



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 7, 2025 – 11:30 am
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL**



1. Call to Order – President Wax called the meeting to order at 11:55 am, and welcomed the several guests, Union members who were present to hear the Project fire Buddies presentation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance –President Wax led the attendees in the “Pledge of Allegiance”. There was a moment of silence held for fallen firefighters.
3. Roll Call – (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP for a quorum) –
 - a. President Wax verified with Secretary Norvilas and declared that a quorum was present.
4. Introduction of Sponsor & Guests -
5. Secretary’s Report – President Wax presented the minutes of the
 - a. May 1, 2025 meetingA motion was made to approve the above meeting minutes as presented.
Motion: Second: Voice Vote: Unanimous
6. Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Deegan presented the updated financial report for May 1, 2025 – August 6, 2025.
A motion was made to approve the financials as presented.
Motion: Shiller Park FD Second: Pleasantview FPD Voice Vote: Unanimous
7. Reading of Communications – None
8. President’s Report – None
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon –No report.
 - b. Audit-No report
 - c. By-Laws- No report
 - d. Directory/Website – No report.
 - e. Fundraising – The IFCA golf outing made \$39,600 for the Foundation. September 12, 2025 is the Fishing Tournament and November 14, 2025 is the clay target fundraiser.
 - f. Home Day- 75 members and 14 Congressional staff members attended this year’s Home Day. Twenty vendor attended with the Association making \$4,900 in profits. Next year’s home day is scheduled for the 1st Thursday in June at NIPSTA.
 - g. IFCA/Legislation –The Fall conference is October 12-15 in Peoria.
 - h. Sick & Welfare – No Report
 - i. Symposium – No Report
 - j. Metro Chiefs Association History – No Report
 - k. Association Updates – (IFCA, MABAS, County Fire Chief’s, Others) No Reports
10. Unfinished Business – None
11. New Business – None

12. Other Business or Good & Welfare of the Association

- a. Schiller Park's Local gave a description of their upcoming event supporting Operation North Pole.
- b. Skokie Chief Hoflich retired
- c. Shiller Park Chief Cesaretti is retiring.
- d. Schaumburg Chief Walters is retiring.
- e. Palatine Chief Gratziana is retiring.
- f. Mount Prospect Chief Dolan is retiring.

13. Future Meetings –

- a. President Wax noted the following upcoming meetings:
 - i. September 4, 2025 Fall Symposium
 - ii. October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - iii. November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting-Officer Elections
 - iv. December 4, 2025 Instillation Luncheon

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Second: Voice Vote: Unanimous
- b. Adjournment Time: 12:12 p.m.

Program Presentation

Kurt DeGroot Founder of Project Fire Buddies gave a presentation on their program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Norvilas

Chief Steve Norvilas, Secretary