



# Clay County Fire Chief's Association

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018, 1900 hours, Ulen Fire Dept (Cancelled due to weather)  
Rescheduled Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, 1900 hours Ulen Fire Dept

### 1. Call to Order - 1901 Hours

### 2. ARMER Update – Bryan Green or Brian Zastoupil

Pretty much everything is up and running and most of the organizations have completed the training. Contact Bryan Green if you need training. The next phase will be dismantling of the existing VHF infrastructure. F-M Ambulance expects to move over to ARMER by July 2018. For a while a bridge will be in place so our current ARMER radios can talk over to the new talk group, but we will all eventually be reprogramming our radios in the future and updating F-M Ambulance info.

We discussed some of the problems after go-live of New World updates that resulting in using CodeRED for paging. Please send your updated contact info with cell phone numbers and carriers to Bryan Green.

### 3. RRRDC ARMER Procedures – Amanda Glasoe

Eventually RRRDC will be assigning a channel like CY-1 to run fire operations and units will return back to CY Fire Main at the end. We discussed the issues that local FDs and RRRDC face with traffic either staying on a monitored channel vs being on a scene of action channel. The procedures have yet to be developed, but we RRRDC will see if the scene of action channel info can be included in the initial

If you're still interested in rip and runs for your department, the fax service is no longer supported, but you can sign up to receive them via e-mail. Contact Amanda Glasoe at (701) 451-7686

### 4. Emergency Manager Update – Bryan Green

A Skywarn class will be offered on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Sabin.

A CARE (pipeline safety) class will be offered on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Moorhead Courtyard by Marriott. The Viking gas pipeline construction from Felton to Fargo will begin after the thaw.

### 5. Alphanumeric Paging Issues – Jeff Wallin

This item was accidentally left in from the last meeting agenda. Nothing to discuss the here.

### 6. M|State Training Update – Rick Loveland?

Rick was unable to attend the rescheduled meeting. No items.

## **7. Box Alarms – Working Group**

Several meetings have occurred with Clay IS and RRRDC to work through issues. Maps showing the fire districts and travel times from the fire stations were brought in and at the end of the meeting we worked on identifying the dividing lines to identify the second-in departments. The maps will be brought back to Clay GIS to work with RRRDC on creating the background map layers and other technical details. Updates on the progress will be made via e-mail as we go and we expect to talk over policy issues and other procedures to address after we map layers are finished.

## **8. Unknown injury Accident Protocols – Mark Empting**

It seems often times when cars were going off the road we were getting calls for “unknown injury accident” which would often result in cancellations and morale problems for our staff. We discussed several issues about how CAD and the dispatchers work and how the calls come in via passersby and other information.

## **9. Round Table**

Moorhead – They had a fire last weekend and there was a two hour response time for American Red Cross to Respond. See next comments.

American Red Cross – There have been some changes. Local Red Cross activation now occurs via a national toll-free number. The Red Cross dispatch center in Chicago will activate local folks who will call RRRDC and/or the local Incident Commander to obtain more information about what is needed on-scene. Terry will be working with the other Red Cross folks and RRRDC to see if a consistent policy can be made for RRRDC to make the call to the Chicago Office and not burden the Incident Commander with making the call. Katie Webster is the new local Red Cross person and she would like to work to improve their relationships with local fire departments. See attached flyer and contact information.

Ulen – New Chief Jeremy Banks.

MN State Fire Marshal – Andrea reported that we’ve had more fires in 2017 will be getting info out to help close out 2017 incident reports. The MSFMD is also able to respond and assist in carbon monoxide death incidents even if there’s no fire. They have also seen across the 10 county region an increase in law enforcement breaking windows at fires which causes additional problems. And local outreach efforts that can be made to help with newer law enforcement officers would be beneficial.

Barnesville – They would like to see voice options for our paging versus just alphanumeric information.

Salvation Army – If any of the departments have training events that we would like support from the canteen, please let them know.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:04 pm. We then worked on the maps.

**Members Present:**

American Red Cross – Terry Askin  
Barnesville – David Grommesh, Dean Julsud, Michael Stetz  
Clay County – Bryan Green  
Dilworth Fire – Mark Empting  
Felton Fire – Rodney Dahlsad  
Glyndon Fire – Jacob Chuchna  
Hawley Fire – Brad Eldred, Justin Martin  
Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division – Andrew Wenzlaff  
Moorhead Fire – Chad Stangeland, Jeff Wallin  
RRRDC – Amanda Glasoe, Brian Zastoupil  
Salvation Army – Butch Hasten, Larry Nelson  
Ulen Fire - Jeremy Begg, Nick Theis

**Future Meeting Dates & Locations:**

4/11/18 Barnesville  
7/11/18 Dilworth  
10/10/18 Felton  
1/9/19 Glyndon  
4/10/19 Hawley  
7/10/19 Hitterdal  
10/9/19 Moorhead  
1/8/20 Sabin  
4/11/20 Ulen



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