement in any selection process. Creative Fire Sites was ultimately chosen because they were competitively priced from both a setup fee and host fee perspective. To keep Treasurer Jensen at an "arms-length" away from this

transaction during the quote process, all information and support from Creative Fire Sites, a Creative Visionz Company was handled by co-owner Adam Fink.

o This site is being designed as a one-stop shop for all things emergency services related to support our county chiefs and line officers. From policies and procedures, training information, live radio feeds and links to not only all county fire and ems agencies but to a variety of fire service publications and county, state, federal fire resource links as well.

o Site highlights will include county calendar, meeting minutes and county notices. We will be setting up a Facebook page that will be linked to our website to provide real-time updates. There will be links to the county on-line radio repair portal as well as links to for interested citizens to sign up to pursue volunteer opportunities within the county.

o This site will meet our needs for years to come and further connect us in the technological age that we live in to not only our technologically driven members of our departments that we want to retain and continue to encourage their active participation in our departments but also attract interested members of our communities as well.

o The website is still a work in progress. We are aiming to officially roll the website out the first week of May.

13. New business

Mackenzie Jewell

a. Daytime Firefighter 1

i. Location: Saratoga County Training Center

ii. Dates: July 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

4/25/2013

Secretary SCFOA

Donald H Baldwin

Respectfully Yours

50/50 Raffle

16 Adjournment

-Presentation by Saratoga County Hazmat Team

on the river.

-Next meeting in Waterford on June 17, 2013 at the Visitors Center at the end of Tugboat Alley

15. Good and Welfare

brain aneurism.

-There is a fundraiser for Pete Wilcox who works for Wildfire Sales on June 2 he had a

please contact Ed for more information.

offer a 2 hour presentation to Saratoga County Departments discussing Arson Awareness

-Presentation by Saratoga County Cause and Origin Team. They did mention that they

14. Open Discussion

on it. There was a motion by Rock City Falls and seconded by Ballston Spa to spend \$419.62 to replace awning for the C&O teams easy up. Passed.

they have for an E-Z Up Tent that was donated to them. The awning has an advertisement

-Saratoga County Cause and Origin Team asked this organization to replace an awning

-Saratoga County training hours have gone from 1500 to 1900 this year.

-There was a lengthy discussion about the bailout system pros and cons.

fire service of NY in the next couple of months.

Challenge. More information and applications for this event will be provided to the

Operations, Firefighter Survival and SCBA Confidence Skills, and a FAST Team

Officers: Leadership Skills, Engine Company Operations, Truck Company

the student a wide variety of training options: Chiefs/Commissioners: Legal Issues,

individual skills and talents to the students. Six different tracts will be offered giving

countries. Top instructors from around the state will be brought together to bring their

skills that they have already learned in the state training courses offered in their

state an opportunity to focus on a specific aspect of firefighting and fine tune the

Science in Montour Falls. This conference will provide firefighters from across the

NYS Fire Services Conference on July 20th - July 21st at the Academy of Fire

b. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is pleased to announce the first annual

!!!. Times: July 9th: 7pm to 9pm. All other dates 8am to 4pm.