

**Butler County Fire Chiefs Association
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2010
Life Enrichment Center
Flinthills Services, Inc.
El Dorado, KS**

Attendee

Terry Lowmaster
Craig Murphy
Ron Long
Jim Woydziak
Melvin Linot
Darren Grow
John Ford
Seth Graves
Jim Neese
Jeff Armantrout
Darryl Claassen
Jim Shaver
Ray Marbut
Jim Schmidt
Tom Pyle
Heath Austin
Kelly Herzet
Kathy Guy

Representing

Fire District #10
Butler County Sheriff's Department
Butler County Chaplains
Fire District #3
Fire District #3
Atlanta Fire
Fire District #8
Fire District #8
Communications
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Whitewater River Consolidated Fire Dist.
Andover Fire/Rescue
Augusta Dept. of Public Safety
Emergency Management
Towanda Fire Dept./Frontier Refining
Potwin Fire Dept.
Butler County Sheriff's Department
Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Marbut called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2010

Jim Woydziak made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Ford seconded. Motion was approved.

3. Old Business

a. Update on KU Propane Class

No one from El Dorado Fire was present to report on the class.

b. Firefighter of the Year Award

Chairman Marbut stated that the Fire Chiefs would meet later after the formal meeting to go over the nominations.

4. New Business

a. Update on Hose Repair Program

Chairman Marbut reported that the fund has been set up in a checking account with Emprise Bank. There is currently \$400 in the fund. Darryl Claassen has begun setting up a small inventory of parts and has put together a hose repair parts cost list. Secretary Kathy Guy will be mailing out invoices to departments for the initial start up fees. To date, Augusta, Andover, Rose Hill and Towanda have contributed towards the fund.

b. Smoke Management Program

Vice Chairman, Jim Shaver, attended a meeting in Sedgwick County on reducing smoke pollution. One of the ideas proposed involved no burning during the month of April except for range burning. This would be a voluntary compliance issue. General discussion took place on the problems associated with the proposals. Shaver reminded everyone that the EPA has the authority to issue fines for pollution that would result in the loss of federal funding. Shaver also reported that the pollution issues are affecting the largest population-based counties who are impacted by surrounding rural counties who participate in rangeland burning.

c. Election of Officers for 2011

Chairman Marbut called for nomination of officers for 2011. John Ford made the motion to retain the current Board. Heath Austin seconded. Motion was approved. Officers for 2011 are: Ray Marbut (Chairman), Jim Shaver (Vice Chairman), Kathy Guy (Secretary/Treasurer).

d. Update on IMT/DHS – Jim Schmidt

Jim reported that the all-hazard IMT (which differs from the Forestry IMT concept) is a response through recovery effort and has drawn national interest and acceptance. Jim reported that the original group of all-hazard IMT folks will be forming to set guidelines that will become a national model. Jim also reported that the Homeland Security regions in the State of Kansas will be asked to contribute a portion of the 2011 dollars to support a statewide communication project.

5. Other Business

Jim Neese reported that the radio system went on-air December 15th but it was found that it cannot be on at the same time as the old system. The old system will be taken off the air and the new system turned on between January 10-17, 2011. Installation for the Sheriff should begin January 3, 2011.

6. Reports from Members

Towanda – T.C. Pyle reported they are waiting delivery of their new truck.

Potwin – Heath Austin thanked Burns and Whitewater for their help on a recent fire. Potwin is working on bids for a new pickup.

Burns – Terry Lowmaster reported they have received a grant for a new fire station in Burns. The grant is through the USDA.

Rose Hill – Jim Woydziak reported they have ordered a new fire truck (pumper/tanker) that will be their first out truck on structure fires.

Douglass – John Ford reported they should be taking delivery of their new rescue truck the end of January 2011.

Augusta – Ray Marbut reported they have received the bids on a new grass truck.

Emergency Management – Jim reminded everyone that the resource guide information is due 12/31/10. Grant Helferich will be meeting with the Commissioners next Tuesday on the response agreements.

7. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the station in Douglass.

T.C. Pyle made the motion to adjourn. John Ford seconded. Motion passed.