



Clay County Fire Chief's Association

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15th, 2015, 1900 hours, Sabin-Elmwood Fire District

1. Call to Order – 1859 hours

2. Smoke Detector Program - American Red Cross

They are starting to book out their fall smoke detector activities. The Red Cross supplies the smoke alarms and have a fire safety program. They would like to partner with local fire departments, preferably teams of 2 Firefighters and 1 Red Cross team member . FFs install detectors, Red Cross presents to families. They can do days, evenings, or weekends, and they will feed the crews. They have a goal of installing a minimum of 3000 smoke detectors by the end of June 2016. Call Nancy Young to get more info and discuss scheduling an event in your town.

They are also looking for local fire departments to help store small local caches of cots for rapid regional deployment versus the Red Cross keeping a huge stockpile in Washington D.C. Please let Nancy know if you can store some. (701) 364-1800 x2018

3. Updated Roster and Equipment – Bryan Green

Text

4. Emergency Manager Update – Bryan Green

Bryan had some pens and calendars to hand out. He also brought 4 used light bars to donate. All were claimed.

ARMER – The Clay County plan was presented in Anoka County yesterday and it was accepted by the State. The next step is to add more detail to the overall plan. We will also need to get our information ready for the Fire Act grant in November. In 2016 we will also be looking at an equipment grant for dispatch equipment. We plan to be on ARMER in 2017.

We're still having trouble getting the natural gas pipeline maps. Rick Loveland will be talking to the State Fire Marshal.

5. Chief's Roundtable

Salvation Army is in the process of replacing their old Canteen.

Barnesville will have a grass rig available soon after their new one arrives.

Ulen asked about Closed POD training. Bryan is hoping for training to occur this fall. They also asked about the county-wide mutual aid agreement and was wondering if we were going to make changes. Light discussion occurred about fee rates, residential versus commercial fees, the three-hour free window and what happens if a department doesn't receive reimbursement. Emptying and Duysen will meet and prepare something for the next meeting. The target is to reduce the free period down to one hour, allow for a mutual aid department to get paid for an entire call if the local department doesn't respond (consider time of page until time in-service), and having a higher rate for commercial fires, perhaps \$750. Bills should be submitted within seven days.

M-State – HSEM has plans to offer hands-on training in crude oil emergencies across the state. The training will be developed by technical colleges, delivered for free, with local salary and other expenses reimbursed. Priority will be given first to communities with rail lines, then to mutual aid partners. County or regional exercises can also be covered. Training is targeted to begin this fall. If we can get everyone through the classroom this fall, we can look at a hands-on exercise next spring or summer.

This is the last year to offer the free incident safety officer class. Please call to schedule. It's a great winter class.

The M-State Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, July 30th at the Detroit Lakes Fire Station at 7pm. All are welcome to attend and provide input on the future of the program and sectional schools.

Three new ventilation training trailers will be positioned around the state. It can best be used if a couple of departments get together, or schedule back to back nights for area departments.

New FF training is changing a bit. Blocks 1-3 and hazmat, then FF 1 certification exam, then block 4 and FF2 certification exam.

MBFTE is considering doing away with paid FF1 & 2 training and reverting to a set dollar amount for each firefighter in the State. Call your reps if you have input on this.

The live burn law has changed, so if you're doing this on your own, check the DNR web site.

Hawley may also have a 2004 grass rig available soon as well as Ulen doesn't want it.

Dilworth will also have a grass rig available soon.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 1956 hours.

Next Meeting in Ulen, October 14th

People in Attendance:

Barnesville – Michael Stetz
Clay County – Bryan Green
Dilworth – Mark Empting
Felton – Rodney Dahlstad
Hawley – Justin Martin
 Brad Eldred
M-State – Rick Loveland

Moorhead – Jeff Wallin
Red Cross – Nancy Young
Sabin – Chad Byram
 Randy Schmidt
Salvation Army – Byron Medlock
Ulen – Lyle Steichen
 Joe Mozley

Future Meeting Dates & Locations:

10/14/15 Ulen
1/13/16 Barnesville
4/13/16 Dilworth
7/13/16 Felton
10/12/16 Glyndon

1/11/17 Hawley
4/12/17 Hitterdal
7/12/17 Moorhead
7/11/17 Sabin