

SMART

Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team

Meeting March 8, 2007 in Oak Forest started at 19:30.

COMMUNITIES & OFFICERS PRESENT: (X) = Present at meeting

SMART Officers

(X)	President	Roger Mumford	(Steger)
(X)	Vice President	Bob Small	(Oak Forest)
(X)	Secretary/Treasurer	Joe Pilch	(Oak Forest)
(X)	1st Director	Art Johnson	(Sauk Village)
()	2nd Director	James Dean	(Hometown)
(X)	3rd Director	John Ranier	(Rich Township)
(X)	4 th Director	John Thomas	(South Holland)
(X)	5 th Director	Marty Braccio	(Crete)

Communities

SMART Coordinator/Representative

1. () Blue Island	Charles Truschka, Frank Ford
2. (X) Calumet City	James Meincke
3. () Chicago Heights	Frank Kush
4. (X) Cook County	Bill Dorgan
5. () Country Club Hills	Bob Gibson
6. (X) Crestwood	Nancy Cistaro, Bob Windberg
7. (X) Crete	Marty Braccio
8. () Dolton	Sandy Patlak
9. (X) Homer Glen	John Robinson
10. (X) Hometown	Joe Kouba
11. (X) Lynwood	Frank Waliszewski, Mike Zientara
12. (X) Manhattan	Joel Werner
12. (X) Markham	James Bibbs, Everett Wilkins
13. (X) Midlothian	Michael Tryon
14. (X) Mokena	Greg McElyea
15. (X) New Lenox	Bill Potocki
16. (X) Oak Forest	Joe Pilch, Bob Small
17. () Orland Hills	Bill Leddin
18. () Palos Park	Bernie Conboy
19. () Peotone	??
18. () Plainfield	Roger Bonuchi
19. (X) Rich Township	John Ranieri, Sean Berry
20. (X) Riverdale	Dennis Reilly
21. (X) Sauk Village	Art Johnson
22. (X) South Holland	Ralph Turner, John Thomas
23. (X) Steger	Roger Mumford
24. (X) Thornton	John Levon Jr.
25. () Tinley Park	Steve Vick, Pat Carr
26. (X) Will County	Harold Damron
27. (X) Red Cross	James Fumbanks
28. () State Region 4	?
29. () Cook County DPH	Lisa Nance

GUEST: Tom Dermody Matteson PD with K-9.

Opening Prayer & Pledge

Pledge & prayer lead by James Bibbs.

MINUTES:

February minutes will be approved with March minutes next month. I had computer problems.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER REPORT:

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Art Johnson was 2nd by John Levon.

TRAINING:

Tom Dermody K-9 unit Village of Matteson demo. Search dog works a cone pattern, starts wide then narrows to person. Dog picks up on freshest scent, for lost person 1 hour scent is still good. ESDA would be use for perimeter, you may be asked to stay in car because dog could pick up your scent instead person their trying to locate. They practice over all types of terrain, concrete, grated walk ways, stairs, etc.

Severe Weather classes all over Will County, check with Harold Damron's office for schedule.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A SMART page was sent Sunday 3/4 17:00 and Thursday at 12:40 & 15:50 to alphanumeric pagers & NEXTEL's.

Repeater approval takes a while so don't get discouraged.

Read the CNN article John Thomas handed out on frequencies.

EQUIPMENT:

SMART information book is in the process of being updated. Make sure your equipment information is correct and updates are in to Joe Pilch.

If you want SMART ID cards this is what is needed. Member's photo (digital or scan able), name for each photo, members rank, unit ID number (as listed in SMART), city logo or ESDA patch (digital or scan able). You can either email the info to Joe Pilch or Bob Small or give it to them on a disk. Sauk Village has submitted a disk to Joe Pilch.

Bob Small discussed box cards needing to be filled out. To assist you in the process included is a resource list of equipment, by equipment type. (If there are any changes to the resource list make sure Joe Pilch receives them by either email or fax 708/535-2508.) You are required to ask the town you want assistance from to agree to respond.

You just can't expect towns to response because you have listed them. Box card numbers will be issued after the forms are returned. Our goal is to have this completed by May 2007.

Member/Membership Status:

Bob Small discussed the issue of associate membership in SMART. He is working on the rules governing associate membership before he brings this up to amendment to bi-laws on adding associate members. Roger Mumford called for an Officers meeting at Steger to discuss associate members rules.

SMART SAR:

Next meeting is in Crete March 11 at 17:00.

STATE REGION 4:

There was no one representing region at meeting.

COOK COUNTY: www.cookcountysheriff.org

Bill Dorgan had nothing to report. Information has been faxed to organizations.

WILL COUNTY: www.willcountyema.org

Harold has weather spotters' seminars going on in a lot of communities. Check with Will County for dates and times.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:

There is a bill to raise mobile 9-1-1 surcharge to \$1.50.

IESMA (Illinois Emergency Services Management Association):

2007 conference April 18 - 21 Stoney Creek Inn East Peoria. Conference may be moved to Decatur 2008. Conference 2007 is not posted on their Web Site yet.

IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management calling for help Agency):

2007 conference is September 4th - 6th in Springfield at the Crown Plaza.

RED CROSS LIAISON:

No report

CCDPH:

Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joel Werner thanked Oak Forest, Crete, Sauk Village, Tinley Park, Rich Township, and the rest that responded to assist with their parade.

Riverdale will host the April 12 meeting at Police Department 725 W. 138th Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thorton fest is July 6-8 at Walcot school. John would like to borrow a command van to set-up operations. He will also need 6-10 people per night for security.

New Lenox will need assistance May 6th for their Loyalty day parade.

Riverdale June 30 July 1 has basketball games in town. Need crowd control.

South Holland, & Thornton, has Memorial Day parades.

It would be better if we had a flyer for each event coming up. Secretary will provide an event sign-up sheet to next meeting. You can list your event so it will get properly recorded in the minutes.

Bob Cop is new fire chief in Blue Island.

Since someone walked off with the sign in sheet I hope I didn't miss anyone.

ADJOURNED at 21:00 March 8, 2007. Motion made by Joe Kouba was 2nd by John Levon.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Pilch
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2007 Meeting dates & host

- January 11 Tinley Park
- February 8 Chicago Heights
- March 8 Oak Forest
- April 12 Riverdale
- May 10 New Lenox
- June 14 South Holland
- July 12 Steger
- August 9 Markham
- September 13 Palos Park
- October 11 Lynwood
- November 8 Sauk Village
- December 13 Christmas Party