

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

January 21, 2010 Grand River Manor

The meeting was called to order at 1847 by Asst. Chief Tom Steele with the following members present;

Vincent Gildone Harley Dunlap Dave Turk Ed Koziol Neal Stewart Jerry Brockway
Jeff Thompson Joe Albergo Ron Valitsky Laverne Goodge Shaun Buehner Steve Passerell Bill
Strubbe Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr. Ted Wilms Todd Dutton Jim Heath
John Jyurovat Everett Henry

Asst. Chief Steele introduced Dr. Brockway from ACJVS to update the association on the VO-EDs efforts to pass a .6 bond issue for updates to the school and a Public Safety Training Center.

The body passed a motion to support this project; the vote was unanimous.

Our next speaker was Mr. Dunlap from the US Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Security Compliance Division. Most of his presentation centered on chemical terrorism. Mr. Dunlap advised us to go to www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity - then click on CVI Link – take the course and become CVI certified so it will be easier to share info in the future.

LEPC: The LEPC has training funds and needs to know if any department needs HazMat training; an email has gone out referencing this.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the body by Chief Strubbe and was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

911: Battalion Chief Gildone updated the body on the map project, noting that the grants from ODOT and OGRIP seem to be falling into place. A pre-grant meeting is to be held in Columbus next week.

Water Rescue: Chief Koziol reported on December's training and the Water Rescue team's dinner; both were well attended. Our team will meet with the Jamestown team and will drill with them in the future. Chief Koziol also reported on the teams grant request from CTAT (MARCS) regarding radios – ½ of the request was granted for handheld MARCS radios at approx \$11,820.

Training and Education: Chief Strubbe reported on the FFI class that is nearly complete. The bridge from FFI to FFII will start February 22nd. Chief also reported on grant money that can be used for this type of training. Chiefs need to have E-Mail because most of this info comes that way.

Chief Strubbe also attempted to clear up some instructor issues such as, instructors need to prove themselves and be involved with the VO-ED and do the necessary paperwork. Having an instructor's card does not make you an instructor for the VO-ED. Student teaching is a priority.

It was also reported that an instructor update is coming.

Chief Steele discussed with the body the sales tax issue and the winter symposium. If you are going, please contact Asst. Chief Steele.

John Borland from Fire-Fly equipment has expressed an interest in sponsoring one of our events.

Fire-Fly and Ohio Cat both do pump testing and work on emergency equipment and are interested in working with us on future testing.

New Business:

A letter has been sent to the Ashtabula County Commissioners referencing the contract that the LEPC has with them for service provided by the EMA. Current changes made by them may make it necessary for LEPC to pull that agreement.

Chief Stewart requested support to have ODOT increase the number of mile markers on I90 and Rt. 11. Chief Strubbe will assist Asst. Chief Steele with this letter. This project has the support of the ACFCA.

Good of the Order

Chief Goodge from Morgan and Baird from Hartsgrove have stepped down from their Chief's jobs. Chief Goodge will continue to respond and fight fires and Chief Baird will move to an Asst. Chief position. Both were thanked for their years of service.

Chief Starkey reported on the Amtrak Class put on in Cleveland today. Chief Starkey, Chief Pristera and Battalion Chief Gildone attended the program and found it very worthwhile.

Chief Henry discussed with the body funeral supplies used for a firefighter's service. 3 departments have such supplies and are willing to share them, but in the future the ACFCA may make a joint investment in such supplies.

The next meeting will be held at Casa Capelli.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 by consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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February 18, 2010 Casa Capelli

Meeting called to order by Asst. Chief Tom Steele at 1845 with the following members present;

Vince Gildone Laverne Goodge Mike Fitchet Ed Koziol George Sabo Jim Heath Ron Valitsky
Doug Starkey Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr. Steve Passerell Neal Stewart John Jyurovat
Tina Ray David Turk Kevin Krieg David Lemponen

Guests Brook Collin Hall and Joleen Anderson have a presentation on the 2010 Firefighters Roundup.

Communication: Asst. Chief Steele reported on our attendance at the Vo-Ed board meeting and our ongoing support for the bond issue.

Executive Committee Meeting: Asst. Chief Steele reported on the executive committee meeting. It will be a goal to clear up all our standing old business before we move on with the new projects. The 501C3 is at the top of the list.

Training/Education: Tina Ray discussed with the body the FF test mistake with the state having not turned the test “on” – so none of the students could take the test. The 240 High School class has a 100% pass rate.

911: Battalion Chief Gildone reported to the body regarding the contract between Marta Stone and the Commissioners. The 911 Strategic Plan was approved on February 11th and this project will be moving forward.

New Business:

The LEPC will send a letter to the commissioners with their issues on the planner / trainer position and the money involved.

George Sabo commented on the “Code Red” project. A meeting will be held soon between himself and the stakeholders.

Good of the Order:

Chief Starkey is in need of used helmets for his explorer post.

PNPP Drill to be held in 2010 and EMA needs help to stand up the EOC. Call George or Tim if you are willing to serve.

The county chief’s fees were discussed and it was noted that the fees support Water Rescue, HazMat, and the safety trailer. All are used countywide and need to be funded. There is a plan to do a HazMat show and tell this summer.

MABAS – Chief Starkey talked to the body about his willingness to help and emphasized the importance of the MABAS and its advantages if we all use the same format. MABAS is one of the “Old Business” items we need to get off the table.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1913.

Next meeting will be held at Quinns in Austinburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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March 12, 2010 Quinns

Meeting called to order by Chief Ed Koziol at 1855 with the following members present;

**Vincent Gildone David Lemponen Lawrence Morse Laverne Goodge Neal Stewart
Ed Koziol Jeff Thompson Jim Calco Ken Garrod K. Grey Garrod Joe Albergo
John Wayman Tom Lachey Jim Heath W. Wilms Ron Valitsky Bill Strubbe
Ron Pristera Dave Krey Jason Coy Shaun Buehner Christina Ray
Mike Fitchet Tom Steele**

Treasurer's Report:

Chief Strubbe presented the report and reviewed with the body the current Chiefs dues. The report was approved as presented.

Guests Grey Garrod and Ken Garrod were given the floor to explain their company "Ohio Fire Safety Association". Chief's Pristera and Fitchet made comments. Chief Koziol advised the Garrods they would receive a letter from our association.

Standing Committees:

***Water Rescue:* Chief Koziol reported on February training in Andover. The training was well attended and the indoor pool was used to simulate underwater Ice Rescue. Polar Bear Plunge at GOTL and Rome went well.**

***Training and Education:* Chief Strubbe reported on the Fire Service Instructor meeting he attended. The new objectives for the 36 are complete and are being reviewed by new forms division of Ohio. He also discussed with the body a new waiver form that will need to be signed referencing 36 hours personnel doing interior fire ground ops.**

Jim Calso talked about grants and the relationship that may occur between grants and FF1 level training. Also reported on was the fact that the O.F.M. office has grant money for FF1.

***LEPC:* Chief Pristera reported that the County Commissioners will no longer provide man hours to do record keeping for the LEPC due to the changes of EMA. LEPC will explore its options. Once again we were reminded LEPC has training money for Ops classes. The LEPC must use this money for training or give it back.**

Old Business:

501 C3 – Asst. Chief Steele will submit new numbers and get this project moving again.

Good of the Order:

Tina Ray thanked the body for its support on the VO-ED bond issue and reminded us it is an opportunity to bring 19 million in improvements to Ashtabula County. She also asked if some of us would support them with signs.

Chief Strubbe talked to the body about the future of radio communications with the upcoming band changes. Our radios will need to be changed from wide band to narrow band. This project will need county coordination.

***Awards & Recognition:* Chief John Wayman presented retiring Chief Laverne Goodge a recognition plaque for his years of service; both as a firefighter and a Fire Chief. Retiring Chief Goodge had many well wishes.**

Jim Calco told the body that the state fire inspector test has been updated. The 1 card project will start next year.

Jim also reported that over \$400,000 in EMS grants have gone unused.

Asst. Chief Coy was recognized for attending the meeting marking Monroe's return to the fold.

The body was reminded that there will be a pipeline class at the lodge on April 6th. It's free and includes food.

The next meeting will be at Crazy Dave's on Mill Street in Conneaut.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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April 15, 2010 Crazy Dave's

Meeting called to order by Chief Ed Koziol at 1839 with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Ed Koziol Neal Stewart John Wayman Jr. David Lemponen Bill Strubbe
Eugene Kolley Jeff Thompson Steve Passerell Ron Valitsky Jim Calco Tina Ray
Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr. Laverne Godge**

Minutes approved from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

Asst. Chief Steele reviewed the letter sent to Ohio Fire Safety Association. Asst. Chief Steele has had a face to face meeting with Greg and Ken Garrod. Please let Tom know if you give these people permission to do their thing in your jurisdiction.

The 501C3 work continues.

New Business:

911 Strategic Planning meeting is set up for April 27th at 8AM to 12 Noon.

Committees:

***Water Rescue:* Training will be on the 17th in Andover.**

***Training / Education:* FFII class is 1/2 over is going well. Class on narrow banding to be held April 30th in Independence from 10am to 2pm. Contact Tom Steele if you would like to attend Vince Gildone and Tom Steele are signed up at this time.**

The association was reminded to save the date for the FREE Annual Northeast Ohio RMRS Conference. It was held at Auburn Career Center. Register at <http://ja.cuyahogcounty.us/en-us/061110-2010-RMRS-Conference.aspx>

FAA program – Ashtabula County Airport in May 2nd

Good of the Order:

Change of Command Ceremony for the Ashtabula Coast Guard Station will be held May 14th

**A VO-ED flyer which depicts the County Chief's Association's support for the bond issue was discussed and the VO-ED requested we provide financial support to publish it.
Discussion followed with no vote being taken on this issue.**

State Rep. Debbie Newcomb discussed with the association the upcoming meeting to be held April 27th at Lakeland at 6PM referencing the first energy rate increase.

Jim Calco – The first round audits for fire con-ed have indicated poor record keeping. Jim passed out a new form that may help.

Our next meeting is at Grand River Manor – May 20th

Motion to adjourn at 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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May 20, 2010 Grand River Manor

Meeting called to order by Chief Tom Steele at 1842 with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Laverne Goodge Ed Koziol Eugene Kolley
Everett Henry Doug Starkey Lawrence Morse Jeff Thompson
David Lemponen Shaun Buehner Tim Mills Chris Craft Tom Lachey
John Wayman Sr. Ron Valitsky Todd Dutton Dave Turk Kevin Krieg
Kyle Smith**

Minutes approved from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report at this time.

Guests:

Kyle B. Smith, Atty. presented an overview of the proposed county charter to the body and answered questions.

Old Business:

Work continues of the 501C3 project.

New Business:

Chief Starkey proposed we put together a basket for the O. Chiefs. Motion was made to put \$150.00 into the project to finance it. This motion was passed with no objection.

Committees:

***HazMat* - Asst. Chief Tom Steele reviewed with the body some changes that have been made in team operations. Chief Steele also made it clear that Ops Level people are a very necessary component to team operation and that the calling department will need to provide the Ops personnel.**

The goal is to have 10 Techs on the team. Annual training is 18 hours and 4 meetings.

North Chiefs serve as the executive committee for the HazMat team.

***Equipment Testing* – Chief Turk will be working out the time line for the annual equipment testing. It looks like the price will be the same as last year. July 15th will be the drop deadline date.**

***Water Rescue* – 25 members attended the last drill and the Chiefs Association provided food. Chief Starkey & Company are to be thanked for cooking. Chief Starkey commented of how well the drill went.**

Good of the Order:

Chief Thompson invited departments to attend the “Everyone Goes Home” program – 10 to 1 – June 12th.

Meeting adjourned 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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July 17, 2010 Paradise Bay

Meeting called to order with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Jim Calco Lawrence Morse Doug Starkey Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr.
Ed Koziol Eugene Kolley Joe Albergo Laverne Goodge David Lemponen John Jyurovat**

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

4 MARCS radios will be placed in service for the Water Rescue Team.

Webpage work in progress, MARCS Radios (4) for Water Rescue Team also in progress

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report at this time.

Guests:

No guests were present at this meeting.

Old Business:

**The basket for "O" Chiefs is in Doug's car if anyone would like to see it. It is very impressive.
Approximate cost was \$203.00.**

501C3 – Tom, Vince, and Ed will pay a visit to Mr. Demshar.

Webpage work is in progress, MARCS Radios (4) for the Water Rescue Team also in progress.

New Business:

Narrow banding was a topic of discussion. County chiefs will request each department to do an inventory to see where we are. At some point we will work out a date to move to narrow banding. Joint purchase by our group, possible to save some money – January is the drop dead date. Chief Koziol will work on an inventory check sheet.

Committees:

EMA – George Sabo reported that CodeRed has been accepted and next step is to secure the funding from the commissioners.

**HazMat – Orwells show and tell visit went very well; also included a drum leak @ KenaMetal.
HazMat hopes to visit Rome FD in August.**

MABAS Chief Starkey reported a soft wear update is in progress at this time.

911 – Bat. Chief Gildone reported the map project is moving forward, contracts are next between the commissioners and DDTI. Vince also reported that the auditor is going to form a GIS department and possibly hire a new employee. He will expect 911 to pay part or maybe as much as 50%. This was not well received by the 911 advisory board or the ACFCA; more to come.

***Equipment Testing* – Some discussion was held to have the ladder testers put heat sensors on at time of testing. Vince will call Chief Turk and advise him of this request.**

***Water Rescue* – Next drill will be in Conneaut at the Lake Erie Boat Club and the Conneaut Lighthouse on August 25th at 8AM to Noon. Lunch will be served. The last drill was at Geneva and it went very well. The team was called out for a swimmer in trouble and cancelled while on the way.**

**Some discussion was held about the family of Brad maybe donating his boat to the county team
The family may also be willing to help fund a side scan sonar for the team.**

Good of the Order:

Jim Calco cautioned us once again if you are audited for fire training you will need good documentation. If you ever have a problem call Jim and he will help.

Next meeting at Maple Ridge Golf Course on August 19th following golf portion of outing.

Meeting adjourned 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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August 19, 2010 Maple Ridge G.C.

Meeting called to order by Chief Ed Koziol at 1702 with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Ed Koziol Jerry Burke Bill Kaiser Shaun Buehner Steve Passerell
Chip Laugen George Sabo Laverne Goodge John Wayman John Wayman Jr.
David Lemponen Ron Valitsky John Jyurovat Joe Albergo Bill Wilms Don Smith
Jim Heath Mike Fitchet Tom Steele**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Report from Chief Strubbe was presented by Chief Koziol and accepted as presented.

Old Business:

The radio survey was passed out and Vince will look into the 30 emergency radios.

MARCS radios for water rescue team nearly ready to go. Meeting will be held with current MARCS users and Mr. D. Anderson from the MARCS office on the 27th @ Rome FD.

New Business:

Tom Steele reported the 501C3 will be completed soon.

Committees:

***Equipment Testing:* Testing is set up for the week of October 18th. Forms will go out in September.**

***EMA:* George Sabo reported on the Code Red training to be held August 30th @ the EMA Office. The Code Red System has been approved by the County. The training will take around 1 hour.**

EMS: Vincent Gildone reported the next EMS meeting will be held at Kent State on September 2nd at 1pm. Bed bugs in our county and blue green algae issues will be discussed at this next meeting.

911: Vincent Gildone reported the 911 map project is moving forward with a price tag of around \$295,000. The contractor is DDTI.

Water Rescue: Next training will be held in Orwell on August 29th at 8am. The Conneaut drill was discussed as well as the Conneaut water call off the light house. The importance of drills was a topic of discussion and Chief Wilms would like to do some preplan and water rescue training on the Grand River.

Good of the Order:

We reached an agreement with Chief Jyurovat to hold the next 2 golf outings at Maple Ridge for \$18.00 per person. All present were in agreement.

Next meeting at Josephine's Ristorante on September 16th.

Meeting adjourned 1730.

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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September 16, 2010 Josephine's Ristorante

Meeting called to order by Asst. Chief Tom Steele at 1838 with the following members present;

Vince Gildone Laverne Goodge George Sabo Bill Stubbe John Jyurovat Steve Passerell Ron Valitsky Jeff Thompson Tina Ray John Wayman Sr. Tom Lachey Steve Lee Ed Koziol Debbie Newcomb Tom Steele

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented by Chief Strubbe – Making a note that the checking account is low. The 2010 Delinquent Due's Report was also presented to the body. The treasurer's report was approved as presented by the body. Motion was made and passed by the body to permit the treasurer to move money at will into the checking account. Asst. Chief Steele recommended to the body that the bylaws committee reviewed how we address our delinquent dues. A discussion followed; it was discussed that it was best to get all departments to pay. Most felt we should not go around the chief of any department.

Guests:

Debbie Newcomb reported on 2 grants and the new MARCS tower that will be located in Geneva.

Old Business:

Asst. Chief Steele reported that the 501C3 paperwork and that a check for \$750 has been sent in to the state for approval.

Committees:

***Equipment Testing:* Department registration paperwork has gone out.**

***Education:* Chief Strubbe reported on classes that have started or will start soon (FFI / 240 / possible 36). Tina Ray reported an EMT-B class has started.**

***Water Rescue:* Chief Koziol reported on the Lampson Reservoir drill in Jefferson – 37 attended. 2 call outs were responded to and the next drill will be September 26th in Saybrook @ 0800 hours.**

***HazMat:* The SO is not responding to the Meth lab calls. HazMat will not dispose of the chemicals. DEA must be called for disposal.**

***EMS:* BC Gildone reported on the meeting and tour of the Kent State Medical Building.**

***911:* BC Gildone reported to the body that a date has been set for the strategic plan rough draft. It is the 7th of October.**

Communication: Chief Koziol reminded us to get the narrow banding form done and turned in. He also reported that we now have 4 more talk groups for the fire departments. 1 talk group will serve as a Water Rescue talk group. Reprogramming for MARCS will be done soon.

EMA: George Sabo reported that the 30 radios can be programmed for Narrow Banding at a cost of \$400. We may be able to fund that reprogramming through CTAT funds.

George also reported DDTI has started their work in our county for the map update.

Code Red is up and running and has been used 2 times with 70% 1st call hit record. We will have a link on the Chief's website. Code Red is user friendly.

George reminded us all that the full PNPP drill will be at the 28th of September.

Golf Outing: The outing went well and we will be a Maple Ridge for the next 2 years @ \$18.00 cart and golf.

New Business:

October meeting is nomination for new officers.

Good of the Order:

Some discussion was held on Monroe FD paying fees for HazMat, Water and Trailer per one of their township trustees. Asst. Chief Steele will handle this.

Chief Thompson discussed with the body the thought process Trustees have regarding our fees.

Chief Strubbe has call issues regarding 911 and dispatch. Wayne FD also voiced the opinion that the department having jurisdiction should always be called. There was much discussion about their type of calls. BC Gildone pointed out that 911 is equipment and software and its board does not control dispatch centers or their employees.

Chief Strubbe advised the body once again that he will come out to help any department to understand con-ed and training requirements.

Meeting adjourned 1927.

Next meeting to be held October 21 at Biscotti's in Conneaut.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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October 21, 2010 Biscotti's

Meeting called to order by Asst. Chief Tom Steele at 1837 with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Tom Steele Ed Koziol Mike Fitchet Doug Starkey Jim Calco
Shaun Buehner Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr. Ron Valitsky Jeff Thompson
Eugene Kolley Tina Ray Steve Lee**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report was presented at this meeting.

Old Business:

No old business to report at this time.

Committees:

HazMat: Asst. Chief Steele reported on a need to replace batteries in instruments, he will take care of it. Doing 1/2 of them at a time and he will bring in the bill. He also reported on HazMat conference in Solon on November 5th & 6th.

Water Rescue: Chief Koziol reported on the success of the Poker run – profit was around \$3700.00. Funds are for the side scan sonar project in honor of Brad. MARCS Radios for the dive team are being programmed.

Safety Trailer: Chief Starkey reported on the work that has been done on it so far; tires, cleaning, and so on.

MABAS: Central would like a copy of all the MABAS cards used in our county to have them on file. Please send your cards to Chief Starkey and he will pass them on.

911: BC Gildone reported on the progress of the DDTI map project. DDTI workers have done most of the field data collection. The field data is “raw” data and will now be confirmed. That is the next step and it will take a considerable amount of time. The project is on time.

Good of the Order:

Nominations for 2011 / 2012

President: Chief Koziol

1st VP: Chief Bill Wilms

2nd VP: Chief John Jyurovat

Secretary: BC Vince Gildone

Treasurer: Chief Bill Strubbe and Asst. Chief Shaun Buehner

Chief Thompson discussed with the body legal issues between his department, chief's office, and township trustees. Both sides have legal council. It is expected to be a long and tough battle.

Meeting adjourned 1900.

Next meeting to be held December 16 at Mar G's in Geneva.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone

**Ashtabula County Fire Chiefs Association
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November 18, 2010 Mar-G's

Meeting called to order by Asst. Chief Tom Steele at 1840 with the following members present;

**Vince Gildone Eugene Kolley Ed Koziol Neal Stewart Mike Fitchet Dave Lemponen
Tom Lachey John Wayman Sr. Doug Starkey Lawrence Morse Everett Henry
Shaun Buehner Tim Mills Chris Craft Tom Steele Bill Strubbe
Ron Valitsky John Jyurovat**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Chief Strubbe reported he transferred \$200 to the general fund and will move it back after dues come in. In the past, Chief Strubbe's bond has been set at \$50,000. At his request it will be moved to \$70,000. Voted on and passed by the body.

Old Business:

Election of officers – only one run off for Treasurer – Chief Strubbe – Won 9 to 7 vote

New Business:

Chief Starkey reported on the winter symposium and passed out a flyer – March 15 & 16 are the dates

O Chiefs – Safer Grant – Classes will be paid for volunteer training and retention workshops

Committees:

***Training / Education:* Per Chief Strubbe the FFI Class will end soon. Chief Strubbe reviewed the 1 card system with the body and discussed some new training for EMT & EMTP**

***Hazmat:* New batteries for radios on order; gas monitor needs new sensors.**

***Safety Trailer:* Chief Starkey reported it is on ice and in good shape**

***CTAT:* BC Gildone reported that a steering committee meeting to be held on the 22nd at the EMA office**

Good of the Order:

Water rescue to hold a drill at 1300 hours at Rome FD and the Oct. 24th night drill went well

Christmas party will be @ APMC for the December meeting on the 16th at the usual time

Nominations for 2011 / 2012

President: Chief Koziol

1st VP: Chief Bill Wilms

2nd VP: Chief John Jyurovat

Secretary: BC Vince Gildone

Treasurer: Chief Bill Strubbe

Meeting adjourned 1903.

Next meeting location to be announced for January 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent T. Gildone