Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association
June 19, 2019
Alna Fire Station

Call to order: Meeting opened by President Whitney at 18:20 hrs. With a pledge of Allegiance

We observed a moment of silence for the 22 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty so far this year

The Association Thanked Alna Fire & The auxiliary for a fabulous summertime BBQ and the creative serving bowls.

Roll Call: Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, So. Bristol, Westport, Waldoboro,

Associate Members: L.C EMA, L.C 911, L.C sheriffs Dept., Me Federation of Firefighters, Maine Fire Chiefs Association, CMP

Guests: Sam Boynton from 1st Responder Task Force

Sam spoke on life insurance and its benefits for 1st responders & their families. He handed out sign up cards to those who were interested.

Secretaries Report: Chief Huntley made the motion to accept as written, Chief Dostie seconded, and all were in favor

Treasurers Report: Chief Huntley made the motion to accept the report as presented, Scott Sutter seconded, and all were in favor.

L.C 911: Tom Nelson stated they have replaced 2 computers that have seemed to help IAR/IMC if there are any issues please keep track and let him know immediately and not wait for a meeting night. Tri Tech came to work on the problems in Bristol & Edgecomb. He reported that their Timeliness of tones and passing along information has improved. He reminded us that there is another Advisory meeting next Thursday, this is a great place to get issues corrected

Fire Academy: Dave spoke on the class that has just ended. Live burn was held in Waldo County. Since we had to travel a long distance, expenses increased. Dave made the motion to reimburse instructors and apparatus $ 1275.00 Chief Huntley seconded the motion, all were in favor. Chief Morris stated that an invoice will be coming from Waldo County for the use of their facility. It was suggested that we look into Sagadahoc County’s facility as its much closer. Dave presented certificates to the class participants. After 12 years and instrumently training approximately 400 firefighters Dave announced that this was his last class as operations chief, however he’ll stay on as an instructor. We need a new Operations officer!
Radio Committee: Chief Dostie asked if you have any radio issues please document the time, date and issue and let him know ASAP and not to wait until a meeting.

Firefighter Strike Team: Jared reported that they’re setting up protocols with Lincoln.

New Site Committee: Chief Huntley has met w/ DEP in early May. The property is fresh water wet lands. Due to permit restrictions, we need 2 acres for a facility since this is “leased land” if we owned the land we could use 1 acre. Chief Huntley will do a bit more investigating on this before giving up on this piece of property.

Recruitment/Retention Committee: Tim stated he’s still gathering information, next meeting is in July at the Damariscotta Fire Station, all are welcome

Surplus Equipment: Please give any/all wish lists to Casey and he will search for you

Lincoln County Emergency Support Team: Chief P. Leeman announced the new name of the team the committee has been working on, consists of Fire, EMS, EMA & Law enforcement. To help w/ large mass casualty incidents. This team will be covered by liability & workers comp. EMA has $20,000.00 to get this team off the ground. There will be an application process, next meeting will be at the Newcastle Fire Station July 24th. 1800 hrs.

Application for new members: President Whitney presented Richard Genthner Capt. from Nobleboro, this will be tabled until next meeting. Four members to be voted on this month are:

Chris Hilton- Capt. Damariscotta
Jonathan Knoff- Capt. Damariscotta
Chad Cowan- LT Damariscotta
Kaitlyn Sheppard- Capt. Southport

Chief Spofford made the motion to accept these four members, Chief Potter seconded. All were in favor.

President Whitney reminded us that the LCTV still wants to do segment on firefighting today. Possibly tape his summer and run it for fire prevention week. President Whitney will get this scheduled

Chief P. Leeman
Nick Bryant
Chief Dostie
Chief Roberts
Chief Gallagher
Dale Smith
New Business: President Whitney feels the LCFC should send another letter outlining our problems & concerns with the communications center. Progress is very slow and incidents have the potential of being dangerous. Not suggesting a “No confidence” letter. After a very lengthy discussion, Melissa from the EMA office, explained how dispatching has changed in the past few years since IAR/911 began. The Communications Center is under strict State protocols, and get reprimanded by the state for not abiding by these protocols. Not following these protocols will result in loosing state funding and Lincoln County would be dispatched by State Police! A motion was made by Chief Huntley to form a committee to write the letter to include the previous letter from last year, current issues, concerns, and requesting a response from the county within 30 days. This letter must be approved by President Whitney and Vice President Leeman before sending it. Chief Carrothers seconded. All were in favor
The committee to include:
Chief P. Leeman
Chief Roberts
Chief Carrothers
Chief Potter
Chief Morris
Paul Bonyon

Chief Potter stated he’s on the Advisory Comm. Please feel free to send him any issues as they arise and not to wait for a meeting night.

Dave spoke on an upcoming “TIMS” class on July 8th. 17:00- 21:00 hrs. At Medomak Valley High School. He has passed around flyers including RSVP information. Chief Deputy Rand Maker advised us on a class on Aug 15th. 9: am in Waldoboro. He is trying to organize a Mid-Coast TIMS group. Rand will get the exact date to us.

Insurance premium of $1725.00 was due June 18th. And was paid. A motion was made to “pay the premium” By Breck Holiday, Chief Huntley seconded the motion, all were in favor.

President Whitney has created packets for each dept. with nomination forms for our banquet in August. **Deadline for nominations is July 19th.** The secretary will also email out nomination forms to all members as well.

The Town of Alna has adopted a new fire alarm ordinance. Chief P. Leeman supports this ordinance. If you are interested in reading the ordinance go to the Town of Alna’s website. If you are considering this for your town, please share with your selectmen. Any questions concerning this feel free to contact Chief Deputy Maker.

**EMA:** Casey informed us of a “Preparedness fair” being held at the Damariscotta YMCA Sept 21st. 10-3 he asked if the LCFC can have a table at the fair. There will be numerous other organizations attending. He spoke on a new concept that EMA will be implementing called
“Code Red” it’s a way to reach out to the public, via email, texting or automated calling to alert the public of an event of some kind. People must sign up themselves to receive alerts

**Decon Strike Team:** Ken quickly briefed us on the May training and of the upcoming training on Meth hoping to hold this in October in Boothbay.

**CMP:** Greg updated us on some minor issues with transmission lines. They have resources to help us access hard to reach areas.

**Maine Federation of Firefighters:** Ken reminded us of the convention this fall in Fryeburg, packets are out now. We have someone interested in becoming the VP for Lincoln County. If you’re interested see Ken. The legislature “Killed” our LOSAP bill. We aren’t giving up, we will continue to fight for it. *Please CALL YOUR LEGISLATURE!*

**Maine Fire Institute:** training is continuing, props available to every dept. Funds are periodically available for training facilities.

**For the good of the order:** Chief Roberts invited everyone to their “Wet down” Saturday June 22nd at their station at 11: am with an auction of their old engine following

Next meeting is our annual banquet in So. Bristol. The secretary will contact Terry Mitchell for RSVP deadline. Information & order forms will be emailed out as soon as they are available.

October 16th. Meeting will be held at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay

President Whitney made the motion to adjourn Chief Potter seconded, all were in favor.

Adjourned at 21:00 hrs.

Leah Puckey
Secretary