

# FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on June 23, 2009.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Aaron Rutter, Kim Kroger, Doug Duncan, Eric Tigges, & Mike Wimmer. Special Guest: Don Pfaffenbach

Motion by Eric Tigges, seconded by Aaron Rutter to approve the March 24, 2009 minutes as presented. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dispatcher week thank you was passed around for review.

Fire/EMS Districts were tabled until next meeting. County attorney, Mike Houchins was not available to attend meeting.

Trench rescue will be provided through LEPC training dollars. This will be held at Spencer Fire on Saturday and Sunday. There are 4 or 5 slots available.

Special guest Don Pfaffenbach addressed the Fire Chiefs in regards to 10-50 PI Standards. Some trends and observations he has made include the availability of volunteers, complatenancy, less volunteers, continuing education and regulations. The goal of EMS is to reduce morbidity. He is concerned that volunteers commitment is hindered by the costs of volunteerism not only financially but socially and family wise. Equipment seems to be dispersed “unfairly” in Clay County. There seems to be a lot on highway 18, but limited in the southern part of the county. He also voiced concerns regarding the communication center ability to follow policy. Fire Chief President, Tim Sylvester, acknowledged Mr. Pffaffenbach’s comments and thanked him for his input.

Certificates of Appreciation from the Board of Supervisors were handed out to appropriate departments.

Emergency Manager, Eric Tigges, provided a EMA report. Each department will receive \$1,500. Law Enforcement is going digital and all their radios will be divided among the departments fair and equitably. The south tower will be up in July 2009.

Tammy McKeever, EMS Coordinator, provided a EMS report. EMS appreciation banquet will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Scharnberg Park. All fire departments are invited. CCEMSA is hoping to hold a “Super User’s Triage” class taught by Jeff Messerole. Tammy also discussed Vigilant Guard that focused on elected official’s participation in a disaster.

Eric mentioned that weather has been very active.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clay County Board of Supervisors Room.

By general consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Tammy McKeever, Secretary