



Lake Region Firefighters Association

April 15, 2013 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:34 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 Kensington by Fire Chief Joey Nessman who thanked everybody that showed up. Roll call was taken showing 98 firefighters representing 27 fire departments. There were 10 agency representatives and vendors present for a total attendance of 108.

Minutes from the January quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of January quarterly meeting minutes were waived with a motion made by Albany and second by Holdingford to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank						\$3,789.43
Deposit	1/22/2013			Deposit - Dues 18 checks	\$720.00	\$4,509.43
Deposit	1/22/2013			Deposit - Dues 18 checks	\$720.00	\$5,229.43
Deposit	1/22/2013			Deposit - Dues 9 checks	\$360.00	\$5,589.43
Deposit	2/19/2013			Deposit - Dues / Pmt 16 checks	\$756.00	\$6,345.43
Check	3/18/2013	5019	Iceberg Web Design	Annual Hosting & Updates	(\$224.39)	\$6,121.04
Deposit	3/18/2013			Deposit - Dues 4 checks	\$160.00	\$6,281.04
Check	3/18/2013	5020	Jeff Drais - Secretary	Postage 12/15/2012 - 3/18/2013	(\$36.66)	\$6,244.38
Check	4/9/2013	5021	Iceberg Web Design	Website Update	(\$25.00)	\$6,219.38
Check	4/9/2013	5022	Jeff Drais - Secretary	Postage 3/19/2013 - 4/9/2013	(\$34.96)	\$6,184.42
Total						\$6,184.42

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

REPORTS

MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk

<http://www.msfd.org>

- Talked about the winter meeting on January 19th in St. Cloud.
 - Fire Service Foundation raised \$721,000 for the memorial \$701,000 was required. The state requires \$115,000 for maintenance so the Foundation will be working on additional fund raisers.
- A memorial service will be held in St. Paul at the firefighter memorial the last Sunday in September every year.

- Fire Service Day at the Capitol will be February 5th. Attendance was about the same as last year. This year the goal was to educate the legislatures about how the fire service is funded and the training fund.
- The MSFDA has decided to go with Blaze publications as the official publication the name selected for the publication will be Minnesota Firefighter. Subscription will be available for 2014.
- Talked about revamping membership structure to possibly have individual memberships.
- Regional Directory Job Description was written up so all region have a common description. Our by-laws will be updated to include the new language.
- Next year's conference in Bemidji will be June 20th – 22nd. You can go online to register and find out more information <http://goo.gl/KwhFZ>

Shane Schmitt – MSDFA President

- MSFDA & MSFCA signed an agreement to research what item both groups have in common that resources can be shared.
- Both executive boards will be meeting in Maple Grove on Monday April 22 to discuss further.

MSFCA Report – Bill Thoennes

<http://msfca.org>

- The Lake Region had almost 100% reporting for 2012. One department didn't make it; not for a lack of trying on the part of the region.
- 2nd Annual Fire Officers School, February 9th & 10th at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. 200+ people registered. Goal was to make it a little more family oriented.
- Next year's school will be at the Arrowwood February 8th & 9th. Book rooms early.
- Fire Service Day with the Minnesota Twins! Saturday, June 29th – 3:10pm - Special Discounted Seating in the Home Run Porch View. Order tickets online: www.twinsbaseball.com/fireservice
- MSFCA Conference – Rochester October 17 – 19.
- MSFCA Board held their retreat April 5 - 7 at the Breezy Point Resort.
 - Tom Brace will be retiring soon, looking to find a replacement
 - Belmont Partners was hired to do a study to see how to better reach the members

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

- 2,100 Certifications issued in 2012, 3,800 people tested.
- NFPA 1001 Certification testing was changed a little bit due to the high failure rate on the Hazmat portion. Now doing the written portion of the FFI testing then the written portion of the Hazmat testing. The practicals are then tested at the end of the course. The Hazmat Ops pass rate went from 53% to 76% in the test groups.
- Over 200 tests are scheduled between now and the end of June. At the limit of the number of evaluators available.
- ProBoard certification was completed in February. Having the national certifications allows MN certifications to be recognized nationwide.
- MN is one of the few states the offers Hazard Zone management, “Blue Card”, certification.
- Had an instance where somebody drove from Nebraska to take their Fire Officer 1 certification because it was important for his promotional process.
- Certification schedule is available on the mfscb.org web site.

State Fire Marshal - Jerry Rosendahl

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

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/about/Pages/message-from-fire-marshal.aspx>

John Steinbach

- Fire deaths for 2012 were at 50. 8 fire deaths so far in 2013.
- Collections so far this fiscal year are running slightly ahead of estimates with \$11,554,345 already collected against an estimate of \$13,300,000 for the year. We have three months left and our four-year average collections during that time are approximately \$3 million. Starting on July 1, 2013 the surcharge rate drops from .65 to .50 on insurance policy premiums. The “payback” to the state general fund of \$2.368 million annually continues through June 30, 2015. The biennial budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 is being debated in the legislature now, with the end of session scheduled for May 20.
- The contractor to develop the DVD has been selected and some committee members have met with them to outline the next steps. The grant to fund this project is available only until June 30 and they need to complete work by then. The intent of this project is to develop a 30–40 minute video that highlights roadway- responder safety issues and recommendations on keeping responders safe. The video will include Minnesota laws and list resources responders can use to make sure “Everyone Goes Home” at the end of the incident.
- Toby McLain is our new investigator in west central Minnesota. He will be based in the Alexandria/Morris area.
- Fire Marshall’s office provides different trainings. Contact John to schedule trainings.
- If anybody is interested in a career with the state go to: <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/>
- Kathi Osmonson, our Youth Firesetter Prevention/Intervention specialist, has now started a newsletter on YFPI, a significant addition to our outreach efforts that compliments a great Fire & Life Safety Education newsletter put out by Becki White. Both of these newsletters will be sent via the same email distribution list you get my update on. Please let me know if you want others added to this email list — or just go onto our website and sign up. These newsletters are resources prepared by experts in their fields to support your work at the local level
- The eight groups of fire departments receiving grants this round are busy working with consultants to identify ways to become more efficient in delivering fire services to their communities. We continue to see interest in this subject all across the state. Unfortunately, some of this interest is from communities inquiring about what to do when they have only a handful of firefighters available for response, or what to do when a township won’t come to terms on a contract, or what to do when they’re constantly covering for a neighboring FD. We get these calls more often than you might think. Sharing services may be the answer, and more departments need to look further into this..

Scott Radke (scott.radke@state.mn.us)

- 99% MFIRS reporting. Only 8 not reporting
- Working on tightening up the reporting which should make reporting easier.
- A few new modules in ImageTrend (<http://www.mnfirereport.net/>) Scheduler which is like a log book. New training area and checklist module.
- Send info to get event on the State Training Calendar.

Fire Investigator of the Year

State Fire Marshal Division investigator **John Steinbach** received the 2012 Fire Investigator of the Year award from Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators President Brian Haag at their annual conference in St. Cloud. John also received the State Fire Marshal Division Employee of the Year award for 2012.

Technical College

Ridgewater College – Mike Roe

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Voucher dollars need to be used up. June 2013 dollars will disappear.
- After June 2013 each college will have the money that they can use to benefit departments.
- Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations, Willmar Fire Department. Sat., April 20, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sun., April 21, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Paid for by an NFA grant.
- John Salka will be at the Morris Fire Department presenting *Fire Ground Responsibility & Five Alarm Leadership* Saturday, May 18, 2013 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Certification testing is provided as part of FFI / FFII. Trying to arrange it so the new firefighters aren't overwhelmed with so much information.
- Having your certification card is a way to show that you have met the standards for being a firefighter and makes it easier if needed to help out at a large incident.
- Incident Safety Officer, (Firefighter Rehab), new NFPA standard.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Adam Gordon

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

- 11 weeks left to use this year's vouchers(exp. June 30, 2013) and MBFTE monies
- New LP prop in full use and available for training
- Burn trailer opportunity is open to any firefighters having completed FFI on 5/16 from 12-4pm at SCTCC campus. \$80/FF (can use voucher dollars). call Adam for RVSP
- Incident Safety Officer classes booked for this fiscal year, but can schedule for next one after July 1, 2013
- DOT I class being offered July 19-21 (for EMS instructor certification)
- Mark your calendars for SCTCC fall fire school, September 21-22

MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Bruce West

www.mbfte.state.mn.us

- Round 5 starting July 1, 2012 will cover the cost of FFI/FFII/Hazmat Ops and Certification. Fire Departments don't need to request the money; the training facility will request payment directly. No out of pocket payment is required for fire departments. 785 letters went out to the fire departments in the state. Each department was awarded \$105 per firefighter.
- CPR for adult, child and infant, AED training for both initial and refresher are eligible. Emergency Medical Responder (First Responder) and EMT are not eligible.
- Change to the program, proof of payment is no longer required.
- Payment for reimbursement is usually around 2 days if you have electronic fund transfer.
- First time every NFPA 1001 basic firefighter training and hazmat ops are covered free. Students must take the FFI/FFII certification tests.
- Live burn training, up to \$1,500 for a live burn. Must meet NFPA 1403 requirements. Part of the requirements in there must be an ALS transporting ambulance onsite during the burn. Ambulance must be there when the burn starts. Can only start one room on fire at a time. Cannot start multiple rooms on fire only one burn per room. Budget if for 100 live burns and there are already 75 burns on the books.
- Next statewide training is Incident Safety Officer, will go over what an incident safety officer and how to implement it.
- Mass and Gross Decontamination training, Contact Chip Lohmiller at F-I-R-E at 612 868-6744 or email at fire@crosslake.net to schedule your free training.
- Contact Bruce if you have questions.(651) 201-7258

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

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) – Kevin Reed

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

- No Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Good of the Region

- None

Next meeting will be July 15, 2013 – Morris @ West Pomme Lodge 45572 140th Street, Donnelly, Minnesota

Motion to adjourn was made by Benson seconded by St. Stephen. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.



Jeff Draais, Secretary/Treasurer