



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

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Officers Section

### VCOS Board Telecon Thursday, August 8, 2013

#### Minutes

Present: Chief Timothy Wall, Chief Ted Lowden, Chief Jim Wilson, Chief Shane Crutcher, Chief Dan Eggleston

#### **Absent:**

Chief Mike Vaughn, Chief Fred Windisch, Chief Randy Larson, Chief Dave Fulmer

4:03pm

Approval of Minutes (not approved due to lack of quorum)

- June 13, 2013
- June 20, 2013
- July 11, 2013

FRI Update – Chief Timothy Wall

- Thursday night dinner at Markethouse Restaurant – need number attending
- Friday and Saturday breakfast schedule – meeting in lobby for breakfast – not mandatory but we'll put times out later.
- Jacket and tie for section meeting

Creation of New Section for National Society of Executive Fire Officers - Chief Fred Windisch

- Members will have a petition available for signature at FRI Booth #2151
- 150 signatures and payments necessary to form section
- That organization has had difficult time keeping members-
- Will it detract from VCOS in any manner?

FRI Booth Schedule – Chief Jim Seavey

- Exhibit Floor Setup: All day Thursday between 7am to 6pm
  - Ted Lowden, Bryan Ward, Mike Vaughn
- Exhibit floor schedule:
  - Friday, August 16 ~ 10:00am - 6:30pm
  - Saturday, August 17 ~ 9:00am - 1:30pm

Update on Symposium – Chief Fred Windisch, Chief Jim Wilson

- Registration numbers – current registration is 202. Is possible that some holdback is because we haven't put out announcements saying the hotel is filling up.
- Norvin is organizing a conference call the week after FRI.
- Presenters are all lined up and there are no cancellations. Stephen Priz
- Marketing program – more marketing will occur after FRI
- Sponsorships and exhibitors
  - New sponsor – Shell Pipeline

Update on Symposium Scholarship – Chief Ted Lowden

- 22 applications received by deadline
- Used same evaluation criteria as Fred Crosby last year
- Names of winners
  - Chief David Weiss of Westmont, IL
  - Chief David Hodges of Maryville, TN

Communications Committee Task Force – Chief Timothy Wall

- Mike Varney was selected as the VCOS participant

SAFER grant peer reviewer – Chief Timothy Wall

- Chief Frank Freivalt was selected as the VCOS primary attendee
- No 2<sup>nd</sup> name was submitted for a backup attendee

### **Roundtable Discussion**

Lowden: Went to Firehouse Expo and met with Larry Curl and the ISO staff so he could become an instructor, as available. Attendance at Firehouse was lighter than has been in the past.

Eggleston: Webinar tonight at 7pm tonight with Chief Scarpa speaking about company officers. 109 participants registered. We're working on the possibility of getting an ISO class in Virginia.

Wall: Redden Group has come to our symposium; they're a company that helps fire departments win FEMA grants. Once won, they then bring in retention-recruitment training. They've been around 3-5 years. They will be at Symposium 2013.

Eggleston: they have a good relationship with NVFC and have a grant in Rhode Island currently. The difficulty is that they work in competition with the IAFC's National Programs.

Eggleston & Wall: Troy Markel was discussing a national worker's comp program for the fire service. He came to Mark Light to speak with him; his thinking is that there are a lot of volunteers who are not covered by worker's comp. Troy is interested in sending out a survey to the membership. He will also be discussing this with the NVFC.

*Adjourned: 4:43*