



Lake Region Firefighters Association

April 16, 2012 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:30 PM and then asked the group to meeting outside for the MSFCA Kitchen Fire Demonstration Trailer training. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was said. A moment of silence was observed for all fallen firefighters. We were welcomed to Benson by host chief Mark Shreck. Chief Shreck thanked everyone for coming and participating in the training. He complimented his firefighters for being able to put out a grease fire with water. He thanked his firefighter for putting on the meal for the evening. Roll call was taken by the Glenwood Fire Dept. at the registration table showing 97 firefighters representing 29 fire departments. There were 5 guests and vendors present. Minutes from the January quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of January quarterly meeting minutes were waived with a motion made by Waite Park and second by Albany to approve the minutes. The treasurer's report was presented.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank						\$4,150.54
Check	01/12/2012	5009	West Central Trophies	Doug Storck's plaque	(\$75.16)	\$4,075.38
Bill Pmt -Check	01/12/2012	5010	MSFDA	Dues	(\$72.00)	\$4,003.38
Deposit	01/12/2012			Deposit	\$400.00	\$4,403.38
Bill Pmt -Check	01/12/2012	5011	Jeff Drais - Secretary	Postage / Office Supplies	(\$152.84)	\$4,250.54
Deposit	01/13/2012			Deposit	\$440.00	\$4,690.54
Deposit	01/24/2012			Deposit	\$240.00	\$4,930.54
Bill Pmt -Check	02/14/2012	5012	Iceberg Web Design	Annual hosting	(\$228.90)	\$4,701.64
Deposit	02/28/2012			Deposit	\$360.00	\$5,061.64
Deposit	02/28/2012		Lake Henry Fire Department	Deposit - 2013 dues	\$40.00	\$5,101.64
Deposit	04/02/2012			Deposit	\$80.00	\$5,181.64
Total					\$1,031.10	\$5,181.64

Motion was made by Alexandria and second by Forada to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MSFCA Report – Bill Thoennes

<http://msfca.org>

- Thanked everybody for taking part in the Kitchen Fire Demonstration, the trailer is one of two that are available from MSFCA. You can contact the MSFCA or go online to reserve the trailer.
- Fire Officers School, February 11 & 12, 2012 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Had 105 attendees. Target was to attract the western 1/3 of the state. Next February 9th & 10th will be another course.

- The board meet in the northern part of the state earlier this. Regional reps are asked to go out to the regional chiefs' meetings. Let Bill know when your county chiefs' meeting is and he will try to attend at least one.
- At the meeting the group participates in a 5 hour table top exercise on the Minnesota Intrastate mutual aid plan. Scenario was a tornado in the Willmar area.
- Reminded people to not self-deploy. It cause lots of logistics problems and your department will not get a tracking number and won't get reimbursed if the incident is declared a disaster.
- Fire Service Day at the Capitol was held February 21. Turnout was low for MSFCA and MSFDA; the chiefs association is looking into ways to meet our needs without having the meeting.
- MFIRS reporting, 100% of the region reported. Only 17 departments in the state did not report.
- The process is starting; the firefighter memorial at the airport was moved to Savage to get it ready for the state capitol. Still a good number of departments in the Lake Region has not given to the memorial and are asked to give some money so the memorial can be 100% paid for by firefighters.
- The memorial dedication is scheduled for Sunday September 30, 2 – 4 pm. You can sign up for tickets at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3311696373/>
- Next conference in Duluth, October 18 – 20th. You can book your rooms now.

MSFDA – Bill Thoennes on behalf of Mike “Spanky” Schroeder

<http://www.msfd.org>

- 2012 Conference will be June 14 – 16 in Alexandria. Keynote by Eddie Buchanan of Hanover Fire & EMS in Richmond, VA. Conference packages have been mailed out and are available at: http://l.b5z.net/i/u/10139957/f/Registration_Packet.pdf
Bill went over some of the events at the conference.
Memorial Service will be on Saturday the 16th. If any firefighters have passed away in the last year make sure Bill or Spanky know before the conference.
Honorary member must have 20 years of service for the conference.
- 2013 Conference will be in Bemidji.

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

<http://www.mfscb.org/>

- Some practical coming up, check the website, contact Theresa Zikmund tzikmund@mfscb.org if you have questions.
- Working on Fire Officer III & IV certification for review by IFSAC and Pro Board.
- Working to get reaccredited by IFSAC and Pro Board. It is important to get certified by an outside agency.
- Recertification is \$20 per certification with at cap at \$60 for 3 and above certifications.

State Fire Marshal - John Steinbach

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/>

- Thanked everybody for MFIRS reporting, total reporting is at 98%.
- April 16 – 17 is the first Fire Marshalls Conference at the double tree in Bloomington. Juvenile Fire Setter, Fire Code and Fire Investigation.
- 14 fire deaths this year, 8 fire death last year.
- Hiring a fire service specialist and a juvenile fire setter specialist.
- Goal is to get three fire service specialists is north, central and southern part of the state. They will be there to assist fire service and fire chiefs with questions and fire service issues.

VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- No report

DNR

www.dnr.state.mn.us

- No Report

IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen

<http://www.gld-iafc.org/>

- No Report

Technical College

Ridgewater College – Mike Roe

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Voucher dollars will go away June 30, 2013. Should have received a letter telling you how many dollars you have available.
- Make sure you use your Fire Safety Training Dollars.
- Several FFI classes coming up at all the area Tech Colleges.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Chad Steffens

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

- Firefighter Survival trailer or RIT Trailer is completed and is available to use through SCTCC
- Fire School will be September 22 & 23 at the St. Cloud Campus.
- Chad brought a list of what each department has for voucher dollars.

MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Bruce West

www.mbfte.state.mn.us

- Emphasized it is important to use your reimbursement dollars. Also send in any extra training you may have done that qualifies in case there is a supplemental reimbursement due to some departments not using their money. Training must take place between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Remember books and initial certification is reimbursed at 50%.
- Reimbursement forms are on the website if you have lost your form. Also remember to send along a copy of the check that paid for the training. You won't get reimbursed unless you can show the training has been paid for.
- Legislature is looking closely at the fire safety account, approximately \$13 million a year flows through the account to fund the fire Marshalls office, training board, chemical assessment team and structural collapse team. Legislature is looking at a supplemental allocation for around \$4 million.
- Round 5 will be same as last year; don't know what the dollar amount will be this year. This round will include some EMS items CPR and AED training. Books and certification will be 100% reimbursable after July 1.
- Call the MBFTE office if you have any questions on if classes are allowed. (651-201-7257)
- Live burn instructor training May 5 & 6 in St. Cloud. This is to train people to perform live burns correctly and safely. Another burn will take place in Grand Rapids in June.
- Mass and gross decon training is available, usually can take place on a drill night. They will come out and go over mass and gross decon. 3 hour course, cost covered by HSEM.
- MSFDA has a board position opening up. Interested parties for a 4 year term contact Shane Schmitt. Meeting is always the third Tuesday of the month in Elk River at 10 am. Meeting is every other month.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) – Kevin Reed

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem>

- No Report

Old Business

- Lake Region Bowling – was mentioned but nobody talked about it.

New Business

- Everybody needs to send in updated information to the secretary for the directory. Send information to secretary@lakeregionfire.com.

Good of the Region

- Marv Calvin talked about the Hero Rush at Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake May 19, 2012. The flyer will be emailed to the region. Check www.herorush.com/MN for more information.

Next meeting will be July 16, 2012 – Albany, Albany Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn was made by Benson second by St. Cloud. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.



Jeff Drais, Secretary/Treasurer