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Minutes of December 12, 2007

Next Meeting: January 9, 2008

Program: Arson for Profit; Chief Ed Folliard (Oaklawn)

Location: **Salvation Army 8354 W. Foster Av. Norridge, IL 60706 (NE corner of Cumberland and Foster)**

Time: 0900

President Kushner opened the meeting at 1100 hrs.

?? Mitch wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

?? A moment of silence was held for all of our troops that have been killed in action this year and for any friends or family members who recently passed away.

?? Nominations for the executive board, from the floor, were called for three times. A motion was made from the floor to nominate the current board. There was a 2nd to the nomination. A vote was called for and the board was re-elected unanimously. Once again your executive board is; President Mitch Kushner, Vice-president Stan Grygiel, Secretary John Gilleran and Treasurer Jeff Fleck.

?? Arnie Witzke will continue to be the membership chairman and Debbie Andrews and Mary Lacey will be the training co-ordinators. Our thanks to Arnie, Bernie Arends, Debbie and Mary for all of their help.

?? On behalf of all the board members I would like to express our gratitude for your continued confidence in our ability to run this great organization.

?? Thank you to all of the departments and organizations that support the Strike Force. There are 194 departments as members (remember your police departments are automatically members); we average over 80 members at meetings and over 120 members at seminars.

?? 70 members attended today. It was good to see all of you.

?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the November Minutes. The motion passed.

?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed.

?? A new training schedule is enclosed. We try to come up with new and interesting trainings every year. It is not easy. If any one has ideas for training, please share them with us.

?? Our congratulations to everyone who was promoted, or retired, this year.

?? Please remember to pay your dues.

?? **Please notify Arnie Witzke if you need to change your contact person.**

?? You can find a training schedule at the website www.iacapstrikeforce.com.

?? **FIRES: Norwood Park FPD had a fatal fire. Cicero also had a fatal fire. Countryside FPD had a residential fire that required a rescue. Elk Grove Village had a fire that was caused by a resident using brake cleaner on the blower motor of his furnace. He did this while the furnace was running and the flame was operating.**

Mitch has received some questions lately regarding NFPA 921. A lot of these questions were based on our last meeting as well as a recent 921 seminar that was held. Mitch pointed out that in one of the first sections of 921 it reads, in summary, that you do the best you can with what you have.

Mitch also stated that if you follow the Scientific Method then you should be fine.

The board would like to once again thank all of the following people for their help. These are the people who most of you never see and without whom we could never be as well organized:

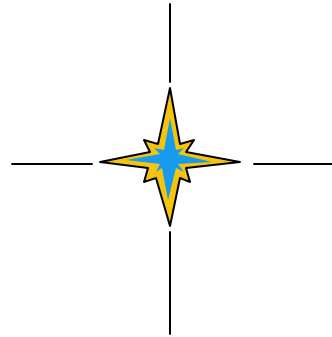
Marsha Michehl and **Monica Halverson** from the I.F.I.A.. They are the ones who do our mailings and minutes and much more.

Diane Andersen, of the Northbrook Fire Department, for entering all of our training data into the computer. Hence, the nice printouts you get every year.

Please remember all of our members of the armed forces who will not be home with their own families this holiday season because they are overseas protecting our families and our country.

On behalf of the board, have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

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



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year