

# Lake Region Firefighters Association

## January 9, 2012 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:28 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 Glenwood by host chief Dave Orłowski. Chief Orłowski thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Lakeside staff for preparations for the meeting. Glenwood Lake Mayor, Bill Ogdahl, addressed the group and thanked everybody for showing up and especially thanked those who showed up to help out with the bad weather in August. Roll call was taken by the Glenwood Fire Dept. at the registration table showing 87 firefighters representing 25 fire departments. There were 5 guests and vendors present. Minutes from the October quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of October quarterly meeting minutes were waived with a motion made by Albany and second by Forada to approve the minutes. The treasurer's report was presented.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b>Plaza Park Bank</b>						<b>\$4,572.86</b>
Check	10/17/2011	5003	Iceberg Web Design	Web updates	(\$25.00)	\$4,547.86
Check	10/17/2011	5004	Doug Storck	2011 President salary	(\$200.00)	\$4,347.86
Check	10/17/2011	5005	Jeff Drais	2011 Secretary pay	(\$599.00)	\$3,748.86
Check	10/17/2011	5006	VOID	VOID		\$3,748.86
Check	10/17/2011	5007	Jeff Drais - Secretary	Postage 9/22/11 - 10/5/11	(\$45.32)	\$3,703.54
Check	10/18/2011	5008	Minnesota Fire Service Foundation	Firefighter Memorial Donation	(\$1,000.00)	\$2,703.54
Deposit	12/19/2011			Deposit - Dues	\$527.00	\$3,230.54
Deposit	12/20/2011			Deposit - Dues	\$600.00	\$3,830.54
Deposit	12/20/2011			Deposit - Dues	\$40.00	\$3,870.54
Deposit	12/30/2011			Deposit - Dues	\$280.00	\$4,150.54
<b>Total</b>					<b>(\$422.32)</b>	<b>\$4,150.54</b>

Motion was made by Waite Park and second by Holdingford to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### MSFDA – Mike “Spanky” Schroeder

<http://www.msfga.org>

- Reported that the \$600,000 was raised for the MN fallen firefighter memorial. Groundbreaking should start in March with the dedication taking place in October.
- MSFDA will hold their board meeting in St. Cloud January 21, 2012, along with meeting with the executive board of MSFCA.

- Fire Service Day at the Capitol will be Tuesday February 21, 2012. It is important to have members of the area departments down there, the legislators do take notice. Lake Region usually has a good turnout.
- 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](http://l.b5z.net/i/u/10139957/f/Registration_Packet.pdf)
- 2013 Conference will be in Bemidji.
- MSFDA and MSFCA worked together to come up with some solutions to the 990 issue for area relief associations. Check the news page on <http://msfda.org> for more information.
- Statewide pension plan is continuing, when started it was thought to be a good fit for smaller departments. Recently there are some larger departments are looking at joining the plan too. Just remember that once a department joins the statewide plan they can't remove themselves.
- At the joint meeting MSFCA and MSFDA they also talked about shared services. There were several departments in the state that took advantage of the grant to study shared services.
- Remember to send in your dues to MSFDA.
- Bill Thoennes talked a little about the upcoming MSFDA conference in Alexandria.

### **MSFCA Report – Bill Thoennes**

<http://msfca.org>

- Talked about the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association conference in St. Cloud back in October.
  - Randy Polzin – President, Bill Mund – Vice President.
  - Glenwood Chief - Dave Orłowski was name Fire Officer of the Year.
  - Next conference in Duluth, October 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>. You can book your rooms now.
- Fire Officers School, February 11 & 12, 2012 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. [http://msfca.org/training/assets/Fire\\_Officers\\_School\\_Program\\_Flyer.pdf](http://msfca.org/training/assets/Fire_Officers_School_Program_Flyer.pdf)
- The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association's Kitchen Fire Safety Trailers are stocked and ready for rental. <http://msfca.org/resources/kitchen-safety.html>
- Scholarship applications are available. Check out the website at [http://msfca.org/resources/assets/MFSF\\_Scholarship\\_Application.pdf](http://msfca.org/resources/assets/MFSF_Scholarship_Application.pdf)

### **Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel**

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

- The Certification Board will be holding their Executive Board meeting the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Working to get reaccruited by IFSAC and Pro Board.
- Working on Fire Officer III & IV certification.
- All tests are listed on the MFSCB website, contact Theresa Zikmund [tzikmund@mfscb.org](mailto:tzikmund@mfscb.org) if you have questions.

### **State Fire Marshal - John Steinbach**

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

- 51 fire deaths this year, 39 fire death last year. 17 deaths occurred in 6 fires with multiple fatalities. 3 were suicides, 7 were from unattended candles and 6 were from careless smoking. All were preventable.
- Cooking, heating and candles are the top fire starters in the state.

- Shared services grant, 6 of the 8 reports are available on the website.  
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/document-library/Pages/Shared-Services-Grant.aspx>
- 3 unconfirmed fire deaths for 2012.
- Fire Marshall's Office is hiring a school inspector and a juvenile fire setter interventionist.
- 33% drop in fatal fire attributed to cigarettes. The Fire Marshall's office attributes this to Fire Standard Compliant Cigarettes.
- Fire Safety Account currently has \$7.4 million in it.
- Basic Fire Investigation and Arson class starting January 23 – 25 at Sabin-Elmwood Fire Department and March 21 – 23 at Richfield Fire Department  
[https://lapp.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/FM\\_Training/FM\\_HmPgViewCrs.aspx](https://lapp.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/FM_Training/FM_HmPgViewCrs.aspx)
- Scott Radke thanked everybody for getting their MFIRS reports in and a little about reporting.
  - Minnesota in 97.2% of the 989 departments reporting. The best in the nation.
  - Training is available for MFIRS; contact Scott.
  - Starting to look at the management tools in the software.

### **VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson**

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- No report

### **DNR**

[www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

- No Report

### **IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen**

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

- Bill Mund mentioned with his election to the vice president of MSFCA that George Esbensen of Eden Prairie is now the IAFC representative.
- Fire-Rescue International (FRI), [www.iafc.org/fri](http://www.iafc.org/fri), August 1-4, 2012, Denver, CO
- 2012 Can Am Police & Fire Games, <http://stcloudcanam.com>, June 24th-July 1st 2012, St. Cloud.

### **Technical College**

#### **Ridgewater College – Mike Roe**

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Several FFI classes coming up at all the area Tech Colleges.
- HazMat grant money will be out soon, hazmat awareness, operation, LP and ethanol training.
- Alexandria State School March 17 – 18, 2012.
- Voucher dollars will go away June 30, 2013.
- Training Board dollars need to be used up, every department should have received a letter stating how much money they have. Check with your city if you have not seen the letter yet.
- FITOAM conference in St Cloud at the end of the month.
- It is important to maintain your training records in case OSHA shows up.

#### **St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Chad Steffens**

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

- No report.

- Voucher dollars will go away June 30, 2012 (*Yes there is a question on when the voucher dollars expire.*)

**MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Bruce West (Bill Thoennes)**

[www.mbfte.state.mn.us](http://www.mbfte.state.mn.us)

- Bill read an email from Bruce:
  - Everybody should use up their training dollars.
  - Call the MBFTE office if you have any questions on if classes are allowed. (651-201-7257)

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) – Kevin Reed**

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

- No report

**Old Business**

- Associate members just need to sign some up.
- Everybody needs to send in updated information to the secretary for the directory. Send information to [secretary@lakeregionfire.com](mailto:secretary@lakeregionfire.com).

**New Business**

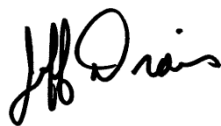
- Lake Region Bowling – January 15, Garden Center Lanes in Alexandria, 12 noon & 2 pm

**Good of the Region**

- Douglas County Fire Chiefs Association: <http://douglascountychiefsassociationmn.webs.com/>

Next meeting will be April 16, 2012 – Benson, Benson Fire Station, 1410 Kansas Ave.

Motion to adjourn was made by Benson second by Waite Park. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.



Jeff Draais, Secretary/Treasurer