

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association
Board of Directors meeting December 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Chairman: George Huston

Motion to accept the reading of the previous BOD meeting, Wally Engel/Mark Sheline – Carried

The minutes of the previous general meeting read for informational purposes only.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler, Wally Engel/Ed Goldfrank – Carried.

Coordinator's report: Joe Loeffler reported, since the last meeting the Coordinator's office has been present at 3 meetings and 7 mutual aid fires. Most notable were the two commercial buildings in Kinderhook and the battalion response for a residential structure fire in Chatham. The office worked for 18 straight days assisting with the coordination of fire resources to Long Island after Hurricane Sandy. 11 Columbia County departments responded with 18 pieces of apparatus and 75 firefighters answering over 200 calls.

Schools continue to be well attended, 29 schools have been completed with 561 students representing 10,286 hours.

The 'Calling Mayday Program' which the association contributed to was a large success. 56 firefighters attended the first session with 29 attending the hands on portion.

Work has recently been completed at the training site to accommodate a mobile classroom. It is hoped this will be in place by the end of January.

The budget has been submitted and reviewed by the Public Safety Committee with a .1% increase over last year.

Joe read several letters of thanks and appreciation from Nassau County Fire Commission for Columbia County's help and support concerning Hurricane Sandy. And a letter from the Chief of Copake Fire District expressing their interest in the 'Call Mayday Program'.

C&O: 1 incident in Kinderhook, which OFPC & the State Police responded to.

Hazmat: Interviews are being conducted.

Communications: Palmer Engine Company is asking if we are interested in purchasing an ad in the Annual Convention Yearbook.

Old Business: Wally reminded us the raffle drawing will be held at the general meeting in January.

New Business: A motion to buy a 1/2 page ad in the Annual Convention Yearbook at the cost of \$90 Dave Goold/Ben Wheeler – Carried.

A motion to donate \$50 to the Newtown Connecticut Fire Company and send a Columbia County Chiefs' Association patch with it,

Ben Wheeler/Mark Sheline – Carried.

Wally suggested soliciting funds for the safety trailer by placing a container outside the trailer each time it is in use.

January 26 there will be a benefit at the Claverack Fire Station to help Jeremy Proper.

Next General meeting: January 15th. at the Ghent Fire Station.

Next BOD meeting: February 18th. at the Valkin.

Motion to adjourn, Wally Engel/Russ Wheeler – Carried.

**Secretary,
Irene Huston**