

FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on January 10, 2006.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Randy Whalen, Dwayne Nehring, Vince McGee, Brian Kahl, Doug Duncan, Rodney Whitecotton.

Chairperson Sylvester approved the minutes as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clay County Search and Rescue team was discussed. They will be training with USAR. Bryce Denker and Tim Sylvester met with Mike Bovee, attorney, to discuss becoming an official association.

Webb, Fostoria, Dickens, Royal, and Everly have submitted fireman-training spreadsheets.

Forestry Grant is due January 15, 2006. FEMA Fire Grant will be coming out soon.

John Hill had requested the Fire Chiefs talk about radio channeling in the ambulances. Everyone but the hospital is using the same channels except the hospital. Bryce will provide our channels to the hospital.

Bryce Denker, EMA Director had asked the board to consider what type of fire training they would like at the upcoming July 19th disaster drill. This was table to the next meeting.

The tower south of Peterson is up and running. Gillette Grove and Webb will be added later. The project is moving forward to accomplish the goal of solid communication.

Doug Duncan indicated he would be receiving some pediatric backboards from the Kiwanis. Fostoria and the EMS Trailer will each receive one. If any other service needs a pediatric backboard please contact Mr. Duncan.

Please note that the one (1) bridge that connects Spencer will be in repair for approximately 130 days.

The accountability boards will be utilized when Bruce Spence does his tabletop on June 21, 2006 in Everly.

A meeting was held with the communication center and any structure fire will be double paged for mutual aid.

Every 10-50 should roll with the fire department. Dispatcher will provide name and addresses if possible in plain language.

If there are any complaints regarding the communication center these should come to the fire chiefs for discussion. No one should be contacting the communication center individually.

A discussion was had regarding no snow removal roads. In Dickens there is an individual who indicated the fire department would have to drive an extra 7 miles to reach him in an emergency. The fire chiefs will look at their territory and determine how many roads would be an issue.

Peterson can request mutual aid from Sioux Rapids through the communication center.

Webb is hosting driving emergency vehicle training. Everyone is invited.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Randy Whalen to adjourn at 8:09 pm. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Tammy McKeever, Secretary

FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Mike Wimmer, Bryce Denker, Tim Kelsch, Scott Dodge, Dwayne Nehring, Vince McGee, Doug Duncan, & Rodney Whitecotton.

Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Dwayne Nehring to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2006 meeting with the following changes. "time" of fire training shall be changed to "type" of fire training and "north" of Peterson will be changed to "south" of Peterson. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was election of officers. Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Doug Duncan to nominate Tim Sylvester at the Chairperson. Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Dwayne Nehring that nominations cease. All those present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Wimmer to nominate Doug Duncan as Vice Chairperson and motion by Doug Duncan to nominate Mike Wimmer as Vice Chairperson. Tim Sylvester closed nominations and Mike Wimmer seconded. Roll Call Vote for Mike Wimmer as Vice Chairperson. Duncan, Sylvester, Whitecotton, McGee & Nehring voted aye. Roll Call Vote for Doug Duncan as Vice Chairperson. Wimmer voted aye. Mike Wimmer will serve as Vice Chairperson to the Clay County Fire Chiefs.

Bryce Denker, Clay County Emergency Management gave a report regarding the search and rescue unit.

The fireman training spreadsheets were discussed. Tammy McKeever indicated she was still waiting for Peterson's information. Spencer has requested a blank form.

Webb & Royal Fire Departments both were granted forestry monies.

Roads with no snow removal were discussed. The Chief's will revisit this issue in September.

The Clay County Disaster Drill is scheduled for July 19, 2006 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. The hospital needs to exercise decon and disabled patients. Fire fighters will exercise structure fires and work with the d-mort team.

Automatic mutual aid on 10-50 PI's was discussed. The two closest departments should be paged. Bryce Denker will work on maps of 5, 8, and 10 miles around each service. Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded and amended by Tim Kelsh to incorporate automatic mutual aid on 10-50 PI's and structure fires on a trial basis of one year and then reevaluate. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Reminder that every fire person is invited to attend other fire department trainings. Royal meets the last Thursday of every month. Spencer usually has a training schedule three to four months prior to their trainings. Contact Doug if you are interested in the schedule.

There will be confined space training on Saturday, April 29, 2006 in Fostoria. We must have 12 people by this Friday, April 21, 2006 in order to have the trailer reserved. Rich Anderson will be the instructor.

Peterson is having problems with radios. Possibly it is a programming error or the antenna might be a problem.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Mike Wimmer to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Tammy McKeever, Secretary

FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Mike Wimmer, Bryce Denker, Tim Kelsch, Scott Dodge, Dwayne Nehring, Vince McGee, Brian Kahl, Doug Duncan, Rodney Whitecotton, Todd Krukow, and Kim Kroger.

Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Brian Kahl to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Once the Search and Rescue Team is incorporated they will move forward.

Tammy passed out fireman training spreadsheets. They will be updated and returned.

The countywide disaster drill is scheduled for July 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clay County Fair Grounds. The drill should be completed around 7:30 p.m. Red Cross will be providing a meal in the basement of the Spencer Hospital while we debrief.

Bryce Denker, Clay County Emergency Manager, provided each service with a copy of the Bomb Threat SOG. This is truly a law enforcement issue, but a fire chief would also be called as part of the incident command system.

Bryce discussed bulk radio purchases. After July 1, 2006 each department will have \$3,000 towards radio purchases. Bulk purchasing would save each department money. Bryce gave a list of radios and prices.

The EMS and fire boundaries were discussed. It was decided that an eight (8) mile mutual aid response would be looked at. Bryce will work with Theresa Wurth to change maps. He will also see if it is possible to change the map to a color-enhanced map with two colors. Bryce will meet with Julie to get her opinion and invite her to the September meeting. Once maps are complete they will be emailed in pdf format.

Peterson suggested a code response. After discussion it was decided to hold on to the form and discuss at a later date.

CODE RESPONSE

- CODE 1 – Engine with 4+ People
- CODE 2 – Tanker with 2+ People
- CODE 3 – Support with 6+ People
 - F- Fire
 - R- Rescue
- CODE 4 – Aerial with 6+ People

CODE 5 – Full Alarm- EVERYBODY

Spencer Fire will be having extrication training. This is an annual refresher. State Farm has a DVD.

On Saturday, June 24, 2006, approximately 80 emergency vehicles will be participating in the 11:00 a.m. parade commemorating the "Spencer Fire". Lunch will be provided at the Kiwanis stand and the Station will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m.

Everly will be hosting their "X-Games" on August 12, 2006 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Cost to enter is \$10.00. Practice will be Saturday, July 9, 2006.

Hazmat training is paid for by LEPC. We need to look at organizing tis training.

SAFER Grant is a grant to retain and recruit volunteers. It is for volunteer organizations. This grant is due two weeks from yesterday.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Mike Wimmer to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room.

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FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2006.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Mike Wimmer, Bryce Denker, Tim Kelsch, Dwayne Nehring, Vince McGee, Brian Kahl, Doug Duncan, Rodney Whitecotton, Todd Krukow, Randy Whalen and Kim Kroger. Guests included Melanie Peterson, Sue Bates and Julie Brehmer.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Todd Krukow to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bulk radio purchasing was discussed. Bryce need to know the model and number needed from each service. Once he has the numbers he will place the order. The services were requested to have this information to Bryce by Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Auto mutual aid issues were discussed. Julie began the conversation by outlining some of the problems they face at the communication center. Many times people are calling on cell phones and they don't know their exact location. Also paging takes some time. Julie indicated that there are times when the dispatcher is using their best judgment. There is not a dispatcher that does not try their best.

All chiefs were in agreement that the dispatchers would have to use their judgment. It was consensus that only the Fire Chief's are to contact the communication center.

Tim Sylvester reiterated the purpose of mutual aid is for victims. Doug Duncan stated this is truly a non-issue since a policy has been established.

The dispatchers were reminded that only 10-33 calls are double paged.

Other concerns from the dispatchers included the 8-mile map that has been created. This is difficult to read. Bryce will look into adding additional street numbers.

The protocol now for Spencer Fire Dept is to be called, not paged. It would be easier for the dispatchers if they could page for PI's. Doug will talk with his officers and get back to Julie.

Mike Wimmer mentioned adding a second department to the grid screen. Julie will look into the possibility.

Frequency can be an issue. If fire departments are using state and county, they walk over each other and the dispatcher cannot hear anything. Bryce will talk to Lance about state and fire on same channel/frequency.

It would help the dispatchers if individuals would not call into the communication center stating they are responding. Dispatch needs to know when the first rig is in route.

The three towers are up and running. So there will be different pl's (tones). Please bring all handheld and mobiles to the next meeting. They will need to be "touched". It will take three

channels. This is more of a handheld issue than a mobile issue. Bryce has the channelization list.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Mike Wimmer to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

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Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Brian Kahl to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2006 meeting as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

A bulk radio/pager purchase with 911 funds was discussed. Steve Quattlebaum was present to answer questions. Doug Duncan and Randy Whalen want all pagers. Royal would like four (4) pagers and four (4) radios. The other services will contact Steve with orders. A service man will program the radios during the day, but Steve is willing to visit fire meetings in each town to provide training. Mr. Quattlebaum will make arrangements with each service. Tammy McKeever will send Steve contact information for the services.

Channel List:

- 1- Country Fire
- 2- Fire Ground
- 3- State Fire
- 4- Mutual Aid
- 5- CD Civil Defense
- 6- Gillett Grove Link
- 7- Webb Link
- 8- Peterson Link
- 9- Regional EMS
- 10- State EMS
- 11- Iowa
- 12-
- 13-
- 14-
- 15-

- 12, 13, 14, and 15 will be determined by individual services

The services should contact Steve with any problems.

Regional response is the buzzword. After much discussion it was decided this is the time to do a PL code. The base will be done first. (Transmit part first and receiver part when finished). If there is a problem with radio they will let you know. You will need to provide Steve with how many portables, how many mobiles, the model type and what you want to add from 11 on up. Steve has a special on batteries if you are interested.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Brian Kahl to channelize from 1 to 11 and PL code at the same time. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bryce Denker indicated maps for the communication center have been delivered.

New business

Snow removal issues will be addressed at the next meeting. Each service will review secondary roads maps and mark questionable roads.

CDAD - Fire Prevention through DHS. Fire prevention should be in September. FEMA Grants

NIMS Compliance statement must be signed by councils by 9-30-06 and mailed to Bryce Denker.

There is Fire Service Training through ILCC in Emmetsburg.

LEPC training will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Brian Kahl to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tammy McKeever, Secretary