



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS Zone Meeting Minutes

October 22nd 2014 Corunna Fire Station 249 Hill St Corunna @ 1000 hrs

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Walter Anderson*
- b. Deputy Mayor Peter Gilliland*
- c. Brad Bigrigg – OAFCA*

2. Review Agenda

3. OFM Report and Questions – No one from the OFM present

4. Educational Component

Everbridge MyCNN presentation – Dean Edwardson CAER, Cal Gardner CEMC Sarnia, Mark Wetering CEMC County of Lambton

Integrated Risk Management Tool – Vincent Liu & Melanie Arsenault OFMEM

Questions and concerns arising from the presentation

- *Will there be a time when we can save the information we input? – maybe in phase 2*
- *Are they working on the time out issue? – Should be resolved next week*
- *The program is not meeting the needs of the programs it is replacing – down the road we hope to be able to transfer data from other programs specifically for fire safety and enforcement*
- *Why does the program allow you to enter answers that are not logical or contrary to previous answers? A business rule should be put in that doesn't allow it.*
- *OFMEM is working on the profile questions under response so they can be saved for that department*
- *A save feature to edit and compare would be nice. Phase 2 may have the ability to show a scatter graph of the current conditions and what it would look like if changes were made.*
- *Several questions around being able to save the program and data. OFMEM looking at options*



- Currently the program focuses on the three lines of defense but the OFMEM is looking at adding others such as environment or economic factors.
- Consensus was that phase 2 cannot come so enough
- Program should be updated to include venerable occupancy changes, training and education of firefighters and inspections
- Program doesn't address resource allocations of a larger area

5. Business Session

a. *Board of Directors Report and Questions – no board member present*

b. *Roundtable Discussion/Department Reports/Announcements*

- i. Brad Goodhill, Warwick– funding for county fire prevention trailer is moving along and looking to sell the old county unit
- ii. Doug Mackenzie, Point Edward– issues with getting and retaining personnel in a small community. Looking for any suggestions
- iii. Randy Kalan, Thames Centre
 1. WSIB case – VFF recently retired from his regular job, had an injury as a VFF. WSIB is not covering him because he is not working. Has to do with the municipality's agreement with WSIB. Should look at what the municipality is covering and how with WSIB
 2. Is OAFCA going to come out with a statement on 2 hatters?
 - a. Comments:
 - i. the AMO resolution is flawed as to who it this issue applies to
 - ii. Michigan has passed legislation that 2 hatters are allowed
 - iii. Need to have clarification of what OPPFA constitution defines this issue and why some OPFFA executives are not following it
 3. Having issues with getting fire hose testing done. Has found a company that is cost effective.
 - a. Fireline One – firelineone@gmail.com – 519-317-0192
 4. Struggling with council member as a VFF, is anyone having a similar issue?
- iv. Arend Noordhof, Kerwood - lots of changes in Middlesex personnel
- v. Don Crocker, Central Elgin
 1. 2 new trucks coming, pump(Smeal) and rescue(E-one)
 2. Helping Southwold Fire Department while they get a new chief
 3. Going to initiate the new radio system
 4. – asked about mobile repeaters



vi. Brian Arnold, Woodstock

1. Curious about the arbitration system on 2 hatters
2. Struggling with workload to have compliance with vulnerable occupancy
 - a. 26 in Woodstock and it is taking resources from routine inspections
 - b. Working on a Fire Protection agreements to cover operations at these vulnerable occupancies

c. *Other items for discussion*

i. *Discussion: EP week and AIMS conference conflicts can we move that?*

1. *Has been talked in the past and has not gotten anywhere.*

d. *Resolutions For submission (Note the timeline for Constitutional change proposals)*

6. Closing Remarks