

Genesee County Association of Fire Chief's

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

Held Virtually via Zoom

I. Call to Order by the President at 19:01

II. Secretary's Report:

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the December 2020 meeting as distributed.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Young**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 - iii. **Discussion: None**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
- b. Tax paperwork has been turned into Dick Beauchamp on 01/12/2021.
- c. Member forms were sent out with the meeting packet. Forms are required to be submitted at all levels of membership (active, life, honorary, etc..). This helps keep our information accurate and insure invoices are also accurate. Forms are due no later than February 1, 2021.
 - i. If you do not fill out the form it indicates you no longer wish to continue your membership.

III. Financial Report:

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the financial reports as distributed.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Blight**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Young**
 - iii. **Discussion: Chief Burdette noticed the designated training funds were not on the report. This was a clerical error. There has been no change since the December 2020 meeting.**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
- b. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve annual 100 Club Membership Dues in the amount of \$300.00.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Flewelling**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Blight**
 - iii. **Discussion: None**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
- c. **HAZMAT Team Expenditures**
 - i. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve issuing reimbursement to Ed Blight from the general fund for the purchase of five HAZMAT uniforms from Hubbard Military Supply in the amount of \$305.00.
 1. **Moved By: Chief Cairnduff**
 2. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 3. **Discussion: None**
 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve issuing reimbursement to Ed Blight from the general fund for the purchase of five HAZMAT technician patches from Amazon Market Place in the amount of \$32.85.
 1. **Moved By: Chief Cairnduff**
 2. **Supported: Chief Flewelling**
 3. **Discussion: None**
 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**

- iii. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve issuing reimbursement to Ed Blight from the general fund for sewing on five HAZMAT technician patches in the approximate amount of \$90.00 upon Ed Blight providing a receipt.
 - 1. **Moved By: Chief Cairnduff**
 - 2. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 - 3. **Discussion: None**
 - 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
- iv. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to pre-approve the purchasing of one pallet of absorbent for the HAZMAT team not to exceed \$275.00 with re-imbursement billing to Genesee County.
 - 1. **Moved By: Chief Cairnduff**
 - 2. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 - 3. **Discussion: Extensive discussion took place regarding the purchasing of the absorbent. The purchase should be tax exempt since it is being paid by the association.**
 - 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**
- v. Note: We have received two invoices from MES (formally Douglas Safety) for parts on the CBRNE Vehicle (new SCBA brackets). I have been advised by Chief Blight on 12/22/2020 not to present these for payment as of yet.

IV. Host Department: Swartz Creek Area Fire Department

V. Presentations (Presentations are to be 15 minutes of less):

- a. None.

VI. Communications:

- a. Sustaining Members in Attendance

VII. Reports from Standing Committees:

911 Advisory Committee (Ryan Volz):

- a. If you are having any trouble with radios, pagers, or MDT's notify 911.

Coordination (James Young):

- a. No activity. Nothing to report.

EMS (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. Reminder to all MFR agencies that it is time to renew your license. You need to have everything submitted (to the state electronically) by March 10th. Genesee County Medical Control will vote on it at the meeting on the 17th.

Firefighter of the Year (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. Nominations for the 2020 Firefighter of the Year are due no later than February 1, 2021. Please make an effort to submit an application on behalf of your firefighters who deserve the recognition. All forms are available on the website.
 - i. As of now there have been no applications received.
- b. Chief Cairnduff is looking for two active members to sit on the selection committee with him. If you are interested notified Chief Cairnduff ASAP.
 - i. Chief Vogt and Chief Taylor will sit on the selection committee with Chief Cairnduff. Chief Cairnduff will contact Chief Vogt and Chief Taylor to schedule a meeting as applicable.

Firefighter Memorial (Jeff Holbin):

- a. This years' service will be held on September 11, 2021. This also marks the 20-year anniversary of 9/11. Please mark your calendars now.
- b. Currently working on getting speakers lined up. If anyone has any suggestions please let Jeff Holbin know.
- c. If anyone has ideas how to make this years' service extra special please contact Jeff Holbin.

HAZMAT Team (Ed Blight):

- a. No activity.

Honor Guard (Rich Cummings):

- a. Honor Guard was activated for Chief Wilbur's funeral. Members present were Cummings, Blight, Saunders, Bacon, Richardson, Stockwell, Smith, and Curry.

Local Emergency Planning (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. No activity. No report.

Legislative (Bob Burdette):

- a. AFG grant period is open.

MABAS (Bob Burdette):

- a. No activity.

MUSAR (Troy Brancheau):

- a. No report submitted.

Standards (Mike Vogt):

- a. The website has been updated with all the current standards.

Training Committee (Brendt Cole):

- a. The academy is past the half way point. Students are progressing well.
- b. New free classes will be announced shortly. Some topics include community risk reduction, youth fire setter, initial fire investigation, traffic control, and others.

VIII. Reports from Supporting Organizations:

Office of Emergency Management (Jeff Wilson):

- a. No report submitted.

Genesee County 911 (Tim Jones):

- a. 911 is currently in the planning process of scheduling meetings for the new CAD system. If you are interested in participating in any of the upcoming committee meetings send an email to Tim Jones. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. All of which will be held virtually.
- b. 911 is working with the County Board of Commissioners reference their upcoming funding renewal. They are currently having issues with the County Board of Commissioners with getting the proposal on the ballot. If it fails or doesn't get on the ballot, municipalities will have to fund 911 via individual billings.
 - i. Discussion took place reference interfaces with RMS systems and I Am Responding being included in the new CAD. As Tim Jones understands this is all included in the CAD pricing but will find out for sure. It was also discussed why this renewal wasn't on the November ballot.

Department of Natural Resources (Matt Feldpausch):

- a. No report submitted.

American Red Cross (Dick Beauchamp):

- b. In December, the Red Cross responded to five fires. We serviced five families, which included nine adults and four children.
- c. It was a good month for the Red Cross and the community. Have a safe New Year.

Salvation Army (Lydia Sanchez-Roat):

- a. No report submitted.

IX. Reports from Special Committees:

HAZMAT Team Sustainability (James Young):

- a. The HAZMAT committee is comprised of Chief Young, Chief Robere, and Chief Campbell. Chief Blight and EM Wilson sit on the committee as advisors.
- b. The committee selected Chief Young to be the chair.
- c. During the committee meeting Chief Blight was asked to draft a document or memo to share with the Chief's on what the HAZMAT team can be used for, how to activate it, and how to just receive advise via a phone call.
- d. The committee's next meeting is in February and will provide more updates as it progresses.
- e. Discussion took place reference the need to FOIA actual expenditures from the county.

X. Old Business:

- a. ROG 92-1 – Communications
 - i. Still at the 911 advisory committee level. Any revisions will be forwarded to the standards committee for review.
 - 1. The executive board and 911 advisory committee met reference to discuss the issues that were raised by Tim Jones. Chief Volz and Tim Jones met to discuss these issues and there is still an issue that needs to be discussed. Chief Burdette will schedule another meeting with the executive board and 911 advisory committee to discuss the remaining issues.

XI. New Business:

- a. Nomination Committee for Trustee Position
 - i. Chief Burdette has appointed Chief Campbell to chair a committee to accept nominations for trustee.
 - ii. Chief Campbell is looking for two additional active members to sit on the committee with him. This committee is charged with accepting nominations for trustee and bringing their recommendation to the February meeting for a vote. If you are interested in serving on the committee contact Chief Campbell.
 - iii. Chief Campbell stated the committee is himself, Chief Schreiber, and Chief Plumb.
 - iv. If anyone is interested in being a Trustee please contact Chief Campbell.
- b. EMS Stand by at Commercial Fires (Cairnduff)
 - i. Medical control advisory board meeting met today and it was discussed reference only sending one ALS ambulance to commercial fires instead of sending two ambulances (one ALS and one BLS). During discussion no one had any idea of when this practice started or why. It was agreed during discussion that only one ALS ambulance is needed for a "routine" commercial structure fire. Chief Cairnduff reminded everyone that the stand by ALS ambulance is for fire department personnel and not victims. The initial ambulance is dispatched and dedicated to fire department personnel.

1. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to have Chief Cairnduff notify the medical control advisory committee that we support only sending one ALS ambulance to commercial structure fires.
2. **Moved By: Chief Schreiber**
3. **Supported: Chief Blight**
4. **Discussion: Extensive discussion took place prior to the motion. The action item was requested by Tim Jones because it is changing a 911 policy.**
5. **Voice vote taken. Motion Passed**

XII. Comments from the Floor: None

XIII. Adjournment at 19:51