

**Butler County Fire Chiefs Association
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2010
Andover Fire Station**

Name	Representing
Kelly Herzet	Butler County Sheriff's Department
Ken Nakanten	El Dorado Fire Department
Bill Doan	El Dorado Fire Department
Jim Woydziak	Butler County Fire Dist. #3
Darryl Claassen	Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District
Kevin Worrell	Butler County Fire Dist. #9/9-1-1
Rex Stephens	Butler County Fire Dist. #7
Mike Smalley	Butler County Fire Dist. #7
Seth Glaves	Butler County Fire Dist. #8
John Ford	Butler County Fire Dist. #8
Jim Neese	Butler County Communications
Jeff Armantrout	Butler County Communications
Heath Austin	Potwin Fire Department
Jim Schmidt	Butler County Emergency Management
Jim Shaver	Andover Fire/Rescue
Ray Marbut	Augusta Department of Public Safety
Ron Long	Butler County Chaplains
Kathy Guy	Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman, Ray Marbut, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. at the Fire Station in Andover.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2010

Rex Stephens made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment of Item #2 (Approval of meeting minutes) changing the name of John Woydziak to Jim Woydziak. Jim Woydziak seconded with the change. Motion passed.

3. Guest Speaker – Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner

Mr. Woydziak discussed the recent concerns on non-compliant pagers for the new system with re-banding. Mr. Woydziak reported that the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to purchase new pagers for every participating department, but this would be a one time only purchase by the county. Mr. Woydziak reported that the Board of Commissioners are very pleased with the progress of the program to date.

4. Old Business

a. Fire Hose Repair Equipment Agreement Discussion

Jim Shaver led a discussion on formulating an agreement with Whitewater Fire Department on the use of the equipment. Darryl Claassen reported that discussion with his insurance agent have brought to light potential liability issues that may be involved if Darryl or one of his fire fighters are injured in the process of repairing hose for another fire department. Darryl and Jim will get together to develop an MOU.

b. Reporting Controlled Burns to Forestry Service

Ray Marbut reported that he had received a call from the Forestry Services who want to know the number of acres burned every year (agricultural burns/controlled burns only).

c. Meeting with Ranchers regarding outdoor burning

Ray Marbut asked that if anyone has the names of ranchers who may want to get together to discuss outdoor burning to get those names and contact information to him.

5. New Business

a. Red Cross in Butler County

Ray Marbut reported that there may changes coming to the Red Cross in Butler County and asked that if any fire department utilizes the Red Cross on their fires, to please remember to give credit to the Red Cross when talking to the media (i.e. "Red Cross is assisting the victims.")

b. KU Propane Class

Bill Doan gave a short presentation on a potential propane class that can be held in Butler County. Bill reported that the class is a minimum of 3 hours and that it is mandatory to use training props which are provided by KU. The class consists of 3 exercises, utilizes MSDS sheets and ERG's. Bill would like to set up a 3-day training (over a weekend) for county departments. Bill stated if would need 2 pumpers to participate. The class is free. Bill would like to have the class in El Dorado since it is very labor intensive. A discussion on possible dates include October. Each class would have a minimum of 20 students. Bill will proceed with setting up the dates and get the information to Ray to distribute.

c. Firefighter of the Year Award

Ray reported that he had received 2 comments on the proposal. Ray will send the draft back out with the proposed changes. Jim Woydziak made the motion that the award change the tie vote and that medical calls count. Heath Austin seconded. Motion passed.

6. Other Business

Jim Neese reported that Chris Davis is back to work at 9-1-1. Jim stated that he is hoping that all site construction will be done by September. Some single channel sites (such as Whitewater, Douglass, DeGraff, Andover) will be part of the system. Security is a huge problem. There has been the theft of coax at some of the sites. Jim reported that the Sheriff's repeater is failing

rapidly and they will be moving SO onto the existing KDOT system. KDOT has approved the talk groups. Communications is still on target to be online by September 15th. Events 1 & 2 will become Training 1 & 2. 139 pagers will be coming in soon. The new radios for departments with Sedgwick County 800 should be in July 19-26th.

Following the report by Mr. Neese, Jeff Armantrout presented a demonstration on noise shielding.

7. Reports from Members

Cassoday – Don Rommelfanger reported that he has had discussions with Dave Kehler who would like to meet with the Fire Chiefs regarding holding a program on prescribed burning for ranchers. Don reported that his department has bought a new 6x6 truck.

Benton – Rex Stephens reported that their new pickup is in.

Leon/9-1-1 - Kevin Worrell reported that it has been quiet in Leon. Kevin also reported that 9-1-1 has been busy building their new CAD system which should cure some of the problems departments have had with the old CAD system.

El Dorado – Ken Nakaten reported there are working with an architect on the design for a new substation proposed for the west side of town.

Whitewater – Darryl reported he has a good roster even though they have lost 3 daytime helpers.

Rose Hill – Jim Woydziak reported it has been pretty quiet. They did have a shed stuck by lightning at 150th and Towakoni recently.

Douglass – John Ford reported it has been very quiet. They recently completed bids on a new rescue truck. The chassis has been ordered. Douglass has a 1994 Chevy 1-ton quad cab dually to get rid of.

Potwin – Heath Austin reported that it has been quiet for them also. Potwin has a couple of floor plans for the proposed fire station and now it's just a matter of finding the money to build.

Emergency Management – Jim Schmidt reported that Butler County has received another disaster declaration for recent flooding. Jim reported on the progress of Keri Korthal's husband who is recovering from surgery. Emergency Management is working on 2 exercises for 2010. EMA also has a 1994 Suburban ¾ ton to get rid of.

Andover – Jim Shaver reported on the structure fire that occurred at Flinthill's National.

Augusta – Ray Marbut reported that their new ladder truck is now online. Ray also reported on the recent drowning that occurred at the low head dam outside of town. Augusta is getting additional equipment for their water rescue unit.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the Butler County Fire Chiefs Association will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station in Rose Hill.

Don Rommelfanger made the motion to adjourn. Heath Austin seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.