

Minutes of the Pac 3A Meeting Tuesday April 4, 2017

Centre Wellington Station 40, Fergus

Chief Patton opening remarks- welcomed all Chiefs and guests to CWFD.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Chief Patton, no errors or omissions were found.

OAFC...

PTSD plan is underway, training in progress. Chief Patton stated CW has a check box on Fire reports regarding a possible CISM call. April 23 is deadline for implementation.

Changes to Class D licensing regarding testing and medicals. New driver/operators may require 1 or 2 weeks training and age based testing may be implemented as well as retesting for excessive infractions. MTO will be at May conference.

CACC consolidation, Chief Harrow discussed simultaneous dispatching.

Two hatter update by Brad Bigrig.

Volunteer FF signage, MTO first refused but now on board.

Brad Bigrig discussed about specialized rescue training, some Depts. teaching to curriculum with no concern for certification until OFC reintroduces specialized training guidelines.

OFMEM Update-

Seven applicants on short list for Fire Marshalls position.

Mike Potvin introduced himself. OFMEM has hired 4 new engineers. Between the 6 OFMEM advisors are attempting to attend more OAFC meetings. Plans are to hire 9 more advisors.

Chief Patton asked for a condensed contact list but Chief Harrow still wants the 1-800 OFMEM advice or assistant number available.

Chief Osborne questioned the slow return of marks after Officer training testing. Some explanation of the marks would also be appreciated.

Currently 15 vacancies with OFMEM.

New territories are being developed. New courses underway, they are Essentials of Emergency MGMT. course and Fire safety planning.

Discussed marijuana grow ops with legalization.

OFMEM Grandfathering is complete. Is everyone receiving Principals post? Yes well received.

A brief discussion was held on collaborative Learning.

Chief Patton asked about water source management, What happened to OFMEM Community & Environmental Impact on Fire ?

Also discussed was the possibility of realigning the OFMEM geographical zones with OAFIC PAC Zones, Brad Bigrigg is looking into this.

In the future, surveys will be going out on fire investigators performance.

Break

OAFIC will be accepting proposed changes to the FPPA, a couple of Chiefs would like to see draft list.

Discussion on exclusion in FPPA.

Chief Patton asked about jumping in with another dept. Re purchase of SCBA. Stratford Fire chief suggested St Mary FD, they are in midst of purchasing new SCBA.

It was suggested that an agenda be sent to OFMEM so appropriate most person can attend meetings.

Round Table

A discussion was held regarding Grand Valley's CO poisoning at arena. Should there be a push for mandatory CO detectors in these facilities.

Orangeville is hiring new CTO. Bruce Beatty is retiring this June.

Chief Goode stated concerns with Mutual Aid Association in Wellington/Dufferin, poor attendance and redundant training. Are we having too many meetings? Perth East Chief stated they have 4 a year, 2 in spring, 2 in fall.

Stratford Chief has purchased new heavy rescue and pumper, all staff trained to First Responder, kept costs down by certifying crew at a time. Using Elora Gorge for swift water training.

Chief Patton want to know Chiefs thoughts on using NFPA terminology re: Truck companies, Water Tenders, Ladder Companies etc.

Chief Osbourne gave an update on Guelph FD. An arbitrator awarded a settlement between the city and FFs. He also introduced DC Dave Elloway, hiring a DC of operations. Chief also said he would talk to Kitchener, Cambridge and Waterloo FD about possible attending PAC 3A meetings.

Chief Bill Hunter of Perth East stated they are building a new hall in Milverton. They have also changed forms regarding possible PTSD alarms thus tracking each FFs number of high stress calls.

Chief Patton asked about a host for next meeting, Guelph Fire Department will be hosting October's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by CTO Larry Bolen. Pg. 3