



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 6, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL



1. Presentation by Sponsor Brad Martinez -

HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud® is a collision prevention service that sends real-time digital alerts to approaching motorists when first responders are on-scene and en-route to an incident. Digital alerts providing drivers with up to 30 seconds of advance warning so that they have more time to safely slow down and move over, protecting fire crews when they're vulnerable on the road. Safety Cloud now comes as a standard feature on most new apparatus and also integrates directly with telematics providers including Cradlepoint, Verizon Connect, and Sierra Wireless. For more information, please contact your area reps:

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2. Call to Order - 12:04pm

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Moment of silence for all first responders, health care workers and family that have perished as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Roll Call (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP)

a. A quorum of members was present.

b. New Chiefs were introduced.

6. Introduction of Sponsor & guests

a. Vendors were introduced

b. IFCA Guests were introduced.

7. Secretary's Report

a. Status of Secretary position – Director - Chief Brad Liggett - Freeport was introduced as the appointed replacement for Secretary due to the resignation of Secretary - Chief Steve Riley Westmont from the Board.

b. No minutes were produced for the previous general membership meeting. The President requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion made by Batavia, 2nd by Beach Park, Voice Vote: Unanimous.

8. Treasurer's Report-

a. Treasurer Deegan provided a review of the financial report placed on everyone's table. The report covered March 1, 2020 to May 5, 2021. A motion to accept the report and have it entered in the record was made by Frankfurt and 2nd by Schaumburg, Voice Vote: Unanimous.

9. Reading of Communications

- a. No Report

10. President's report- President Styczynski

- a. The President welcomed everyone back after our long COVID driven hibernation.
- b. The President announced the board vacancy and requested members that were interested in filling the Director spot to contact him directly.
- c. Plans for 2021 – The Board continue to look ahead for 2021 - June Home Day, August General meeting, Symposium in September. Short track presentation. Annual event in December. Board was meeting through the pandemic and worked on a plan to keep the association going. Last year's home day was an example. We will monitor conditions and the ability to meet in December.
- d. Meeting dates for 2021 will be available on the website.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Administration Professionals Recognition Luncheon-** Chief Kenny
 - i. Past-president Tracy Kenny - Broadview reported that the event is set and registered attendees are at 142.

8. Audit – Directors Swanson & Kuryla

- a. Directors Swanson & Kuryla and Treasurer Tom Deegan - went through financials and everything was found to meet standards.

9. Bylaws – Chief Kuryla

- a. 2nd Vice President Chief Mike Kuryla - Berkley - what we propose is changing awarding of plaque - adding free retired membership. Will come back to the August meeting for vote.

10. Directory/Website – Director Deicke

- a. No Report – The President thanked Director -Chief Randy Deicke- Batavia for keeping the website updated and running.

11. Fundraising – Treasurer Deegan

- a. Treasurer Deegan announced several upcoming events - Blood Drives - 5K May 22nd - Fishing tourney 6/12 5am start - Golf Outing - July 7 he stated all of these were announced online and emailed to the membership.

12. Home Day – Treasurer Deegan/ Paul Darley

- a. Treasurer Deegan reported Home day will be at MABAS Readiness Center in Wheeling, 7 vendors signed up. Our main sponsor is Paul Darley – Paul gave out his email if anyone needed help with anything regarding Home Day. pauldarley@darley.com

13. IFCA/Legislation – Presentation

- a. Jim Grady ED IFCA, spoke on IFCA
- b. Chief Rich Michael - IFCA 2nd VP, spoke on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, talk about it in the planning session at symposium and John Buckley - one of the strangest 12 months of legislation - IFCA much more involved with legislation than before because of zoom. Everything is moving quickly end of session is May 31, 2021.
- c. Fireworks Legislation - the Industry has some push - doesn't look like its going to move forward. Still listed and its not getting pushed out of committee.
- d. Bill that would change the foreign fire tax board would be composed and the funds utilized. Stopped the bill.
- e. Bill to end two hatting is going to pass?
- f. Labor Supervisor - Can be in the union...will probably pass....
- g. Mental Health - will be an issue if they require EMS to sit and evaluate these folks, including transport,
- h. FOAM - Negotiated a bill - can't use it for training but can use it until it expires.
- i. LOOK AT THE IFCA website for legislative update.

14. Programs – Chief Walters

- a. No report

15. Sick & Welfare – Chief Kenny

- a. No report - please let Past-president Chief Kenny know about retirements or illness.

16. Symposium- Chief Evans, Chief Wax

- a. 1st Thursday in September starting early and going t up to lunch. Still working on the speaker/presentation list. Get back to us if you have ideas.

17. Assoc. Updates

- a. No Report

18. Unfinished Business

- a. None

19. New Business

- a. None

20. Open Discussion

- a. Nothing from the floor.

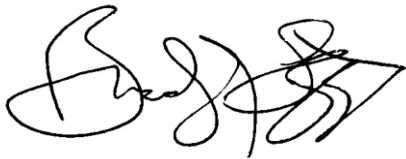
21. Future Meetings

- a. Home Day June 3rd
- b. Next General Meetings – August 5th

22. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Naperville, 2nd Batavia, Voice Vote: Unanimous
- b. Adjourned at 12:58

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley Liggett', written in a cursive style.

Secretary – Chief Bradley Liggett - Freeport