

Harris County Council of Fire Chiefs
September 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman McClung.

Department Representation:

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| Andy Kober | Pine Mountain |
| Skip Wyatt | Ellerslie |
| Nick Terry | Shiloh |
| DeWayne Elliott | Shiloh |
| Jack McClung | Pine Mountain Valley |
| Alex Lawski | Waverly Hall |
| Bill Czukor | Cataula |
| Bill Houle | Waverly Hall |
| Byron Hawkins | Northwest Harris |

Guests:

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| Randy Robertson | Senator, District 29 |
| Becky Langston | Harris County BOC Chairman |
| Mike Dean | Georgia Forestry Commission |
| Alan Arrington | Hamilton Family Dentistry |

The Minutes of the August 1st Meeting were approved as written.

The Treasury remained at \$18,456.30.

Alan Arrington, Hamilton Family Dentistry, advised the group they were holding a HELPING HEROES SMILE, FREE Dental Event Wednesday, September 11th 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and all 1st Responders were invited to attend.

Mike Dean, Georgia Forestry, updated everyone on new procedures in their department. When Forestry might be needed on a woodlands fire, call Mike directly at (706) 601-2707 or have him called directly through 911 Dispatch. Mike emphasized that once Forestry is in route they cannot be cancelled.

Senator Robertson spoke to the group about his commitment to 1st responders within his District and around the State of Georgia. He also emphasized his intention to provide more support to Volunteer Departments in order to encourage more participation by providing some means of compensating Volunteers.

Training: Bill Houle reported that NFPA 1403 has changed. The Training Officers are planning on a Structural Fire Control Instructors Class, to be taught by Ted Smith (FireScience.net). A motion to bring in an instructor at the cost of \$200.00 per student was presented and passed after a second.

Training Center: Bill Houle reported that the new hose was in. They will be planning a cleanup day in the near future and everyone is expected to participate. Skip Wyatt said he personally will buy a Hose Testing Unit for the Center at a cost of \$2,700.00!

Repeater/Radio: Consensus was there are still issues with the new radios in some areas. The new Tango/Tango system was discussed as to whether it might have merit in our area. Bill Czukor agreed to look into it further and try to arrange a demonstration in the near future.

Wheels O' Fire II: Bill Czukor reported that everything is a go for Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 AM at Chattahoochee Harley. Kick Stands up at 10:00 AM and will end at the Cataula VFW later in the day.

Fire Service Plan: With the new SPLOST it was agreed that Alex Lawski would look into the cost of a 40' X 60' building which would consist of a training room, office and bathrooms. A motion was made to spend no more than \$150,000.00 (\$15,000.00 /Department) which with a second passed unanimously.

Old Business: None!

New Business: None!

Becky Langston reported that 1st Phase work will be starting on the Grove very soon at the Intersection of 315 and Mountain Hill Road.

Round Robin:

Waverly Hall

Pine Mt. Valley

Cataula

Ellerslie

Pine Mountain

Shiloh

Northwest Harris

Resources for EMA

Annual Rodeo September 13th and 14th

Annual Butt Sale November 9th

Annual BBQ Sale October 5th

Annual Pine Mountain Festival September 28th (Hot Dogs)

Quiet

Notified ISO 5/5X

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM

Byron Hawkins, Secretary