

Nov. 6, 2017 RFA Meeting

Meeting called to order by President O'Neil at 1107 hrs.

Names of most recent deceased members. George Talbert

Secretary read minutes of October meeting. Approved.

Treasurer read October's financial report. Approved.

New member to the RFA was accepted. Tim Baroody retired from E-24 on 8/19/2017

President report: Joe reported that brother Bob Gilbert is working with Maryland state delegate Mathias to get clarification of the recently pass legislation that gives a tax deduction to first responders.

Discussion on the new RFA handbook and the mini-handbook and what information should be in each book.

Brief discussion on the possibility of a 1099C tax form for the 2017 tax year for those members affected by the annuity problem.

RFA received a letter from Bob Banisak on how helpful the attorney's position paper was in helping him with the 1099C problem.

Joe is in the final stages of finalizing the constitution & by-law changes.

Election will be held at the December RFA meeting for the offices of President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary.

L-36 president reported that a hearing on the new contract will be held December 18,19,20. A good chance it will go to arbitration.

Plenty of new apparatus is on order and the Fire Chief is on board to continue ordering new apparatus.

Joe reported that new pressure will be continued after the new years starts addressing the C.O.L.A. and the new term "Age of Error" that is being used by the Treasury Department in their discussions.

A motion to approve a \$1000 budget to purchase Christmas gifts for the people and groups who have been helpful to the RFA this past year. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1205 hrs.