

## Harrison County Fire/Rescue Association

### Minutes of Meeting December 29, 2010

#### In Attendance:

Joyce Cogdill	Dunlap Fire/Rescue
Brent Olson	DNR
Larry Oliver	HC-EMA
Andy Bothwell	Little Sioux Fire/Rescue
Tim Collison	Little Sioux Fire/Rescue
Larry Landon	Logan Fire/Rescue
Cathy Barber	Magnolia Fire/Rescue
Eugene Shaeffer	Missouri Valley Fire/Rescue
Norm Wallis	Mondamin Fire/Rescue
Jeff Anderson	Mondamin Fire/Rescue
Denny Stoner	Woodbine Fire/Rescue
Velma Oliver	Woodbine Fire/Rescue

## **Harrison County Fire/Rescue Association**

### **12/29/2010 Meeting Minutes**

#### **19:00 Hours**

The quarterly meeting of the Harrison County Fire/Rescue Association was called to order by President Gene Shaeffer at the Logan Fire Hall.

#### **Training**

Gene Shaeffer introduced Kathy Stodola from the Iowa Homeland Security. Kathy gave the yearly presentation of the Emergency Planning Information for the Ft. Calhoun Nuclear plant. She passed out the Emergency Planning Information brochure and discussed each section in the brochure. She passed out kits and went over each object and discussed how to use them to measure the amount of radiation in your body.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Tim Collison made a motion to approve the agenda but to move Brent Olson, DNR Loess Hills Forester, to the top of the agenda, Jeff Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried on an all aye vote.

#### **New Business**

Brent Olson - DNR Loess Hills Forester

Larry Oliver introduced Brent Olson and explained that Brent had applied for a \$50,000 grant for fire and rescue. The money is going to be used for a 150 ft tower to be placed either in Preparation Canyon or near there. The current tower is 90 ft and by going to the 150 ft tower the reception should be a lot better. This tower will use \$25,000 of the money the other \$25,000 will be dedicated to Wild Land fire. Brent has talked with Harrison County, Monona County and Iowa State Patrol they all want to be able to utilize the tower. He talked with DOT however they stated they don't have any problems with communication in the area. He is checking with a cell phone company as well the only problem with that is they aren't a not for profit organization so they wouldn't be able to use the tower if it is placed in Preparation Canyon.

Brent stated that the \$25,000 that has been dedicated to Wild Land fire is going to be used to hold 3 classes. The first class will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> 09:00-17:00 hours at the Loess Hills State Forestry office in Pisgah. This class will be taught by Karl Harris and will be Wildland Fire Suppression. The second class will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 09:00-17:00 hours at the Loess Hills State Forestry office in Pisgah. This class will be taught by Ryan Schlater and will be Prescribed Fire. He also stated that these classes are for Fire

Behavior, Fire Suppression, Locating and Sizing up Fire, Tactics and Mop Up. The third class will be a spring burn that is tentatively set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you attend all 3 classes you are eligible for Wild Land gear. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> class everyone will be measured for gear that will be used at the spring burn. If you attend the classes and your department already has Wild Land gear there is a possibility that your department can get some fire equipment instead of gear. There are only 40 openings and 29 people have signed up for the class as of today. These class hours will count towards CEUs for the 24 hr annual fire refresher training.

Brent also encouraged all departments to apply for the DNR grants that are available every year. Joyce Cogdill asked when those grants available to apply for, Tim Collison stated they are available August/September timeframe. Brent stated to go out to the website and it would be listed as to when the grants can be applied for. Tim Collison stated that the website is [www.iowadnr.gov/forestry/fire.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/forestry/fire.html).

### **Approval of Minutes**

Tim Collison read the minutes from the September meeting. Jeff Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Larry Landon 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried on an all aye vote.

### **Old Business**

#### Helmet Stickers

There are 13 red stickers left and no more blue ones. Gene Shaeffer asked if any departments need the blue stickers. Gene asked if we needed to order more stickers. Norm Wallis and Cathy Barber stated their departments will need red stickers for the individuals that are attending the Fire Fighter 1 class and Norm stated that he will need blue stickers as well. Gene will order more red & blue stickers.

Gene stated that Craig Charbonneau had some concerns regarding the stickers on the helmets. He has had situations where a fire fighter has red stickers on their helmet but refuse to go into the burning structure. It was discussed amongst everyone in attendance and it was decided that on arrival of your department it needs to be reported to Incident Command as to how many fire fighters are available to enter the structure.

#### EMS Conference

Joyce will not be there for the conference. She has the classes set up and has sent them to IWCC to Cherri Lynch for approval and course numbers. The classes are listed below.

8-10 Iowa EMS Training Changes/Requirements - Cherri Lynch  
10-12 Drug Safety, Overdoses - John Emswiler & Dave Frazier  
11-12 Lunch & Learn,  
12-1 Trauma Jeopardy - Life Net Staff (TBA)  
1-2 Pediatrics Emergencies - Life Net Staff (TBA)  
2-4 Safety in Patient Loading & Transport - Patrick Mooney (EMT-P,FF2  
Emergency Driving Instructor) each department needs to send list of vehicles to  
Larry or Joyce ASAP to forward to Patrick.

She has a list of items that need to be done before and during the day of the conference.

1. Pick up key at City Hall on Friday they will show you how to set/reset heat and where to find the key.
2. Food-BBQ Pulled Pork 30 lbs, Buns 8 bags, Chips & Desserts. Last year Joyce got the BBQ Pulled Pork from Fareway. Cathy Barber suggested that we get the BBQ Pork that we had at the disaster drill that Mike Lijedahl got at Sam's Club. Joyce recommended having only one kind of chips (ruffled works the best). Tim Collison will contact Mike to find out what he got and the cost. Tim will be in charge of picking up the food, drinks such as coffee, tea/lemonade, plastic silverware and plates.
3. Cups-Contact Cogdill Farm Supply, Agriland FS.
4. Napkins-Contact Community Bank.
5. Set Up-Sign in sheets, will need 5 copies one for each class. Make sure each person signs for each class.
6. CEU forms-Make sure each person completes one for each class. IWCC rep can sign these forms or give them back to Joyce with the sign in sheets and she will take care of it.
7. Evaluation Sheets-Copies need to be made of the sheets. These need to be completed after each class.
8. Clean Up-Must put tables and chairs away, sweep up floor and take out trash. Be sure to turn the thermostat back down.

#### Harrison County Fire Conference

Tim Collison stated the committee met in December to discuss the conference. The tentative date is set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which conflicts with the spring burn, but will be determined at the next meeting in March. There will be 4 classes each class will be 4 hours each. May Day, Flagging Class and the other two will be announced later, possibly Defensive Driving-ISP and a Rehab class. They are hoping to have Mondamin host it, if not maybe Woodbine. Tim and Gene are working on building a prop for egress &

ingress training. They are checking into having the Hazmat trailer, Tri County team & IMAT team available. Instructors will be Johnnie Walker, Gene Shaeffer, Tim Collison and Jason Wickizer. They are going to approach vendors for door prizes. Tim asked if we need to send out brochures to other departments outside of Harrison County or do we want to allow other departments to attend. It was decided that we will wait and see how this first conference goes and then we can send invites next year. If someone asked about the conference, it's okay to invite them. Tim mentioned that some Crescent members at the Fire Fighter 1 class have asked about attending the conference. They would like for departments to pre-register if at all possible so they have an idea of how many will be attending.

#### Iowa EMS System Standards (What every lowan can expect)

Tim asked if we should take a look at this and come up with a minimum standard for the county. For example Shelby & Pottawattamie counties have an EMS Coordinator. This has been discussed before but do to low funds Harrison county isn't able to hire an EMS Coordinator. Joyce Cogdill stated that we have a good process in place at the county level with our county meetings each quarter. Denny Stoner stated that he thinks we just need a mission statement and we will be fine.

#### HazMat Trailer

Norm Wallis has checked on tanks for the HazMat trailer they are \$850.00 for a 60 minute tank which doesn't include a mask. Alex Air thought they have 5-6 packs that are used for \$1000.00 but only good for 6 years. It was decided that was too much money for only 6 years of tank life. Tim Collison stated to contact Fire Guard, Gene Shaeffer stated that Missouri Valley got theirs from Feld, which were used from the Council Bluffs Fire Dept. There are 6 packs on the trailer that were donated by Modale. Denny Stoner asked if there is a need for extra tanks. Larry Oliver suggested that someone write a grant to obtain the money to purchase the tanks. Cathy Barber stated that she would ask Mark Hoffman to write a grant to the Harrison County Endowment. It was suggested that maybe Mark could contact the members of the endowment to discuss the grant, priorities, and possible funding avenues (501c3 charitable entities). Some of the members are Cindy Pryor, Greg Christensen or Susie Bonham. Tim Collison suggested talking to Renee Anderson at Harrison County Development for assistance. The grant information was in the Mo. Valley paper last week and in Logan's this week.

#### Used Equipment

Larry Oliver asked Norm Wallis if anyone had come to pick up the equipment from Mondamin. Norm stated no one has come yet. Larry stated that the Sheriff's office

wanted to know if they could donate radios once Narrow Banding comes in. Larry stated that he didn't know since Narrow Banding is nationwide. Norm stated that most of the equipment goes out of the country so they may be able to use them.

#### Little Sioux Call

Larry Oliver asked if Deputy Cohrs had a response to the incident at Little Sioux that was discussed at the September meeting. It was discussed that the Sheriff's Dept isn't allowed to abandon their car at a scene therefore they can't ride in the ambulance. Denny Stoner stated that we aren't required to transport a patient if they are combative and unwilling to cooperate.

#### Grant Writer

Larry Oliver asked since Jeff Anderson resigned at the September meeting as grant writer if anyone has offered to take it over. Larry asked Jeff how much money was approved for 2010-2011. Jeff stated HCFRA was approved for \$5326.00. Jeff stated that what needs to happen now is to obtain receipts for 2010-2011 and apply for 2011-2012 approval. Larry asked Jeff if he would take over the collecting of receipts if he would still write the grant. Jeff stated he would do the calling if we have problems but he doesn't have the time to do the grants. It was decided that Larry will try to write the grant again and if there are issues Jeff will contact the appropriate people to get the issue resolved.

#### **EMA/E911 Report**

#### Narrow Banding

Narrow Banding is fast approaching each department needs to inventory their radios & pagers. Find out what can be reprogrammed to Narrow Band. Harrison County will be completed in the summer of 2012. Larry will have Mike Day from Illowa out to reprogram radios & pagers. If you want him to do it Larry will need to have a list of the number of radios & pagers. Larry has a price list from 2 vendors if you want some prices. If you choose to go to someone else you need to let Larry know when you are upgrading as this will have to be completed at approximately the same time throughout the county. He is trying to make it to all the city council meetings to go over Narrow Banding and ESF4. There is no funding for this upgrade so each department will be responsible for the cost of upgrading.

#### ESF4

This is currently what we operate under. Each department needs to review the information. Larry wants an inventory of all trucks & ambulances. He needs all comments and inventory lists back by the end of January.

#### IWCC

IWCC will be holding a 24 hour Refresher course.

#### Credentialing Machine

We will no longer take the machine and travel to departments to make the tags you will now go to the Sheriff's office to Randy Muxfeldt. If you need to have tags made please wait a while until this has been set up. Larry asked that you only do about 3 of them at a time.

#### Weather Spotter's Class

Spotter's class will be held on March 14, 2011 at 19:00-21:00 hours. Larry plans on having it at the County Engineer's office. He doesn't have a confirmation on that as of yet but doesn't anticipate a problem.

#### Communication Center

Larry stated that the Communication Center has been slipping lately on the mutual aide page for structure fires. He has discussed it with his staff and hopes that this will be corrected.

#### Tri County Drill

Larry reported that the drill went very well.

#### DeSoto Bend Shooting

One of the things that came out of this tragedy is that EMA has latitude and longitude and were able to lock into the cell phone. One of the things that are being looked at is to get a GPS system. If we can get it at a discount would departments be interested in getting one all department present said yes.

## Chiefs and Captains Meeting

Denny Stoner asked if Larry was going to have a Chiefs and Captains meeting. Larry asked if there are departments interested in having a meeting. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 hours.

## General Discussion

### Conferences/Classes

Here are the dates for some conferences/classes that are being held around the area.

01/17/11 Anita Bailey/Onawa

01/20/11 Grain Bin Rescue Calls/Ute 18:00-22:00 hours 4 CEUs AK Restaurant

01/22/11 EMS Conference-Monona County/Whiting

01/22/11 EMS Conference/Earling

02/01/11 Iowa Pipeline/Mo. Valley Rand Center 17:30 hours

02/01/11 Defensive Driving/Woodbine

02/05/11 EMS Conf.–Crawford County/Denison Boulders Conf. Bldg. 07:30 hrs

02/19/11 or 02/26/11 EMS Conference/Ute

### Upcoming Events

Here are the dates for upcoming events that are being held around the area.

02/06/11 Pancake Feed-Mondamin 08:00-13:00

02/26/11 Firemen's Ball-Mo. Valley

03/26/11 Firemen's Ball-Mondamin

## Adjournment

Larry Landon made a motion to adjourn meeting, Andy Bothwell 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried on an all aye vote.