

# Saratoga County Firematic Officer's Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 18, 2013 – Mechanicville

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1. Call to order by President Bruzdinski

Executive Officers Present	President Ron Bruzdinski	<u>  X  </u>
	Vice- Pres Tracey Pommer	<u>  X  </u>
	Treasurer Andy Jensen	<u>  X  </u>
	Secretary Don Baldwin	<u>  X  </u>

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: 20

b. Attendance: 42

6. Report of Officers

A Correspondence ----None

B Treasurers Report

Account Balances:

- Hazmat: \$293.59
- Recruitment: \$1,300.00
- Regular Checking: \$4,349.98
- SCBA: \$0.00
- Special Award: \$880.00

Treasurer Jensen reported that the treasurer's books were audited on 1-21-13 by the board of directors.

Treasurer Jensen reported the Departments who still owe dues form prior years.

Treasurer Jensen reported the invoices for 2013 dues will be sent out in the coming months.

C Vice President----None

D Secretary Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read.

7. Report from Fire Advisory Board

Fire advisory board has not had a meeting in two months there was no report.

President Bruzdinski discussed that he spoke to Art Hunsinger about radio procedures and they are being finalized in the coming weeks and should go to Public Safety Committee for final approval in March. Countywide training on procedures will follow final approval.

Fire Coordinator Trembly reports texting at dispatch center is in the works

8. Fire Coordinator's Report

State courses were e-mailed out.

Trench awareness class cancelled on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled for this Saturday Feb 23, 2013

Fire training center rebuilding of propane prop will begin in April-May

Ed was selected for a sub-committee for National Fallen Firefighters. His committee will focus on peer support groups and training programs.

The collapse simulator in old burn building is available for use contact the fire coord.

9. EMS Council Report None

10. Special Committees (Bill Mehan Report)

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

Hudson Mohawk will meet March 21, 2013 at West Albany

Bingo at the Fireman's home on April 13

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

FASNY recruit NY will be April 27 and 28, 2013

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

11. Special Programs---None

12. Old Business---None

13. New business

### **FASNY's Recruit NY 2013 – April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Open your doors April 27th and 28th for RecruitNY 2013!
- FASNY's annual recruitment-based open house event coincides with National Volunteer Week and unites departments from every corner of the state with the sole mission of bringing in new recruits. Please use the helpful information, tips and customizable promotional materials found on FASNY's website ([www.fasny.com](http://www.fasny.com)) to assist you in preparing for your open house.

### **Saratoga County Fair (7/16 – 7/21)**

- Vice President Tracey Pommer will chair our fair committee
- The Fair Committee will be soliciting donations from businesses within the county to offset the cost of the SCFOA's participation in the fair while providing advertising to those that contribute.
- Committee Assistance (setup and breakdown of booth) and Booth Coverage by Fire Departments will be needed. If you can help, please contact Tracey.

### **State/County Training PPE Reminders**

- President Bruzdinski advised as a reminder from Mackenzie Jewell that all departments are required by law to provide proper personal protective equipment to their firefighters and that firefighters continue to be sent to State and County classes with inadequately sized/fitting gear or improper PPE such as a firefighter using a "large" SCBA mask when they were fit tested and approved to use a "Small" mask as another example. Firefighters sent to classes with improperly sized or inadequate PPE will not be allowed to participate compromising their ability to successfully complete and pass classes. Please help us abide by law and help avoid preventable injuries by complying with this request.

### **Overview of 2013 plans resulting from SCFOA organizational meeting held on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

- Meeting Locations:
  - February: Location – Mechanicville. Presentation by Chief Alonzo on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave fire and by Gibby's Professional Fit Testing
  - April: Location – Galway. Presentation by County C&O Team
  - June: Location – Waterford. Presentation by County Hazmat Team
  - August: Location – Stillwater. Presentation TBD
  - October: Location – Halfmoon. Presentation TBD
  - December Dinner Meeting: Location and Presentation TBD
- As a change of pace given the overall lack of interest and bids in hosting our December dinner meeting in recent years, we are going to investigate the possibility and cost effectiveness of holding our annual dinner meeting at a restaurant.

- The Executive Officers and Board of Directors feel that our account balances are large enough where we feel it would be fiscally prudent to investigate the process and cost effectiveness of bonding the Treasurer and any other executive officer with access to our accounts.
- Discussed sponsoring a seminar where we would bring in a nationally recognized speaker.
- The group talked at length about the county website and everyone was in agreement to look into upgrading the layout, content and capabilities of the website while taking over the day to day administration of the website.
  - i. President Bruzdinski discussed the county fire website with the meeting attendees. SCFOA is the "owner" of the website. Ron was looking at changing provider and re-designing the web site. There was open discussion weighing pros and cons. It was discussed that we are currently paying \$200.00 per year for website. Ron found a provider who will charge us \$100.00 per year (current price) and can redesign our website for a \$600.00 fee. President Bruzdinski asked to change providers and have the web site redesigned for an amount up to \$750.00 (one-time fee for design of website) Motion by Vischer Ferry and Seconded by Ballston Spa. Motion approved by floor. President Bruzdinski thanked Dave Atwell for his twelve years of dedication in administering the county website on behalf of the SCFOA.

**Training Announcement:**

- a. A training seminar on Fireground Death and Injury by Chief Billy Goldfeder is being sponsored by the Greenfield Fire District Officers on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Avenue Middle School from 7pm to 10pm. Flyer Attached.

**Presentation by Karen Gibbons from Gibby's Professional Fit Testing Company**

- Contact info: Gary and Karen Gibbons 518.893.2174

**Presentation by Mechanicville Chief Jeff Alonzo**

- b. Review of recent incident involving multiple adjacent structure fires on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
  - i. Operations, Successes, Challenges, Lessons Learned

**14. Open Discussion**

President Bruzdinski expressed that if anyone has any feedback or input for our organization please contact him

**15. Good and Welfare**

Stan Delong EMS Deputy Coordinator says he teaches at the Zone 5 police academy in Schenectady. Stan says they got a federal grant for a training driving simulator. It will be up and

running in the near future and will be available for use by the fire service. The Fire Coordinator will e-mail out information. There will be a \$5.00 donation per person to use the simulator.

16 Adjournments

Motion made by Stillwater seconded by Galway all in favor meeting adjourned.

50/50 Raffle

Respectfully Yours

Donald Baldwin

Secretary 2-23-2013