

SMART

Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team

Meeting March 13, 2008 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)
()	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

1.	(X) Blue Island	Paul E. Johnson, Daniel J. Tedej
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, Marilyn Reid
8.	(X) Dolton	Bill Claessens, Bob Claessens
9.	(X) Homer Glen	John Robinson
10.	(X) Hometown	Joe Kouba
11.	() Lynwood	Frank Waliszewski, David Harnod
12.	(X) Manhattan	Joel Werner
13.	(X) Markham	James Bibbs, Charles Wilson, Everett Wilkins
14.	(X) Midlothian	Michael Tryon
15.	(X) Mokena	Greg McElyea
16.	(X) New Lenox	Bill Potocki
17.	(X) Oak Forest	Bob Small, Joe Pilch
18.	(X) Orland Hills	Bill Leddin, Tom Rafferty
19.	(X) Palos Park	Bill Leddin, Bernie Conboy
20.	(X) Rich Township	John Ranieri, Bob Russell
21.	(X) Riverdale	Dennis Reilly, Ricardo Murray
22.	(X) Sauk Village	Art Johnson, Ken Cook, Jeff Grandchamp
23.	(X) South Holland	John Thomas
24.	(X) Steger	Roger Mumford, Mark Copper
25.	(X) Thornton	John Levon Jr.
26.	() Tinley Park	Steve Clemmer, Wayne Bulger
27.	(X) Will County	Harold Damron
28.	(X) Red Cross	John Mitchell
29.	() State Region 4	?
30.	() Cook County DPH	Lisa Nance

SMART Coordinator/Representative

Associate

(X) Sandwich Tom Ciciora

GUEST:

Stewart Regan Harvey ESDA.

Opening Prayer & Pledge

Pledge & prayer lead by James Bibbs.

MINUTES:

Motion made to accept the February minutes by John Thomas and was 2nd by John Levon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Article handed out on safe driving when responding to the scene with lights and siren going. Don't think the people will see or hear you. You need to watch for them.

TREASURER REPORT:

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Joe Kouba was 2nd by John Levon.

TRAINING:

Cert training is starting in Tinley Park, these are weekend classes.

Ham Radio class starts April 10 in Tinley Park. This class will help you pass the Technician class license.

Red Cross shelter management class was a very good class.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A SMART page was sent Wednesday and Thursday to alphanumeric pagers & NEXTEL's.

Chicago was given a temporary license to operate on the VTAC and UTAC frequencies. MABAS 24 has been challenging the legality of this since the frequencies were established (by the feds) for anyone to use them in and emergency. (Chicago should be losing this license in the near future.)

EQUIPMENT:

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 need to get the information to Bob Russell.

Box cards need to be completed so we can get them to all communities. South Holland has a good start; he just needs to confirm with the communities he listed as responders.

Member/Membership Status:

Harvey will bring paper work next meeting.

Jim Dean may be retiring from Hometown ESDA May 1. At this time don't know who will be taking over the reins.

SMART SAR:

This is the 2nd year anniversary for SAR group being together. Congratulations to Ken Cook and those that are involved in responding and keeping their skills up by training.

There will be SAR training April 19 & 20 at the Steger garage.

There was a discussion about getting SAR radios of their own for searches and their own frequency. They should be able to use VTAC or UTAC frequencies and each town could supply their members with the radios.

SAR management class will be scheduled by Ken Cook. Joe Kouba will assist Ken Cook with this class.

SAR Intervention team is getting churches involved as heat & cooling center.

SAR wants to be able to fund itself. Should they run on their own or have the SMART fee cover some of their expenses?

Program & Analysis:

Nothing going on.

STATE REGION 4:

There was no one representing region at meeting.

COOK COUNTY: www.cookcountysheriff.org

No one in attendance

WILL COUNTY: www.willcountyema.org

This weekend 3/15 there is a search & landing course in Will County which incorporates a technical search plan.

Weather spotter's class had 18 attend in Lockport.

Will County hired a Homeland security planner from Health department.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:

Not present.

IESMA (Illinois Emergency Services Management Association):

2008 Conference is April 16-19 in Decatur.

IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management calling for help Agency):

2008 conference is September 2nd - 4th in Springfield at the Crown Plaza.

RED CROSS LIAISON:

Mini shelter operations and management course is being offered; the class is about 2 ½ hours long.

Met with Sauk Village Chaplin they have a church base for feeding and sheltering.

John Mitchell will be meeting with Steger next and will probably combine Sauk Village and Steger church groups.

Special needs shelter are needed for pets.

CCDPH:

There was no one present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Al Romano from Extreme mobile solutions = Emergency text messaging and paging; package is about \$800 per year.

US Safety Products = Ryan Crabtree has equipment and clothing for responders.

A-Typical lighting = Pat Rubien & Brad Rivera has emergency lighting solutions; he deals with mainly LED's.

Joel thanked everyone for assisting Manhattan at the Irish Fest parade.

Thanks to the vendors for coming to our meeting.

Thanks to Tinley Park ESDA and Police for assistance at Oak Forest EMA member Mike Hennessy's wake and funeral. (Tinley Park police lead the funeral procession to St. Damian's Church in Oak Forest.)

April 10 meeting will be at Blue Island starting time is 7:45 PM. Meeting will be a few minutes later because another group needs to vacate the room before we get there.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Lenox Loyalty day parade is coming. Bill is looking for traffic control assistance.

Palos Park parade is May 14th.

COMING EVENTS:

May 14 - Palos Park parade.

New Lenox Loyalty parade.

ADJOURNED at 20:45 March 13, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Pilch
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Meeting hosts for 2008.

January 10 Tinley Park 17355 S. 68th Street

February 14	Riverdale	725 W. 138 th Street
March 13	Oak Forest	5301 W. 157 th Street
April 10	Blue Island	2450 Vermont Ave.
May 8	Crete	1390 Benton
June 12	South Holland	1459 E. 168 th Street
July 10	Steger	3035 Lewis Street
August 14	Markham	
September 11	New Lenox	701 W. Haven
October 9	Lynwood	3111 Glenwood Dyer Road
November 13	Sauk Village	
December	Christmas Party	