

Town of Burrillville Fire Districts

Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2015

1. Call to Order:

Michael Gingell (Interim Chief of Nasonville) acted as Moderator and called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and started with the Pledge of Allegiance. He reviewed the agenda items and discussed format of meeting.

2. Short introduction from member of each district present

Representatives from each district introduced themselves to those present at the meeting. Representatives/districts:

Dave Place – Harrisville Operating Committee

John Polacek – Harrisville Operating Committee

David Shaw – Pascoag

David Carpenter – Pascoag

Mike Pichie – Nasonville Operating Committee

Gerry Lapierre – Nasonville Operating Committee

Bob L'Esperance – Oakland/Mapleville Operating Committee

Leah Joyal – Oakland/Mapleville Operating Committee

Robert Bishop – Chief, Wallum Lake

Butch Carter – Chief, Pascoag

Joe Marcello – Deputy Chief, Oakland Mapleville

Mark St. Pierre – Chief, Harrisville

3. Bulk Purchasing Discussion

The benefits of bulk purchasing were discussed. Consensus is that anything purchased by the fire departments/fire districts would be considered, although large purchases, such as fire apparatus, are planned in advance due to budgets. Each district will provide information regarding any major purchases that are planned before the end of the fiscal year to see if any overlap between the districts. Fiscal year for each district starts and ends around the same time, so this would not prevent the districts from combining major purchases if desired.

4. Proposed Legislation Discussion

A brief discussion was had regarding proposed legislation that would have a major impact on all the fire districts: H5343, H5344 & H5345. Chief St. Pierre discussed what actions are taken by the Southern League in order to let their representatives know the fire districts in the southern part of the state's position on different topics, to exchange ideas and share concerns. He felt that the Northern League should do the same.

Leah Joyal (OMFD) and John Polacek (Harrisville) will get together to discuss contacting the Representatives from the districts and try to set up a meeting.

5. Objectives/Goals

Group discussed what other areas should be brought up at this meeting and Gerry Lapierre (Nasonville) suggested Recruitment and Retention as this is an area that is important to all districts. Chief St. Pierre discuss grants that may be available to help in this area. Nathan St. Pierre (Harrisville) suggested that Joint Training sessions would also be important to discuss, not necessarily on a board level, but as a discussion between the Chiefs.

6. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:15 PM at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library in Harrisville.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Chretien
Nasonville Fire District Clerk