

The December 10, 2012 meeting of SMFNA was held at the new York County EMA Facility, in Alfred, ME.

17 Members were present.

Thanks to Brian Cote and Ann Hemingway for their presentations on the operations of the York EMA and the tours of the support vehicle and the center.

They were also given an overview of SMFNA.

There was a moment of silence for the Worcester FFs lost on Dec 3, 1999.

New members were, SM708, David Thompson, Lt. with the Essex, MA FD, and SM731, Bob Sherwood with Gorham Fire-Police. Bob was present and was greeted by all.

Secretaries report read and accepted.

Treasurer report read and accepted.

EMA report from Wendell.

EMA present for earth quake and Superstorm Sandy

Old business

All repeaters are now narrowband, final cost is still outstanding

Ch 11 will remain wideband as it is a GMRS part 95 machine

Units must be narrowband by Jan 1.

Some Kenwoods are still having issues

SOGs and By-Laws were eMailed to all members.

New Business

Team Speak

Some need more info on it's use

Reminder - some computers have both internal and external mics

On the air incidents seem to be up at this point, but we can use more members reporting.

We can still use more members at meetings. Are we on the best night ?

2013 Meeting

March - Pease fire and Emergency Services

June - Portland Fire Museum

September - Buxton, Groverville Station, State Fire Marshall Presentation

December - Kennebunk, station and program to be announced

Elections were held - See web site for complete list of results and appointments.

The incumbent 4 officers were re-elected

Rick Plummer, SM91, replaced SM300 on the membership committee and is chairman

Lindley Deering was thanked for his service on this committee

Bob Convery, SM147 and Mike Winters were elected to the E-Board, for terms to 2016

Gus, SM299, was thanked for his service on the board

One absentee ballot was received from SM84 in FL

Presidential Appointments

Audit Comm - Lindy Higgins, Bill Paisley, Mike Winters

Reciprocal Coord - Mark Watson

EMA Rep - Wendell Hamilton

Nominating Comm - Mike Winters, TBD

By-Law Comm- Mike Winters, Lindy Higgins, Wendell Hamilton

There was discussion about major incidents on the air outside the 6A to 10P window. This is OK as covered in the SOGs.

Next Meeting March 11, 2013 at Pease Fire and Emergency Services. The program will be put on by the Pease staff and include their history and mission as well as a tour of their facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully Submitted

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