

**COMBINED AGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
(C.A.R.T.)**

**CENTRAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

December 11, 2012

The meeting of the CART Central Board was called to order at 09:01 hrs by Chairperson Bruce Ziegler at the Orland Park FPD's Administration Building, with the following teams represented:

BLACK		BLUE		GOLD	
Bourbonnais		Alsip	C. Freitag	Bristol-Kendal	
East Joliet		Northwest Homer		Oswego	
Frankfort		Orland		Sandwich	
Homer		Palos Heights			
Manhattan		Tinley Park	K. Roemer		
New Lenox		Posen			
Peotone	B. Boyle	Blue Island			
		Palos			
GRAY		GREEN		ORANGE	
Beecher				Braidwood	
Chicago Heights		Joliet	V. Stachelski	Channahon	
Crete - Village		Lockport		Coal City	
Crete Township				Elwood	
Matteson	J. Kummelehne	RED		Minooka	
Monee		Bridgeview		Plainfield	J. Stratton;
Park Forest	B. Ziegler, B. Brei	Burbank	S. Merva	Wilmington	
Richton Park		North Palos			
Riverdale		Oak Lawn			
Sauk Village		Roberts Park		SILVER	
So. Chicago Heights				Downers Grove	
Steger		Admin		Lisle-Woodridge	
Steger Estates		Finance			
University Park		Orland Central			

Secretaries' Report: (bziegler@vopf.com)

Minutes for the November, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by the ORANGE team and seconded by the BLUE team to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: (MJoines@bourbonnaisfire.org)

Mileen Joines provided the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented was made by the BLUE team and seconded by the ORANGE team; the motion passed in a voice vote by those present.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Bills:

Item	Assigned to	Amount
A.T.& T. – monthly fees	Administration	-\$ 40.90
	TOTAL	\$ 40.90

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by the BLUE Team and seconded by the BLACK Team. The motion was approved by a voice vote of those present

Chairman's Report: Bruce Ziegler (bziegle@vopf.com)

The Chair had no official report; but reminded the membership of the new board that will take office beginning January 1, 2013

Chair-Person: Bruce Boyle
Vice Chair-Person: Vic Stachelski
Treasurer: Roger Elliott; Chad Freitag
Secretary: Bruce Ziegler

Legal/Finance:

No Report

Overhead/ Executive Committee:

No Report

Training: Jon Stratton (jkstrattondfm@hotmail.com) (dkowalski36@yahoo.com)

Jon Stratton reported that Vic is still working on the 2013 Minimum Mandatory Training documents. These should be ready and on the web site by January. In conjunction with the MMT's training will place on the web site PowerPoint's or similar documents on the "A" Frame Ladder for trenches and the Hokie Hitch.

Jon has a meeting scheduled with the representative from Local 150 about scheduling at their facility. He is still trying to get dates set for the trench technician class and a winter seminar at the Local 150 facilities.

There was some discussion of the recent e-mail from MABAS about openings in IFSI training classes. Members desiring to attend these classes should get their registrations in as soon as possible. Personnel on the training rosters will have priority, but a number of previous classes were cancelled due to low enrollment. It is likely that 2013 will be the last year for grant funded training.

Rosters have been received from the following teams: GREEN, BLUE, GOLD and ORANGE. The remaining teams need to submit their rosters by the end of the month in the CART format (available on the web site). Send these to Bruce Boyle.

Training schedules have been received from the following teams: GRAY, ORANGE, GREEN and Blue. The remaining teams need to have their training schedules in by the end of the month. Send these to Bruce Boyle and Dave Kowalski.

Logistics: John Votteler (ffjvottleter@sbcglobal.net)

Jon Stratton reported for LOGISTIC as John V. was not present.

There was a discussion as to what is covered by the CART Tool assessment. The policy on this was reviewed. The GRAY Team turned a search camera rechargeable battery and a Delsar cable over for replacement / repair. In addition they turned over 3 Passload rechargeable batteries for replacement.

It was noted that the tool policy refers to a repair form, which no one seemed to have on file. Bruce Ziegler will check his files for said form and if it cannot be located he will create this form.

Logs still has HT-2 which is awaiting the master inventory process before return and the shoring trailer which is in need of a few more pieces of lumber before its return.

There was also a discussion of the acquisition of sand bags. The RED team had secured some from a public works department; the GRAY team has a few. Jon Stratton was going to secure a supply of approximately 150 to distribute to the teams at the January meeting.

Planning / Operations: Bruce Boyle (BATLN12@AOL.COM)

No Report; still awaiting the results of the master inventory process to move forward.

Membership: Bruce Boyle (BATLN12@AOL.COM); Bruce Ziegler (bziegler@vopf.com)

No membership changes. There was discussion that in 2013 each team must submit their tool assessment checks as a single payment. The team can collect from its members and forward the payment to CART. It is not the Central Board or accountings job to chase down individual member departments for the tool assessment made to the color team.

Communications: Chad Freitag (chadmfreytag@gmail.com)

Chad traffic has increased on the web site. In the near future we should be getting monthly numbers on the activity levels.

The CART Fog manual is now on the web site and he is in the process of adding the Hokie Hitch, "A" Frame Ladder, Mariner's Hitch, Paratech Data Sheets and knot links. He will add the MMT's as soon as he receives them. He would really like to add more photos, so please forward these to him for inclusion on the site.

Todd Scheuneman will hopefully forward some information on maintenance issues that he has available. There was also a discussion on the Arizona Vortex that some teams are using and placing information about this device on the site.

A discussion was held as to what should be on the public side of the site and what should be on the member's only side of the site. Chad indicated the more we have on the public side, the more it will likely attract visitors. Some thoughts on the various locations of items were as follows

Public

Meeting Minutes

Safety Items?

Team Updates?

Downloads (check validity)?

Members

Financial reports

Trailer Locations

Trailer inventories?

**Safety: Dave Jordan (djordan@oswegofire.com);
Vic Stachelski (vstachelski@jolietcity.org)**

No Report

Statewide TRT:

No report

Team Illinois (USAR): Bruce Boyle (BATLN12@AOL.COM)

There is training this Wednesday and Thursday and a manager's meeting on Saturday; members should check the team web site regularly.

There has been some increased interest in state teams from FEMA and funds have been allocated to FEMA to evaluate state teams (maybe 4 per year). Alabama was done as a test case and passes. Illinois will look to Alabama for some insight into what is required to pass successfully. There seems to be a lot of paperwork related requirements to this process; Team Illinois is get this updated for possible evaluation in about a year.

This may result in some training opportunities available in a more local region. These would likely be FEMA oriented classes, but could be beneficial to our personnel if made available.

Old Business:

The subject of adding additional Rescu-Vac systems and Liberty Rescue Tubes to additional lumber trailers was discussed again. It would appear as though most of our lumber trailers have the basic Rescu-Vac kit; but we need to look at the smaller kits and roll of 4" tubing to compliment what we already have.

On the subject of Liberty rescue tubes, we have 2 of these available; but need to wait as the company is coming out with a new version of the rescue device soon.

New Business:

None at this time

Responses:

There was a discussion of the recent Tinley Park house foundation rescue. Ken Roemer provided some narrative and timeline information and some pictures as well. Two young females were fully or partially buried; and luckily the position of one victim assisted in providing coverage on the head of the second victim. Tinley Park PD was first on the scene and requested the Tinley Park DPW and began doffing out by hand. Luckily the children were rescue quickly with limited exposure by on scene rescue personnel, but crush injuries were a concern.

Some of the key issues from this incident for review / problem solving were:

Issues with the technical rescue box and team call outs

Communication to team members and color teams; inconsistent information

PD requesting a EMS box despite medical units being enroute

Most of the people involved were only trained to TRA level

Commanders were essentially trained only to TRA level

Limiting risk of rescue personnel to secondary collapse

Limited response from MABAS 24 TRT

Issues with clay soil (good use of out of the box thinking with air chisel)

TEAM REPORTS:

BLACK:

BLUE: Team meeting is scheduled; addressing issues with Logistics as part of this meeting. They held 3 combined training sessions with the BLUE/BLACK/RED on technical search. These were very positive trainings. They have a tentative training schedule for 2013; but need to discuss finalizing it at the meeting.

GOLD: Not Present

GRAY: Had a team meeting in December; also working though some logistics person issues. Discussing doing some co-training with Division 207 (Indiana) TRT. There have been some ongoing discussions of communications in light of the Tinley Park response/non-response.

GREEN: Not present

ORANGE: Submitted their roster and training schedule for 2013. Have scheduled a team meeting with the goal of increasing membership and filling vacant team positions.

RED: Investing in a basic and advanced cell tower response/rescue class. The basic class is a flat price for the class and will likely hold between 40 – 50 students depending on final venue. If space is available they will likely open it up for spots for CART teams. Tentatively schedule the basic class for February 19, 2013 at North Palos (107th and Robert's Road). Advance class tentatively April 19th, 2013, but with a 20 student maximum. This is a classroom and practical training. More information to follow.

SILVER: Not Present.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

No information reported

ADJOURNMENT:

The BLACK team made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by the RED team. This was approved by a voice vote. (10:52)

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday **January 8, 2013 0900hrs**. This meeting will be at the Orland Park FPD Board Room

Note: The training committee meets at 0800hrs.

Bruce Ziegler Chairperson
Acting CART Secretary

Reference information:

Ad-Hoc Committee of the Whole

The goal of this initial meeting is to discuss issues related to CART and the future of CART as an organization.

Preliminary topics of discussion:

- Membership
- Equipment replacement
 - Trailer inventories
 - Equipment inventory
 - Status of equipment
 - Needs related to equipment
- Response protocols
- Operational standards
- Centralized Warehousing
 - Storage rebates/incentive
- Validation
 - Updating
 - Refinement
- Training
 - Provisions/requirements
 - Tuition rebates
 - More available training
- Expanding the scope of CART operations
 - Cell tower/wind turbine rescue
 - Water Operations
 - Water Craft technician

This is a topic list and by no means a complete accounting of all items discussed.

Action Items for next meeting:

Trailer Inventory – Jon Stratton

Equipment and trailer evaluation/inventory- Rich Harper