

FIRE INVESTIGATORS STRIKE FORCE

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Minutes of December 9, 2015

Next Meeting: January 13, 2016

Program: Multi-Agency Logistics (Long Grove Explosion)

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 friends, relatives, and colleagues that are no longer with us and for Matteson FF Mark Zielinski who died in the Line of Duty.
- Nominations for the executive board, from the floor, were called for three times. A motion was made 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. The Executive Director is Mike Schmitt.
- Arnie Witzke will continue to be the membership chairman. Thank you Arnie for all of your work.
- Thank you to our training committee members Chairman Dan Zerfass, Jeff Eaton, George Lindemulder, Steve Tomzik and Ken Foszcz for all of the hard work that goes into presenting interesting and up-to-date trainings.
- 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 90 members at meetings and over 190 members at seminars.
- Over 80 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.
- 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.**
- A new training schedule is available at the website www.fisf.org.

FIRES: Spring Grove had a 3rd Alarm fire that was the result of someone cooking with a deep fat fryer and falling asleep. **Arlington Heights** had a multiple alarm fire in an unoccupied warehouse. **Northbrook** had a fatal fire caused by a man who fell asleep while smoking in a chair.

Our speaker was our own Mitch Kushner. In summary: Mitch spoke about potential spoliation of evidence during the initial investigation.

Training was 1 hour.

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.