



OKLAHOMA FIRE SERVICE CHAPLAINS, INC.

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Friday, June 13, 2014

OSFA – OKC, OK

PRESENT: Hal Penner, Danny Ringer, Chuck McDade, Gary Dill, Tim Dorsch, Tom House, Rusty Stowe, Steven & Kate Alyea, Teddy Wilson, Jacob Toews

BUSINESS: *(note: new business in red)*

Tom House opened in prayer.

When teddy arrived he gave everyone backrubs.

1 – CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

2 – CISM

- ★ ICISF - We are looking at doing a refresher in conjunction with our Chaplaincy Essentials/Advanced classes (see OK Chaplain Training below)

3 – Regional Chaplain Trainings

- ★ Texas: April 11-12, 2014 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth
 - o Rusty went to this training and it was pretty good (but being the only Oklahoman in Texas he felt they were unmerciful on him)
- ★ New Mexico, Albuquerque : August 20-23, 2014
 - o patrickmckinney@live.com (new lead chaplain for NM organization)
 - o Hal will contact for info and then forward to everyone else
 - o COURSES (listed on their website)
 - CISM group and individual
 - Essential of fire chap
 - The scene as classroom, fieldstudy
- ★ Louisiana 2014: March 14-15 in Baton Rouge, April 25-26 in Miden
- ★ OK Chaplain Training on Mar 28-29 went very well
 - o Went very well, snacks were great and everything went without complication
 - o We are building a network of people and can start offering some more advanced classes
 - o Next time make NAME TENTS for each person to place on table in front of them for instructor to be able to recognize and call on them by name
 - o Classes:
 1. ESSENTIALS (Basic): 11 attended
 2. CISM: 11 attended

4 – National Convention

(usually starts third weekend in October)

- ★ 2014 – Baltimore, MD (October 17 – Instructor, 18 – preconference, 19 – conference, ends on 23rd)
- ★ 2015 – Florida
- ★ 2016 – Ohio
- ★ 2017 – Palm Springs CA
- ★ 2018 – OKC – Chuck has asked Ed S to put us on the list for hosting this one

- o This will be 40th anniversary / We need to make a proposal to federation / We need to come up with a theme / What do we want to teach in our conference and focus on
- o We do not need this yet, but will need it before long
- o We need to start by looking at what we can offer and what items we will need to provide and pricing
- o MidWest City has new state-of-the-art communications system and we could possibly follow along these lines – especially in NIMS
- o Currently chaplains and mental health are not in the national structure for NIMS
- o Danny has a connection at Raintree by Chesapeake – he will make contact and see what we can do with pricing and all
 - Oct 20-25, 2018
 - 150 rooms and meeting room
- o We need to provide a letter from our state organization to send with those attending Baltimore in Oct 2014
 - including theme, possible cost, other

5 – OTHER

★ NEW CHAPLAINS

- o Jase Hargrove – new assistant chaplain at Elk City with Danny
- o Church and department working on everything needed

★ PFFO: PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ORGANIZATION

- o We passed out info

★ OK BROCHURE

- o (See info below)

★ WHEN DISASTER STRIKES:

- o We want to build a report with local agencies
- o When massive statewide incidents happen will we be mobilized and called in?
- o Lets brainstorm:
- o Focused on emergency responders.
- o Death notification
- o Dept without chaplains
- o We are trained in ICISF, Incident Command, FF structure and work
- o Overseeing/coordinating denominational organizations responding and liaison with IC

★ INCIDENT COMMAND ID CARDS FOR MASSIVE INCIDENTS

- o We also discussed chaplains responding to massive incidents state-wide and how we can be on scene and to deploy them around the scene
- o Then getting them ID cards and how to be organized with making use of them on scene
- o But we do not know how to deploy them and use them
- o We need to be certified and issued by our home department – the state will not certify you
- o Oklahoma emergency management / homeland security
- o Most town dept do not have this capability but there will be grants given and several dept will and those that do not will have to those that do to get these issued
- o This will have all your personal info encoded into it so that when a chaplain arrives at incident command
- o Ok State Fire Chaps will need to have a form created for each to fill out that has all your info on it – each local dept will need to have all this as well.
- o Basically we need to be certified through our local dept first and then have our organization certified
- o It is complicated at first but will be beneficial at that time
- o The ID will be very similar to the state driver's license with the QR code on the back

★ DANNY NEEDS...

- 0 He needs pics of people and bio's for website – he spoke to them at the meeting
- 0 He also needs some things for brochure
- 0 He spoke of different links we have and we could put on the website

★ CHAPLAIN TOOLKIT

- 0 We need to put on the website a list of “Chaplain’s Toolkit” of what we could have to deploy to an incident
 - Danny will work on this and we all need to look at it and give feedback

★ OKLAHOMA FIRE SERVICE CHAPLAINS COINS

- 0 \$150 fee per side
- 0 Purpose: hand out to FF who having difficult time or those in need – then you can pray for them
- 0 Danny will look into the cost and feasibility of this

Gary Dill Retires From Edmond On June 27 But Will Stay On As Chaplain

Rusty Stowe Will Retire From His Church June 29

6 – Next OSFA Article:

★ penelopes@osfa.info

(remember it is due by the 1st of the month prior to the one you are assigned – IE: for May it needs to be in by April 1)

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| o Aug – Danny Ringer | o Dec/Jan (2015) – Jacob Toews |
| o Sept – John Roberts | o Feb – Chuck McDade |
| o Oct – Gary Dill | o Mar – Paul Ankerman |
| o Nov – James Tucker | o Apr – Doug Lewis |

7 – Next Meeting (s):

★ August 15, at OSFA offices 11:00 am

8 – List of Jobs To Be Done: