

York County Chiefs Association

1 Summer Street, Kennebunk Maine

President Roger S. Hooper
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MEETING MINUTES

15 December 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Chief Jeff Rowe at Oak Street Bistro, Alfred. There were 10 members present.

Services/Organizations: 10 Members Present – 1 Guest

Dan Meehan, Lebanon Fire-EMS
Wayne Wertz, APEMS
Mike Mirisola, Buxton/SMHC
Jeff Rowe, Kennebunk
Steve Benotti, Sanford
Corey Hathorne, York Beach
Dave Bridges, York Beach
Frank Lee, Saco , FF I & II Coordinator
Steve Jacobsen, YCEMA
Jason Johnson, Limerick
Ben Harris, Goodwins Mills

Guest Speakers: Molly Beyer, Matthew Leach, JFSIC

Molly and Matt spoke about the organization and how they need the support of all departments in the area. They handed out information and a survey for those present to better understand the referral procedure and requested information in return. They will be in contact with all area departments with the information. Email contact is JFSP@yorkcountymaine.gov

Minutes:

Minutes from the October meeting were briefly discussed and **TABLED** because of lack of attendance at that meeting to validate the minutes.

Treasurers Report: Read from notes

As of 11/30/2016 Bank Statement = \$ 15,544.60 Total

- Checking Acct Balance: 10,758.70
- Savings Acct Balance: 4,785.90

- **Deposits October / November: (included in above balance)**
 - October: (2) \$ 5635.00 Fall School
 - November: (1) \$ 5400.00 Fall School
- **Checks / Debits for October / November: (included in above balance)**
 - Bank Debit for Payroll: \$ 5464.58 Fall School Instructors / Staff
 - Bank Debit Process Payroll: \$ 50.00 (Invoice – Paper Trails)
 - Returned Check & Fee: \$ 165.00 (Fall School Student)
 - #1346 = \$ 2200.00 New England FOOLS (Fall School)

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- #1347 = \$ 2924.92 G.B.W. Associates (Got Big Water – Fall School)
- #1348 = \$ 700.00 Ryan Johnston (Basic/Advance Extrication – Fall School)
- #1349 = \$ 189.00 Blow Brothers (Portable Units – Fall School)
- #1350 = \$ N/A
- #1351 = \$ 1055.00 Lifesaving Resources, LLC – Fall School
- Debit Card = \$116.05 Flowers: Asst. Chief Samuel Horn, York Beach FD (passed)

ACTION: no vote taken

Took meeting out of order to allow for the meal.

Old Business

- HAZMAT – YCEMA may have a candidate for the position of Haz Mat Chief
- Website – a brief discussion about the changes coming to the operation of the website. The organization did take control of the domain name
- Radio frequency plan- no info given
- Apparatus naming/numbering – no info given
- MFSI - no info given
- Lifetime Achievement Award - no info given
- By Law Amendment – the bylaw amendment # 5.3 and 6.10 were read to the group.
- Lifeflight update – Chief Benotti reported that they are still moving forward with the plan to be operational in Sanford after the first of the year. They have secured housing for both the helicopter and their personnel. The actual helicopter has not arrived yet put a backup plan is in place to keep things moving forward.
- Membership survey: each department should have received a survey by this evening. Please try and complete it and return by January 1st. If you have not received one contact President Hooper.

New Business

- New Chiefs: Chief Wayne Vetre; Wells; and Chief Chris Young; Hollis

Committee Reports

APEMS: Wayne Werts

- Discussed atomizer Recall leading to a shortage of units. Advance staff should use IV, IM, or IO, and safe atomizers for the basic level.
 - There has been an increase in the requests for EMS staff to do blood draws. This is clouding the line between patient care and evidence gathering. Off duty staff may be covered by state liability. Best practice may be to only do draw if off duty. Contact your local legal authority for guidance.
- Infection control class and supervisors boot camp classes being offered in the future.
Watch for email announcements being
- Mandatory reporting training is available on the DHS website. This training needs to be done every 4 years. Firefighters are not required to take the class. Yield to local authority.
- The APEMS Samoset conference was a success. Many attended the classes and visted with the vendors. APEMS is already looking for speaker for next year.
- Drexel White and John Powers have both resigned from Maine EMS. One of the two positions will not be filled according to the Governor.

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EMS Region 1 Liaison: No Report, No One Present.

MEMS: Jeff Rowe

- Talk about the community paramedicine program seeking non pilot status.
- DHS is looking into funding for the CP program
- Further discussion about the loss of Drexel White and John Powers at MEMS.

Medical Control: Mike Mirisola

- With the promotion of Dr. Zimmerman to assistant State Medical Director, Region 1 has selected Dr. Bohanske from Maine Medical to be the new Medical Director. Welcome Dr. Bohanske

YC EMA: Steve Jacobsen

- HazMat chief progress discussed that they have a candidate that they are moving forward with in vetting.
- Local area directors meeting is January 11 at 1:00 pm. Evening meeting have been postponed for the time being.
- YCEMA CART team: there is a good number of members for the local cart team which will address the needs of area town during evacuation in dealing with animals and pets.
- Command 1- Is available to all for use at large incidents for command purposes, contact EMA with questions. York County is still looking for operator of Command1 if anyone is interested.
- There was talk of the Gatlinburg fire and lessons learned for it which may be the topic of future discussion along the line of evacuation notification.

Maine Fire Chiefs: Steve Benotti

- March 23 NE IAFC Meeting Announcement/Save the Date. There are many good speakers and this will be a great training opportunity.
- March Maine Chiefs at Sunday River – Chief Brunicini will be the keynote speaker.
- There are a number of fire related positions that are slated to not be filled by the Governor.
- The MFCA has offered help to communities if they are looking to hire professional fire chiefs.

Fire & EMS Training:

FF I/II Academy:

- Frank Lee reported that this year's class is small approx. 13 students. They have not identified any specific reason for the low enrollment. All chiefs are encouraged to attend some of the classes to show positive support for the academy as well as for your personnel.

MFSI: Comment was made about the new SCBA training trailer being in service

E-Board: Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2017

NO OPPOSITION.

Motion to Adjourn: ACTION: Motion by Michael Mirisola, seconded by Dave Bridges to adjourn the meeting at 1948 hours. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Minutes prepared by Jeff Rowe.