

## **SPRING MEETING MINUTES 2015**

Meeting called to order April 18 2015 by President Malone at 1000 hours.

Pledge of allegiance was said aloud.

Members present as represented by the sign in sheet: Wakefield Fire Department, West Iron County FD, Ironwood VFD, Alpha Mastodon FD, Tri County FD, Republic FD, Burt Twp FD, Bruce Crossing FD, Ironwood PSD, Ironwood Twp FD, Spaulding Twp FD, Munising FD, Gogebic EMD.

### **Roll Call of members:**

President Malone, Present

Vice President Yon, Present

Treasurer Seppala, Present

Trustee Koski, Present

Trustee Van Dorn, Present

**Introduction of guests:** Jim Loeper, Gogebic County 911 / Emergency management.

Approval of the minutes: Motion by Chief Iverson (Breitung Twp) with support from Chief Gagnea (WICFD) all were in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion by Ironwood TWP with support from Ironwood Public safety to accept the treasurers report, all where in favor, motion carried.

**Communications:** Joint Michigan Wisconsin conference in Iron Mountain was presented.

**Unfinished business:** None

**New Business:** Chief Iverson asked about the classes put on by the Chief. Dan Hammerberg explained that there was a glitch in scheduling the classes this year because of staffing and they were dropped.

Chief Yon made a motion to purchase an ad in the tournament book of the same size as previous years with support from Spaulding township to purchase the add, all where in favor.

### **Reports:**

Dan Hammerberg spoke about funding allocations for training pertaining to the fireworks fund monies; it was based on population size of the county. 1.75 million Was allocated in the State this year towards training and could be used toward non IMS classes.

Dan talked about the new SMOKE program coming up to replace the IMS system. It should work a whole lot better than the IMS system and be a lot more user friendly.

It was mentioned that letters be written to legislators to release more funding into the training budget, there is 3.0 million sitting in reserve and only 1 million is being given out at a time.

There is talk about a Fire investigator training class to occur in the Upper Peninsula at NMU.

Spoke about the FFI & FFII testing happening in the UP and across the State, Class scores have been low across the board in the lower part of the State. He also spoke about the PA291 rewrite happening at the State level.

Have been communicating with the DNR fire division about how we can work together with them with training, communications and support in urban wild land situations.

There was discussion about state instructors teaching classes that they have not passed.

Jim Loeper, EMD and 911 coordinator for Gogebic County; gave an update on the UP 911 authority AND THE UP Wide 911 CAD system, the improvements throughout the Upper Peninsula. Some items obtained through homeland security grants, they have gotten Rehab trailers, pagers and radios for fire and EMS and other things that are occurring UP wide. There are Cache's of radios in every county, VHF & 800 MHZ available to the fire departments for large events.

Board member comments: Chief Yon thanked everyone for coming to Wakefield, Jeff we have 33 paid up members so far and mentioned that Amasa-Hematite has joined the UP Chief's and welcomed them. Chief Malone thanked Chief Venturado for driving so far to attend the meeting.

Membership Comments: Chief Iverson advised he had trophies in his car from the last tournament to distribute.

Next meeting will be held in Crystal Falls at the U.P. Firefighters Tournament July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 1000 hours.

Motion to adjourn by West Iron FD with support from Ironwood, all were in favor at 1112 hours