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Freeburg Vol. FD.
Linn Fire Prot. Dist.
Meta Fire & Rescue PD
Owensville Fire Dept
Vienna Fire Dept.
Westphalia Fire PD.

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New Association Name – Same Dedication & Commitment for the Past 61 years

Meeting Highlights

The meeting was held in Freeburg on July 25, 2018. The meeting started at 6:00 pm with a tour of the new Quaker Facility located on Hwy 63 South that went into operation earlier this year.

The tour was designed as an opportunity for an association pre-plan for any potential fire calls, establish plans for attack and how operation would be managed. Lead by Firefighter/Plant Employee Ralph Wilde and other members of Quaker Window Products Team, the tour revealed what potential fire hazards may be, fire loads and where at inside the plant. Association members discussed available resources and those to be requested as they worked to update the overall Quaker Windows fire pre-plan. The tour was very successful and what a great facility.



Once the tour was completed, members returned for the business portion of the meeting. President Randy Nilges call the meeting to order. The Fireman's Pray was read; Pledge of Allegiance was said and Roll Call taken.

May 23-Jul 25

DEPARTMENT	ATTENDANCE	# of CALLS	REAL PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY
Argyle VFD	3	5	\$0
Belle FPD	-	-	-
Chamois FPD	-	-	-
Dixon FD	4	10	\$5,000
Freeburg VFD	15	4	\$0
Linn FPD	2	41	\$0
Meta FRFPD	4	7	\$25,000
Owensville FD	2	50	\$0
Vienna FD	8	12	\$5,000
Westphalia FPD	3	15	\$0
	41 attended	144 calls	\$35,000 property loss

Chief's Meeting Dates

Held on the 4th
Wednesday of every other
month, held at
Westphalia's Pizza,
Westphalia
at 7:30 pm.

August 22, 2018
October 24, 2018
No meetings in December

FRFA Meetings Dates

Held on the 4th
Wednesday of every other
month, at 7:00 pm.

September 26, 2018
Linn Fire Station 1

No November meeting,
see you on January 23,
2019 in Meta.

FRFA Newsletter

Westphalia FPD report one fire call related death.

Treasurers Report: Balance as of July 13, 2018 = \$3651.23

Minutes: held in Dixon, the minutes were read and approved. This evening's program was completed first with the tour of the Quaker Window Facility. Due to the fast pace events of the meeting, no 50/50 was collected. It was quipped that Roy Plassmeyer wins so everyone gave money to him. Special thanks to Quaker Window Products for covering the cost of the meals for the members.

Old Business

Old business brought to the meeting was the possible name change of the association. With the new membership of Owensville FD; they also cover customers of Gasconade County. Discussion also noted that our southern members in Dixon FD serve customers in Pulaski County. The association has had name changes before and at one time, it is believed that Gasconade County was part of the association and its name.

For the past two months, the association has been had the opportunity and has been contemplating different names that would recognize and served all the members and their customers. Discussion noted that adding another "letter-G" to our name did not fit the Pulaski County customers. Discussion suggested calling the association the Four Rivers referring to the Missouri, Osage, Gasconade and the Maries Rivers which is served by all the association members.

After question, a motion was made to change the name to the Four Rivers Firefighters Association and the motion was seconded. The vote was 41 in favor; zero no's. It was agreed that the Secretary continue to use current checks and stationary and only make change as the need arises. Notifications of the change will be made to the SFM and other local agencies.

No other old business was introduced.

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Chief Meeting

The next meeting is on August 22, 2018 at Westphalia Pizza, 7:30 pm.

Training Division

Water Shuttle Drill was scheduled for August 4, 2018 in Linn is postponed after discussion pointed out that it should be held in Freeburg to better assess the capabilities of the water sources for the Quaker Plant. Final decision will be made and reported to the association on a date.

Regional Fire Training Center (LFPD Station 2) is always available for any department that wants to go through and brush up on their skills, let your training officer know.

FRFA Firefighters Basic Academy will start September 5, 2018 and be hosted on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00pm for 9 weeks. As always, training will be somewhat flexible and success is the goal. No cost to FRFA members.

Linn Fire completed an extrication session for the new Osage EMT students.

Events

Gasconade County Fair is currently going on. No other pending events were announced.

In Our Prayers

Imogene "Jene" (Huot) Thompson passed away on July 20, 2018. Jene was the mother of longtime firefighter Tommy Thompson.

FRFA Buyers Group

As we discussed with the MSA Protégé Four Gas Analyzers from our last newsletter, if there is a chance to purchase a new four gas meter as a group, perhaps we can get together and bid them out giving us a better price.

This could be with anything item we are in need of. If your department currently gets a good price now from a vendor on a product or items, please share so all departments can benefit from the savings. If anyone is looking into a large purchase, share the information in case we can jump in and let the power of numbers help us get a better price.

Linn Fire will be bidding out apparatus tires in the next couple weeks for apparatus.

FRFA Testing Group

If anyone is needing any testing, whether SCBA, ladder or even pump testing, we should still continue to go together to save money on fees. Perhaps let the association know if you have a testing going on in case they have a repaired engine or another situation they want to get in and take advantage of.

As a reminder, Linn will be doing Ladder Testing on July 31, 2018.

Classified and Swap Board

Linn Fire still has an old generator to give away.

If you wanting to receive the newsletter, send an email to fourriversfirefightersassoc@gmail.com

Employer Support Recipients

Argyle VFD Nominees:

Quaker Window Products
Argyle MFA
Jim Brunnert Construction
Mid America Truss

Dixon FD Nominees:

Maries Manor

Freeburg VFD Nominees:

Quaker Window Products
Dickneite Oil
Becker Millworks
Hilke Ice

Linn FPD Nominees:

Osage Industries (Partnership)

Meta FRPD Nominees:

Diamond Dog Foods
Wieberg Red-E-Mix
Meta Mini Mart

Vienna FD Nominees:

Fick Distributing
Honse Implement
MFA
Plaza Service

Westphalia FPD Nominees:

Schwartz Foundation
Mid America Truss
Joe's Market

Common Links

Firefighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) – www.ffam.org

Mo Division of Fire Safety – www.dfs.dps.mo.gov

Linn Fire Protection District – linnfire.com

Westphalia Fire Protection District – westphaliafire.com

News Around the County



The Osage County Sheriff's Office received this boat for use on the Missouri River.

It may be useful on the Osage at high waters.

Sheriff Bonham stated it will be stored in Chamois.

Fire Marshall Bill Corner-



While on scene of a fire, the IC came over the radio and announce CHAOS. One of the new firefighters asked his captain what that meant and he said, don't worry about it, it means the "Chief Have Arrived On Scene".