



## Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **VCOS Board Teleconference Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

**4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central/2 p.m. Mountain/1 p.m. Pacific**

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### **Minutes**

Present: Chief Jason Catrambone, Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Randy Larson, Chief Ed Rush, Chief Timothy Wall

Absent: Chief Donna Black, Chief Jim Seavey, Chief Fred Windisch

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen

The call started at 4pm ET.

#### **Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chief Wall**

Chief Wall welcomed everyone to the call. The board reviewed the minutes from last month.

**Motion by Chief Larson and seconded by Chief Flynn to approve the September call minutes. Motion carried.**

#### **Update from Tommy Hicks**

Tommy Hicks wanted to follow up on the GIS discussion from FRI. They are on target to have everything ready for launch at Symposium in the Sun. There will be new, free applications for departments to use to plot AEDs, fire hydrants, and other items. They will show a short video during the Symposium in the Sun opening session and then have a demo room. The IAFC will bring the TVs for the demo and there is no cost to VCOS or the Symposium. The goal of the new applications is to provide data for decision making for fire departments.

#### **Update from Chief Flynn**

Chief Flynn could not stay on the entire call and gave his update. The Step Up and Stand Out winner will be announced at Firehouse Expo next week. He will be attending with Chiefs Wall and Rush. There will be a Yellow Ribbon meeting at Symposium in the Sun on Wednesday.

#### **Symposium in the Sun**

- We are close to being sold out.

- Rides to/from airport – Chiefs Eggleston, Seavey, Windisch, and Rush are renting cars. We also have 2 local retired chiefs that can help out. Kelly will work on the transportation plan with Chief Windisch.
- Board responsibilities
  - Introduce presenters – Chief Wilson will assign. If you have a preference, let him know. [chiefjim@wavecable.com](mailto:chiefjim@wavecable.com)
  - Dress code: Thurs -Symposium shirt; Friday – pink VCOS shirt; Saturday – VCOS or dept shirt; Sunday – VCOS long sleeve white shirt
  - Attend other meetings (see attached DRAFT meetings/logistics document)
  - Sunday noon-1pm board lunch at Waters Edge; board meeting noon-5pm
  - Dinners: Thursday at 6:30 and Bob Heilman’s Beachcomber; Sunday at Cesare’s at the Beach at 6:30
  - Board reports due October 24
- Awards and Scholarships
  - Buckman Award: Chief Rich Cowger from Columbus Fire Rescue in Montana was selected. He has been very involved with VCOS. There were a number of good applicants. The committee is looking to make improvements to the process for next year.
  - R&R and Illness/Injury Prevention: Old Mystic Fire Department in Connecticut is the Recruitment and Retention Award Winner and the IAFC’s Safety, Health, and Survival Section won the Illness/Injury Prevention Award.
  - Scholarships: Chiefs Zach Albright and William Rector are the VCOS scholarship winners. Captain Jeff Gooch won the Emerging Leader Scholarship.

### **2017 Board Meetings – Chief Wall**

The upcoming board meetings are as follows:

- February 10&11 (come in Feb. 9 and leave Feb 12)- Houston, Texas
- Symposium in the West May 5-6 with board meeting on Thursday, May 4

### **Communications Committee – Chiefs Black, Rush, Larson**

The summer/fall newsletter was mailed and posted on the website. Social media and the website continue to be updated. The November edition of On Scene will feature articles on volunteer/combinaton department topics. Chief Larson is working on a timetable for 2017. If you see articles you like that we may be able to reprint, please let the committee know. The next newsletter will focus on the Symposium in the Sun. Send any themes for future newsletters to the committee. Kelly will send Chief Rush extra copies of the newsletter.

Chief Crutcher is working on the Symposium in the Sun app. Chief Rush will follow up with Crutcher to get a status update.

### **Old Business**

- Chief Eggleston’s IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Campaign: He received a few new endorsements. He had a call with the EFO section today. He is working on a letter of support to email people. He met with some folks in Canada. VCOS covered the cost of ads and information in IAFC materials in support of Chief Eggleston. He is working on getting state endorsements now and needs board members help.
- Chief Eggleston reported on IAFC activities. The IAFC received several new SAFER grants. In addition, the On Star grants process went very well.
- LEC Project – Chief Larson reported that they had a call on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a full report at Symposium in the Sun. They plan a face to face meeting after 1<sup>st</sup> of the

year. They are working on the best way to lay out the consulting piece. Chief Struble will not be at Symposium in the Sun and they do not need a booth.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

### **Roundtable, Announcements, Committee/Project Updates**

Collins: There will be a FROG class in MD in December. There will be a BH&H refresh with Canada and they are also interested in FROG.

Eggleston: He talked to Chief Quinn about the health screening and his quadruple bypass surgery. He is doing well and appreciates the letters from VCOS.

Larson: There is a call for the Bullying in the Fire Service project on the 19<sup>th</sup> that he will participate in. He will have a report in November.

Black: The FRI Planning Committee is reviewing session proposals now for FRI 2017. They will also be doing a site visit soon. She and Chris Reilly are working on the Get Checked t-shirts and they have a draft logo. Chief Black has secured \$2,000 in sponsorship for the shirts.

Wall: He attended the NFFF memorial this past weekend and represented VCOS. VCOS was thanked in the program book for our support. Chief Wall sent out the draft Section Taskforce Report so please review that. He will be at Firehouse Expo next week and will try to meet with the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association leadership and market VCOS and BH&H/FROG classes in coordination with their new SAFER grant.

The next meeting is Sunday, November 13 from noon-5pm in Clearwater Beach, FL.

The call ended at 4:35pm.