

**MINUTES OF MEETING
O AFC – ZONE 3 MEETING
March 27, 2012
HOSTED BY THE ADJALA TOSORONTIO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ATTENDEES:

Wayne McIsaac, Adjala Tosorontio – Dan Heydon, New Tecumseth - Ron MacEachern, Mount Forest – Bill Hieber, Mount Forest - – Robert Gordon, Puslinch - Ron Doherty, Blue Mountains - Ed Nowak, Owen Sound – Steve Otterman, Kincardine – Shawn Aymer, Tay Township – Brian Thomas, Tay Township - Tony VanDam, Springwater – Paul Macdonald, Essa – Dave Fornar, Barrie - Phil Schwartz, West Grey – Brad Patton, Centre Wellington – James Simcoe, Rama – Chris Harrow, Minto – Ed Smith, North Perth- James Peavoy, Erin Hillsburgh – Walt Anderson, West Perth – Michael Gorwyczki, Stratford – Thom Evered, OFM – Steve Conn, Blue Mountains – Shawn Sweeney, New Tecumseth- Ross Parr, Collingwood – Trent Elyea, Collingwood – Paul Macdonald, Essa – Andy MacIntosh, Orangeville – Tom Mulvey, Centre Wellington – Kevin Foster, Midland – Tom Toole, Midland – Randy Smith, Innisfil - Carl Linthorne, Inter Township – Wayne Trimble, Inter Township.

Welcome and comments from Carl

- Minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting accepted as posted..

Thom Evered, OFM

- OFM staffing at 195 which is down by 33 people. Today's budget may have a further effect.
- Possibility of the Ontario Fire College and the OPP Training facility amalgamating and lands sold?
- Southwest Region has 2 Specialists and 3 Advisors. Thom has taken over Grey and Bruce Counties.
- Recent communiqués – 2012-02 Care Occupancies, 2012-03 Guidance Notes – Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Wind Turbines.
- Area Projects – Essentials Seminars, Essentials for Municipal Leaders and Fire Service Leaders have been combined. Let Thom know if you are interested.
- Care Occupancies – procedure would be to issue an order if necessary.
- Drummond Report may mean additional layoffs – nobody knows.
- Electronic Messenger will be updated daily.
- Fire Prevention guideline and workbook is now included in Essentials Seminar
- Communique on Barns being used as assembly occupancies.

- OFM Advisers will be more visible at fire scenes – at the request the investigators – Question by Trent – What will their role be at a fire scene? Who's side are they on? OFM moving more to an enforcement role.
- OFM re-branding their vehicles to remove Ontario logo and replacing with OFM logo and "OFM/BCI"
- More FPA's at FC Conferences
- Possibility of Regional Fire Coordinators conferences.

Kevin Foster, OAFC

- Budgets may be the reason why Ministries cancelled out of our meeting today.
- Document on Care Facilities can be found on the OAFC Website under News Tab/Discussion Papers.
- Workbook – met with the Fire Marshal – Risk Management process/model re staffing at an emergency – mitigation/Fire Prevention/Response – feedback by conference. Matrix still exists today. Resource piece is very linear – doesn't allow for multi-tasking. – rit teams doesn't line up with Matrix – supporting risk management process, not just staffing, but all facets.
- Discussion re Good Roads Conference – Councils want Matrix to be adopted.
- Ron Doherty has created a document explaining what services the public can expect when his department responds to an incident. Explains what the department can, and can't do, depending on manpower etc. – establishes due diligence in the community. – Needs to be addressed with the Fire Marshal.
- Professionalization - cert model, met with OFM at the OFC for 2 days – system attainable/ accessible – draft document being worked on.
- Drummond Report – training and education – commonalities between Police and Fire – what can be done where? Report suggests selling off real estate i.e. fire college.
- EMS/Tiff – pilot project – simultaneous dispatch – Kitchener Dispatch by mid April.
- Radio Spectrum – portion of 700 megahertz band – ministry giving 10, OAFC requesting an additional 10 – no changes to the 150 band.
- Sprinklers – Bill to amend FPPA to require sprinklers in all Nursing Homes – waiting for a statement from the Ministry but hasn't come due to upcoming election.
- OFM/OAFC Fire Prevention Committee working on a piece on enforcement
- FC Consultation – 200 amendments so far – not released for public comment yet – OAFC requesting review prior to release to the public.
- IMS concerns – where does the fire service sit? – 100 and 200 levels – all other agencies utilizing IMS Training program – appears fire service not

on board – IMS not intended to replace fire command – Kevin suggested going on-line and trying the IMS system – see what you think.

- OAFC looking to update website
- AMES May 5-9 OAFC May 6-7.
- No golf tournament at Glenn Abby this year – nobody to take the project on.
- FMPFSC – couple of members on council – reorganizing
- Mid-rise wood construction – up to 6 storeys – private members bill to prohibit the limiting of construction up to 6 storeys.
- Participating with the Blue Jays again this year.
- Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition – planning to hold 3 burns to promote home fire sprinklers
- Getting out of contract with telemarketers
- Queens Jubilee Medals – less medals allocated to fire service – supposed to be 1% of firefighters – criteria, significant contributors, application process – MP and MPP allocated for their regions.
- Sarnia Area – working on staffing levels – OAFC monitoring but not participating – suggested distributing through OAFC for support or comment – responsibility lies with municipalities – if you can't do it, make sure everybody knows you can't do it.
- Kevin will be running for OAFC President this year. – Looking for Board Members.

Break for Lunch

Resolutions:

- Moved by Ed Smith, seconded by Chris Harrow, that the OAFC petition the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, to amend the Ontario Building Code and the Ontario Fire Code to make it mandatory that all lightweight constructed non-residential buildings be placarded with a standard placard throughout the province. Carried

Ron Doherty – Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation – Using foam as an alternative to water tankers – question : would the association be willing to support councils resolution – fight with FUS , recert. every 5 years – Discussion, resolution not clear enough – what type of foam etc.

- Be it resolved that: the OAFC petition Fire Underwriters Survey to review the merits of including additives to extinguishing water, for recognition in the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation process. Moved by Ron, seconded by Paul. Carried.

Roundtable

- Brian Thomas – usual year – 385' boat parked in Keewatin in front of marina – possible problem with access to marina – To be used as museum – want life safety study.

- Tony Van Dam – call volume down 25%, and will be down another 25% - issues with getting information from OPP on MVC's – can contact clerk, situation being resolved – meeting tomorrow. As a municipality you have the right to access all the information needed.
- Chris Harrow – Rural and Suburban Committee – AMES, more practical Saturday sessions i.e. Freedom of Information, Master Fire Planning, etc. – Open Session to bring forward ideas i.e. Coroner's inquests etc. – Email Chris with issues you want brought forward. – FC Breakfast last month – Issues common to all discussed – i.e. legal issues. - 1 hour allocated, lasted 2 ½ hours – 4 Counties participated – worked well
- Ed Smith – ups and downs – no reports received from ministries – less said the better – He thinks they are done with the MOL – new pumper approved – Received good support from surrounding departments.
- James Peavoy – 2 million dollar fire hall to be completed by October – new pumper ordered.
- Rob Gordon – calls down – OPP problems also , out of 10 reports they have received 1 back.
- Walt Anderson – facilities audit underway – Council realizes need – new truck this fall.
- Mike Gorwyczki – Arbitrator's report came back with surprising results.
- Steve Otterman – New pumper in Tiverton – new position, Training Coordinator for both stations
- Ed Nowak – calls down
- Ron Doherty – disappointed that Carl is leaving his post. (Something to do with an over-abundance of lapel pins with Carl's picture on them which are now useless.) – followed by a serious thank you for his years of service.
- Shawn Sweeney – participating with King Township in training.
- Dan Heydon – new chief in Oro-Medonte - major growth in the area – council approved 1931 homes just outside of Alliston – New budget approved 5% - tanker this year, aerial next year - Letter from council re county policing, received for information. Tony Mintoff new chief of Tiny Township.
- Trent Elyea – plans for a 22,000 sq' hall – 1.6% decrease in taxes – 2004 Pumper for sale in perfect condition – new truck this year – oldest in fleet will be 2007 – calls up – 50 to 70 million in construction this year – new Georgian College being built.
- James Simcoe – faired well with budget – new training officer – calls up.
- Paul Macdonald – trying to establish close working relationship with surrounding departments – politicians also working together.
- Andy Macintosh – All well – new rescue truck – hiring a fire prevention officer to sell services to County
- Dave Fornar – Station 5 will be open in December – 25 new firefighters to man.
- Ron MacEachern – name change to Wellington North Fire Service from Arthur and Mt. Forest. – to hire new fire chief for both stations.

- Phil Schwartz – losing fire dispatch – need decision by end of April – council wants RFP's – quotes already received no good.
- Brad Patton – insurance – recommends Chiefs look into insurance policies and make sure firefighters are aware of the limits of their benefits.
- Kevin Foster – Thanks to Wayne for hosting the meeting – Thanks to Carl for his Zone 3 involvement over the past 10 years – no collective agreement since 2008. Hearing coming up in May – Council ratified agreement with volunteers at 2 1/2 % and then clawed back to 2% for non-union staff – now unionized. – already into 2013 budget process. Asking to submit 3 budgets – level of service changed, sprinkler and automatic alarms = 2 man response – in the paper a lot.
- Wayne McIsaac – EMS station moving from Adjala – all residents being charged \$10.00 for burn permits – New pumper/tanker being purchased for station 3 – Wayne has taken over Rosemont as Chief – thanks to all for attending
- Carl Linthorne – Deputy Crothers retiring in August. – call to anyone looking for a deputies position. – new utility truck coming in May – ambulance doing land based water rescue, high angle etc. not a good scenario. – Thanks to Wayne for hosting the meeting – Carl stepping down as President of Zone 3 and needs to be replaced.

Election – Tony Van Dam has agreed to run to replace Carl. Seconded by Paul, Carried.

Meeting adjourned 13:40 hrs