

## **ECFFA MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 11, 2008**

### **Belle Valley Fire Dept.**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Petrone (BVFD) at 19:00 hrs.

The roll call of members and directors is included as an attachment and it includes the schedule of the meetings for the balance of the year. There were 28 members from 13 departments.

The Association welcomed two new delegates from Perry Highway, Dave Hopkins and John Bosley. Also attending were the President of Franklin Township, Kevin Maston and Philip Jackson the President of Fairview.

A discussion ensued regarding our failure to honor a few of our sick, and injured personnel during the past several months. Sandy Cullen offered to serve as chairperson of a Bereavement committee to help alleviate this problem in the future.

Jim Carstater offered a report from the Legislative Federation. A list of the current legislative priorities is included with the minutes. In addition he stated that President Bush has signed legislation authorizing the first \$360.00 of incentive pay to volunteer firefighters to be exempt from Federal Income Tax. Another piece of information is included regarding available education scholarship funds for firefighters. More information is available at the Pa State website.

Jim Petrone reported on the progress, or lack of it, regarding the purchase of a second Safety House. Thanks to Dale Robinson, we have contacted PEMA regarding the sale of surplus FEMA trailers left over from hurricane Katrina. There are 12-32' units in storage at Hermitage and are available to use for \$3550.00. But, first, we have to fill out the necessary paperwork to get our organization permitted to purchase surplus equipment from the Federal stockpile. Cliff Moon and Jim Petrone are perusing this and will report their progress at the next meeting.

John Villa (Mercyhurst) updated the latest training class schedule including three ICS-300 classes later in January that are presently sold out. More classes will be scheduled in March. All senior officers, local EMA officials and elected officials are required to take this course. A written HAZ-MAT awareness test will be offered on February 9, 2008 at the new HAZ-MAT facility. A Firefighter I test is scheduled for April and Firefighter II test is scheduled for May, followed by a Haz-Mat course in July. Belle Valley has offered to pay for a Firefighter I test later in the year. Others are encouraged to register for this test, also.

Several people requested information regarding the status of their dues payments. Cliff Moon has offered to include the information at the next meeting.

Stancliff (Waterford) has several Scott SCBA harnesses for sale. See Tom Cullen for more information.

The Fire Police Association announced that their new command vehicle has arrived and is presently under renovation. It should be available for viewing, and use, within the next few months. Good work guys!

Dale Robinson (EMA) announced that the EMA disaster drill previously scheduled for Erie has been postponed and will be scheduled for Edinboro this spring. Mary Richards (EMA) announced that updated information for the Emergency Services Directory is now due. The forms for the directory are available online at [ecdops.org](http://ecdops.org). Please talk to your officers to bring your information up to date since it will be entered into the new Public Safety dispatch protocols for future use by the dispatchers. You will need that information in the future. Talk to your local EMA people to make sure their information is included, too.

**Please be reminded that your reservations are due for the upcoming Public Safety Banquet at the Maennerchor on February 8, 2008 at 6:30 hrs. Seating is limited. Hamot has agreed to sponsor the event this year. We have only 28 members registered at this time, so we have at least 10 more spaces available. Hurry!**

Copies of these minutes will be e-mailed to members of record with e-mail addresses. Others will receive theirs by snail mail. They will also be listed on the County website at [ecdops.org](http://ecdops.org). For any additions, or corrections to these minutes, please contact Jim Petrone at [james.petrone@verizon.net](mailto:james.petrone@verizon.net) or at 825-9518. Thanks.