

# Saratoga County Officer's Association

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013 @ Halfmoon

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1. Call to order by: President Bruzdinski

Executive Officers Present	President Ron Bruzdinski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vice- Pres Tracey Pommer	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
	Treasure Andy Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Secretary Don Baldwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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: 13

b. Attendance: 23

6. Report of Officers

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted by Arvin Hart seconded by Rock City all in favor, passed.

B Treasures Report

Accepted as read

Motion made by Porters seconded by Stillwater to approve treasures report all in favor passed

C Vice President Absent

7. Report from Fire Advisory Board

Radio training will start at the end of the month  
Art Hunsinger has sent out e-mails to Chiefs

There was 2 Supervisors at the meeting from the public safety committee and they were shown the car fire prop.

For the complete minutes to their meeting please see our web site.

8. Fire Coordinator's Report

-Cad system is being worked on they are missing some information.

-Talk of having a firefighter refresher class in future.

-As discussed in pass the Zone 5 enforcement driving simulator has new leadership there and not sure if we can use.

-discussed text paging trying different methods. I am responding is the easiest way to send out messages. The county is hoping to get a grant for the departments. There is a mapping application as well.

9. EMS Council Report

It was brought up that Stillwater is merging with Malta and John Ahern is merging with Clifton Park.

10. Special Committees (Bill Mehan Report)

- Saratoga County Volunteers Fireman Assoc. Will meet at Eagle Matt Lee Nov 13

Hudson Mohawk Bingo at home on Nov 9....Meeting Nov 16 at SW Pitts....Christmas at Home on Dec 8

Hudson Valley meeting on Jan 18 at Hilton Garden Inn Troy NY

11. Special Programs None

12. Old Business

-there was discussion to buy tables for the fair there was a motion by Stillwater seconded Vishers Ferry to purchase to purchase 4 eight foot tables. Stillwater will buy them and we will reimburse them.

There were no bids to host the December meeting. We will have a regular meeting on December 6 we are looking for a host for the meeting. Contact the president if you can help out. We will have guest speaker.

**Presenting:** Mike McEvoy will discuss the topic of Firefighter Behavioral Health by presenting a newly developed NYSAFC program called "Keeping Firefighters Happy"

This presentation was developed by the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs under a grant from the NYS Department of Labor to address the hot topic of Firefighter Behavioral Health. We know that firefighters are great problem solvers - the public calls us to manage every crisis imaginable. As such, exposure to traumatic events and "bad" runs happens. Firefighters are also human, with families, homes, bills to pay, and people to answer to outside of the firehouse. As a profession, the fire service has higher rates of divorce, alcoholism, substance abuse, and suicide than civilians. This talk is about what you and your department can do and should do to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of your members. Keeping firefighters happy and protecting our own is an inside job!

### 13. New business

Bill Mehan discussed that Hudson Mohawk is looking for donation to buy wreaths to place on graves at Gerald Solomon Cemetery. Motion made by West Crescent to buy 10 wreaths for 150.00 passed.

### 14. Open Discussion

- Meckenzie Jewell from NYS Fire discussed she has flow gauges we can borrow contact her. FF 1 refresher can be used for OSHA. April 11,12,13, 2014 fire training weekend at fire academy. FF 1 is under review the state wants to meet NFPA standard. They are talking about the lecture part of class being done on internet and hands on being taught by instructors. The state is reviewing the Mutual Aid plan to try to make it smother.

Presentation by Vishers Ferry on September 11 they had 3 working fires.

Presentation by Porters Corners on meth lab incident.

### 15. Good and Welfare

Chief Bryants of West Crescent reported FF Ayeote is at home rehabbing and doing better. He thanked all for their support.

### 16 Adjournments

50/50 Raffle

- Respectfully Yours

Donald H Baldwin

Secretary SCFOA

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