Joint meeting with Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association and Knox County Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Smeltzer welcomed everyone to the Joint Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance led by Retired Chief Richard Glidden. Moment of Silence for our fellow fallen firefighters.

Chief Smeltzer thanked Fire Tech and Safety for donating the chicken, and the Waldoboro Fire Association for donating the other items for the dinner and to all those that cooked and help prepare for the dinner and meeting.

Meeting called to order 6:55 p.m.

Chief Smeltzer thanked both Lincoln and Knox Chiefs assoc for coming together to discuss ways in which the two Counties could work together, he stated given the fact that several towns work both sides of the “border”.

Fire Tech thanked the Associations for their business and stated in the future, they would be open to helping with dinner again for a Joint meeting of both Counties.

Warden Report: changes to the website for tracking burn permits are underway, more work still needed. The site has the flexible for each Chief to design the forms specific to the needs of the department. An opportunity to view the website and ask questions etc will take place tonight after the Joint and Individual Association meetings tonight.

Fire Marshall Report: Just a reminder as summer approaches and fireworks and fair rides/carnivals occur, that any injury that occurs regarding these events, you need to contact the Fire Marshall’s office at once.

Fred Brewer did a brief presentation to the Associations regarding the progress that is being made with the Retirement Program State wide for all firefighters. Fred had meet with LCFCA and offered to assist with KCFCFCA in obtaining information to help them move forward. Fred gave a packet to them, and his contact information.

Mike Martin/Fundraising- results of the 50/50 Raffle. 220.00 raised, 110.00 went to Bruce Poland of Bremen Fire, and 55.00 given to each Chiefs Assoc. Several items were donated and raffled off, winners included: Brad Pendleton, Chief Paul Leeman, Ken McMaster, and Daren Walker.

Chief Smeltzer called on both Presidents of the Associations to speak on what is happening in the Association for their County. The discussion for doing a joint FF I II program or some type of Regionalized training was something that was of interest to everyone. Dave Pratt spoke on behalf of Lincoln County Fire Academy and the training offered.

Knox County reported they have just recently obtained a 501C3 status as they move forward with a training facility. Funding has been received, ground breaking is hopeful for summer. A multi story building, confined space training to be offered, as well as many other features. Location is St. George, (Spruce Head) behind the So. Thomaston fire station.
They have received a loan from USDA low interest 40 years, 500,000. cost for this project, materials and admin costs. Other funds for this project obtained from grants, and donations.

Chief Smeltzer also added that KCFCA has formed a “Mutual Aid Group” working on SOP, protocols, accountability aside from the regular meetings, to assist any department in need of these, or to improve what is already in place.

Lincoln County reported on their Strike Team, how it works, and offered to assist Knox or any time that would like more information regarding this. Chief Morris stated that Jared Pendleton offered to meet with any department or group of departments that would like to know how to set this up in another County.

Chief Morris received an email notification that the Bill in Augusta is “dead” for this session regarding Recruitment and Retention due to funding, but they will continue to keep pushing with the next administration.

Waldoboro Fire Department received word they have been selected as the destination for the Fire Federation convention for 2020. The Town Manager of Waldoboro also thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting, and offered her sincere thank you to Chief Smeltzer and all the members of the Waldoboro Fire Dept for all they do.

Joint Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn G. Martin
Treasurer

Recording Secretary for 4/18/2018 meeting