



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS Zone One Minutes

Wednesday April 1st 2015 @ 1000 hrs. at the Thames Centre's Dorchester Fire Station....2156
Dorchester Rd.

Special Notes – Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$15 pp

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. *Walter Anderson*
- b. *Randy Kalan*

2. Educational Component

Electrical Safety Authority

Said Ismail, P. Eng., CFEI Incident Investigation Specialist, Regulatory and Safety Programs and Francis Hardy

- Discussed their role in emergency response and what they are looking for with regards to fire cause and electrical
- ESA is willing to work with departments as far as education
- They have limited resources so are unable to respond to every call but do have a 24 hour on-call technical advisor

Arend Noordhof – Fire Chief, Kerwood

- Spoke about the Joint Compliance Pilot Project in Middlesex
 - Mainly focused on vulnerable occupancies
 - Main focus is to facilitate greater coordination and collaboration between different regulators
 - Can different agency inspectors share information about an occupancy and the need for some other agency to come in.

3. Review Agenda

- a. No items

4. OFMEM Report and Questions

- a. They were unable to attend
- b. There has been word that a new advisor has been hired for this area



5. Business Session

- a. *Nominations for zone rep and process for selecting the rep*
 - i. It was suggested that Walt Anderson remain the zone rep. Walt had no issue with that.
 - ii. **Motion by:** Don Croker (Central Elgin), 2nd by Sam Taylor (Alymer) that Walt Anderson remains the zone rep. **All in favor, no opposed**
- b. *Board of Directors Report and Questions - Rick Arnel*
 - i. Rick has been nominated to run for 2nd vice on the OAFC Council again
 - ii. See attached OAFC update for details
- c. *Resolutions For submission (Note the timeline for Constitutional change proposals)*
 - i. **Motion by:** Dave Sutton (LaSalle), 2nd by Rob Broadbent (St Thomas) to forward on Resolution 04 – Reduced Level of Training from PSHSA, to the OAFC Board.
- d. *Roundtable Discussion/Department Reports/Announcements*
 - i. Dave Sutton - LaSalle
 - 1. Working on an interim report on the fire master plan
 - 2. New Thibault pump in service – very happy with it
 - 3. Had a not so pleasant interaction with an OFM investigator (cavalier, disrespectful. Is there a review process for these people?
 - ii. Lawrence Swift – Petrolia, North Enniskillen
 - 1. Council will be voting next month on a full time chief position. 50/50 chance
 - iii. Don Croker – Central Elgin
 - 1. They have installed CO oximeters on the rescues. They have had readings on patients. EMS has been impressed with the information they are getting from fire.
 - 2. Smeal pumper and E-One heavy rescue in service
 - 3. New heavy rescue in the works
 - 4. Moving forward with a fire master plan
 - 5. Southwald Fire will be posting for a part time chief's position
 - iv. Sam Taylor – Alymer
 - 1. He has been approved to purchase a used aerial device
 - 2. Had an incident with the OFM advisor talking directly with the mayor and advising that they did not need an aerial
 - v. Brent Smith – Malahide
 - 1. Just started as Chief
 - vi. Brian George – Strathroy-Caradoc
 - 1. Budget was passed – no fire master plan



2. 26 year old aerial needed \$56 000 in repairs
3. They have been allowed to raise their staffing levels
- vii. Bob Hansen – Southwest Middlesex
 1. He is the new Chief
 2. New income source – renting roof space for solar installations
- viii. Rob Broadbent – St Thomas
 1. Facing 25% of staff eligible to retire in 5 years
- ix. Rick Arnel – Essex
 1. He is the new Chief
 2. Attended a PTSD summit and the interest in it being put on the presumptive list. The Minister for Safety and Correctional Services spoke out about WSIB being difficult to work with
- x. Paul Greneveld – Norwich
 1. He is the new Chief
 2. Oxford County is installing a new digital communication system similar to Elgin County's
- xi. John McFarlan – Zorra
 1. Tendering for a new fire hall in Thamesford
 2. Tendering for a new tanker once that is complete
 3. They are continuing with the JTAG training program
- xii. Will Davidson – North Middlesex
 1. He is the new Chief
- xiii. Ken Sheridan – Middlesex Center
 1. Moving to high pressure 45 minute SCBA – question how others are dealing with the new NFPA standard of low air at 33% and working time.
 2. Looking for approval on a new fire hall
 3. Question – how are people dealing with personnel responding to the fire hall or directly to the scene?
 4. They have a new recruit process that is the same for all the stations now
 5. He has heard that there will be no analogue radios in 10 years, so what will we do about paging
- xiv. Randy White – Bayham
 1. They now have the teamsters union in one hall, the contract agreement discussion went well from his perspective
 2. They have a new Eastway rescue- very happy with it
- xv. John Holmes – Ingersol
 1. Submitting equivalencies



2. Looking for 2 thermal imaging cameras

xvi. Randy Kalan

1. Looking at moving from land based water rescue to entry, having some issues with council
2. Is the OFM still offering the "Essentials of Firefighting" training for new council members?
3. Can the OAFC set up a spot on the website for department compairble's, wages, size, equipment, etc?

xvii. Walt Anderson – St Clair

1. We have 2 T-rex aerials on order for December delivery
2. An Ashfodel command unit is on order
3. We are looking at a drone
4. VFIS is now offering an EAP program

6. Closing Remarks