

Minutes of April 14, 2010

Next Meeting: May 19, 2010 **Third Wednesday**

Program: Seminar; Interview Training

Location: **6133 River Rd. Rosemont, IL. (South of Higgins in the Riverway Office Complex.)**

Time: Registration 0800-0830

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0900 hrs.

?? Welcome to all members, new and old.

?? A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the March Minutes. The motion passed.

?? A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.

?? Over 70 members were in attendance.

?? A moment of silence was held for: Annie Schmitt, wife of Executive Director, and Long Grove Fire Marshal, Mike Schmitt; Brian Carey, of the Homewood Fire Department, who was killed in the line of duty; Lt. Thomas Lutzow of the West Dundee Fire Department; The 29 coal miners from West Virginia; and for the Polish Government Officials that died in a plane crash in Russia.

?? The training committee is reviewing the nominations submitted for the Harry P. Schaefer Award. Thank you to everyone who turned in nominations.

?? Remember to register for the May Seminar. We need numbers for our caterer. **No walk-ins will be allowed.**

?? **Fires:** Algonquin had a fire after contractors rehabbing a building placed oily rags in a garbage can with wood shavings; the can was in an attached garage. The fire eventually involved a gas meter and related piping. Cicero had a fire in a bakery. Investigation Tip: The bread on the shelves was moldy and the milk expired the day of the fire. (Something to look for at all fires where food is present.)

Due to an unexpected no-show by our scheduled, and confirmed, speaker, we had to make a quick substitute. Fortunately our favorite member of the OSFM, Mitch Kushner, was able to step in and give us an update on the use of a K9 at fire scenes.

Mitch covered a lot of information but reminded all of us of a few important details.

When doing your report and you reference the K9, just write that the K9 came and did an exam. Do not use the word "search" as a search requires a warrant. Do not be specific about where the handler may drop markers where the dog "hits"; not all of the locations may be used and you may be called upon to explain why in court. (Your report may also contradict the report from the handler which would cause more grief.) The dog will not be used any place that was used to manufacture Meth, nor will it be used in places with large amounts of certain other chemicals. The K9 is not a cadaver dog and will not be used to locate bodies or sniff for accelerants on bodies.

Our thanks to Mitch for filling in at the last minute (make that the last second).

The meeting/training was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John T. Gilleran  
Secretary F.I.S.F.