



Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

MEETING MINUTES - ZONE 3 MEETING APRIL 13, 2011

HOSTED BY THE ORANGEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

ATTENDEES:

Dale Moore, OFM – Steven Horsley, Shelburne – Ronald Morden, Orangeville – Andy MacIntosh, Orangeville – Wayne McIsaac, Adjala Tosorontio – Chris Harrow, Minto – Rick Richardson, Mapleton – Jim Morrison, Arthur – Brian Cumming, Bruce Power – Phil Eagleson, Saugeen Shores – Robert Bell, Chesley – Jamie MacKinnon, Kincardine – Glen Wilhelm, Walkerton – Ed Nowak, Owen Sound – Jamie Zimmerman, Waterloo – Ron Doherty, Blue Mountains – A.J. Lake, Blue Mountains – Ken Roseborough, Hanover – Kevin Gallant, Bradford West Gwillimbury – Kevin Foster, Midland – Dan Heydon, New Tecumseth – James Peavoy, Town of Erin Hillsburgh – Ron MacEachern, Mount Forest – Mike Givens, Chatsworth – Rick Pedersen, Woolwich – Thom Evered, OFM – R Gordon, Puslinch – S Goode, Puslinch – Doug Tennant, Cambridge – Michael Gorvuyiczki, Stratford – Phil Schwartz, West Grey – Carl Linthorne, Inter Township – Wayne Trimble, Inter Township.

Carl welcomed all to the meeting and before passing the floor to the invited representatives, Carl requested we stand for a moment of silence for our fallen comrades.

Thom Evered, OFM

- Thom and Dale read from a PowerPoint presentation outlining the OFM Update, staffing and Fire Prevention Guidelines. The PowerPoint Presentation is included as an attachment to the minutes.
- Discussion re the response time for returning phone calls from FIS. To allow 2 hours for a return call due to call volume. If the answer to your request is not what you wanted to hear, ask for a Supervisor – can't be refused.
- OFC requires 6 weeks advanced notice for courses
- Need to send in SIR's often
- OFC Website for concerns/complaints – may be passed on to the local FD for follow-up

- Listowel Incident – importance of maintaining up to date training records, SOG's and record keeping.
- OFM issued official news release on Listowel deaths – out today
- Shaping Fire Safe Communities program is dead.
- Master fire Planning – best hire someone to help as OFM not allowed to participate.
- Fire Prevention – Notice of Violation form – too much liability for departments – need to lean toward Inspection Orders – 10 days goes to court system.

Dale Moore, OFM

- Bill C 45 – Referred to SS Marie Crane incident and Toronto window washer incident – importance of keeping training records up to date for MOL and Police investigations.
- Dale travels to incidents, on his own, to offer support – just there to help.

Doug Tennant

- Concern re OFC not offering 101 to 500 series courses – Asked Thom to request OFM to clarify the reason to allow Councils and fire departments to understand.
- Kevin Foster explained that the certificate is only available for the entire program. Depending on circumstances, some company officers don't need the full program – sanctioned by OAFC – Level 1 and 2 is the minimum required by the MOL.
- Carl Linthorne discussed the Section 21 binder to make sure the issues are covered. MOL not willing to come in as a proactive measure – enforcement only. Bruce County had a MOL Supervisor (Munday?) do a presentation for them which was excellent.

Kevin Foster OAFC

- Regrets from Tim unable to attend.
- Kevin will run again this year, and explained that there are openings on the Board.
- Discussion re staffing 10 and 10. Voted not to support that document. Meeting with AMO and MMA in attendance.
- MOL meeting, Kevin and Tim in attendance re Mandatory Retirement and stop suing each other. Need survey to back up presentation. If survey received, please fill out and return.
- OAFC Conference is in two weeks. Agenda posted on website. Dress uniform required for Monday morning.
- Golf Tournament June 1st in Oakville
- Resolutions need to be filed with OAFC soon.
- Vulnerable Residents Survey – 60 to 75 submissions expected
- Discussion re mandatory retirement – who has to go. May become permissive legislation.

Round Table Discussion

Steve Horsley

- Discussion with his department re 1000/3000 – Carl discussed with Don Warden re 200 hours – training = 2 hrs – new credit given for volunteers – everything needs to total 200 hours.

Ron Morden

- Further discussion re losing courses at the college. – costs from 65.00/person to 480.00/person (Blythe) – need for funding for training due to increased costs.
- Radios – 500 mhz – new window for emergency services.
- Resolutions for funding need to be done annually
- Fire services petitioned to be part of infrastructure funding – request from Ron to make it a Zone resolution.
- Need to revisit old resolution – make changes and resubmit to OAFC
- Zone supports that kind of resolution.
- Tanker shuttle – resolution passed at CAFC to create task force. Not aware if the task force has been set yet. Pete Rose being questioned re 250 gpm in two minutes for residential and 400 for commercial.

Wayne McIsaac

- MOL visited his department 40,000.00 to comply from 8 orders – better to be pro-active re training etc.
- In defense of OFC – 4 instructors left the college in the last 2 years – another leaving this month – overwhelmed.
- Dale added that the Government put a freeze on hiring – more coming from Provincial govt 1500 jobs

Lunch Break

Chris Harrow

- Propane Phase 1's that voluntarily choose to do Phase 2's – FD doesn't need to approve.
- Would like to see resolutions re lightweight truss construction in commercial buildings. US code is open for comment re trusses being placarded.
- Thanks for all departments for their help and support.

Rick Richardson

- Proposal re full time Training Officer for Centre of Wellington serving the County. They have received a memorandum of understanding from all departments.

Jim Morrison

- Expressed his appreciation for the work being done re the Training Officers position.

Brian Cumming

- Federal mandate no longer required to retire at age 65
- Test instituted - if unable to pass, moved to another role. Test developed by York University for the fire service – 11 minutes
- After the Japan incident, Brian stressed the need for assistance from municipal fire service.

Phil Eagleson

- Pet project – small classes resulted in Training alliance which produced full classes. Bruce County Training - gbtraining.ca

Doug Tennant

- Long Term Care program in full tilt – crews doing evac drills – 2 minutes for room, 20 minutes for wing.
- Encouraged all to get involved in Public education
- Bill Chesney A/Chief this month – Doug next month
- Chief to be announced by June.
- Terry Allan sends greetings.
- Training alliance – Associate Instructor Program – 20 people through level 1, and level 2 set for November. – offering instructors to come to us – will provide.
- Kitchener mock explosion at Conestoga College on April 3rd went well.

Robert Bell

- February training proposal at a cost of 75,000.00 – 3 options – OFM and Blythe cost a lot more – money provided but on hold due to OFM staff comments to officials re courses not necessary. Clarification requested from OFM staff present.

Jamie McKinnon

- Solar panels – Ontario Power Authority Website re Safety of Fire Fighters around panels – some info in FFAO publication – OFM not much help. – awareness needed – suggested sending FPO on field trip to talk to owners – high hazard
- Dale mentioned that there's a problem with roof-top antennas (Google)
- Questions should be emailed through the system – faster to get to OAFC for comment.

Glen Wilhelm

- Walkerton Trade show scheduled for June 2nd.

Jamie Zimmerman

- Instructor's Program much work – different avenue for training – better to have more than one source.
- Acting officers – is there leniency for acting officers
- Building code discussions in progress re lightweight trusses. Feed exec of the OAFCA with info to give them power to make changes
- Waterloo – staff optimization – Fire Prevention maintaining a level of 8 – may lose 1. – hard to keep numbers
- SCBA – three cities to purchase same make – field testing in Cambridge on May 9, 10 and 11.
- Discussion on opinion from group on size of bottles – ROME Rules of Air Management – 50% of air in 2216 bottles = 10 minutes at best and 4500 bottles give you somewhat more.
- Waterloo has purchased Massamo Hemo CO finger units on front line units – working well.
- Problem with retirement age – some don't want to leave.
- Discussion re new Propane requirements – do Councils want it done – do we need a resolution?

Ron Doherty

- Expressed his thanks to Orangeville and Carl for the meeting.

Ken Roseborough

- Hired 2 people for Fire Prevention (couple) – French immersion in September
- Problem with EMS calls when responding to VSA and passed two ambulances parked on the main street. – lift assist turned into a 4 hour response because of weight – even used fire fighters in the hospital – Ken meeting with the hospital soon re clarification of responsibilities.
- Waiting for delivery of new 75' Aerial – 5 weeks behind.

R Gordon

- New suction tanker put into service

Dan Haydon

- Lots of mutual aid calls
- IT consultant – volunteer for 4 years – looked at challenges – Fire Learning Management System (FLMS) – modules on website (curriculum) – Presentation on April 30 at AMS Conference – education based.

Ron MacEachern

- Essentials for Decision Makers – well attended – would encourage running the course.

Rick Pedersen

- Echoed Janie's comments re instructor's program

Phil Schwartz

- Essentials program – taken it twice – Mulmer township – downloaded application – wait time Sept/Oct. – can be requested
- Phil Eagleson offered to get something going for Grey/Bruce
- Tiered response – further discussion re lift assists
- Phil working alone in fire Prevention – need to lobby for Provincial Offences ticketing for a wider range of offences.

Thom Evered

- Re Listowel Incident – co-operation from FFAO, OAFCA, OPFFA was great! – CISD was in Listowel and may be back again
- Powerpoint presentation on funeral protocol to be developed.

Carl Linthorne

- OFM facial hair photographs – what is acceptable – Kevin said that the new CSA Standard would cover it.
- Propane cost recovery – set rate of 2000.00 not enough – consensus from room on how to change – need separate resolution to do reviews
- DZ – do you need under emergency conditions? Highway Traffic Act states only under an emergency situation – otherwise DZ is required.
- Union negotiations coming up soon – Collective agreement to start the end of the month (Wholesaler's Union) – Thom to forward a list of other departments being unionized.
- Ordering a new truck this year to replace the Water Hole vehicle presently in use.

Carl thanked all for coming

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM