



Lake Region Firefighters Association

January 14, 2013 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:29 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was said. A moment of silence was observed for Tim Anderson of Evansville. We were welcomed to Rockville by Don Simon, 1st assistant chief and council member. Don thanked everybody that showed up. Roll call was taken showing 91 firefighters representing 23 fire departments. There were 13 agency representatives and vendors present for a total attendance of 104.

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. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. Deposit from dues has not been made yet.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank						\$4,998.83
Check	10/16/2012	5015	Scott Schaefer	2012 President Salary	(\$200.00)	\$4,798.83
Check	10/16/2012	5016	Jeff Drais - Secretary	Reimbursement & Salary	(\$748.75)	\$4,050.08
Check	10/16/2012	5017	Mike Schroeder	MSFDA Mileage 343 miles @ .55 / mile	(\$188.65)	\$3,861.43
Check	12/15/2012	5018	MSFDA	2013 Dues	(\$72.00)	\$3,789.43
Total						\$3,789.43

Motion was made by Sartell and second by Long Prairie to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

American Red Cross – Mike Hoffman

Mike gave a short talk about what the Red Cross does and it's disaster services. Services ranging from helping out displaced family due to fire or natural disasters. Also providing mental health & nursing services if needed. Help out with food and water at extended fire calls. Provided a booklet for the members call "After the Fire" which gives people information on what they can do after a fire. Fire Departments are reminded to request help when needed. They are recruiting people who might be interested in the volunteering for the Red Cross.

MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk

<http://www.msfga.org>

- Upcoming Board meeting January 19th in St. Cloud.
- Fire Service Day at the Capitol will be February 5th. Change focus to meet and great new legislature and thank them for what they have done.
- Mentioned about a benefit for a firefighter with Chain of Lakes Fire Department. They are in our region but are not a member of the Lake Region but were asked to support a fellow firefighter.
- 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>

MSFCA Report – Bill Thoennes presented by Bill Mund

<http://msfca.org>

- Reminded everybody to get their MFIRS reports submitted. The Lake Region has had 100% reporting for the last 3 years and trying to make it 4.
- Fire Officers School, February 9th & 10th at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Rooms are available to book at the Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn. 150 people registered already
- Next MSFCA board meeting will be Saturday January 26th in St. Cloud. Approve budget, get so “Go Kits” for FAST Team, additional supplies for regional reps. Additional training for regional reps for State wide Intra-State mutual aid.
- MSFCA Conference – Rochester October 17 – 19.

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

- Certification renewals are being moved to the fall from the spring. Upcoming recertification will get extended to the fall when billing will take place.
- IFSAC recertification was completed in November. Passed with flying colors, only a few minor changes need to be made.
- ProBoard will be coming in during February to recertify.
- Firefighter I & II initial certification will be covered by MBFTE money.
- Niles and Teri are going around the state putting on test preparation symposiums thru and grant from MBFTE.
- Certification schedule is available on the mfscb.org web site.

State Fire Marshal - Jerry Rosendahl

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

- Fire deaths for the 2012 are at 50, numbers can be change due to people being in burn centers, 56 fire deaths for 2011.
- Fire deaths fall into the same categories each year: carelessness, drugs, alcohol, smoking and trash houses. Also more suicide by fire.
- Roadway Safety for Responders project got 6 bids to produce dvds. Will be done by June 30th.
- Do not underestimate the power of the red shirts at Fire Service Day at the Capitol. 60 new legislators that will be introduced to the Fire Service.
- If you ever have a fire at a firefighters house or a city official call the Fire Marshall’s office to have somebody to come out to help with the investigation so you can’t be accused of being partial.

John Steinbach

- Fire Marshall’s office provides different trainings. Contact John to schedule trainings.

Bruce Roed

- Title is Fire Services specialist, which means he acts as the division’s liaison.
- Point of contact for the National Fire Academy
- Talked about the Shared Services Grant for \$200,000 received requests \$396,721.
- If State EOC is activated Bruce may be one of the people that show up.
- Working on a State Wide accountability system.
- FITOAM conference January 25,26 & 27 in St. Cloud.
- From the Warehouse to the Front Office – January 26th.
- Fire Officer’s School in Alexandria, Feb 9 -10
- Chief Lasky, Pride and Ownership, Hutchinson March 11

- State Fire Marshal's conference April 10 – 11 at Hennepin Technical College on the Eden Prairie campus.
- National Fire Academy Weekend at Camp Ripley. Trying to emulate if you went to the Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Training will be free.

Technical College

Ridgewater College – Mike Roe

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

Mike gave a combined report for Ridgewater, Alexandria and St. Cloud

- 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.
- Get training schedule now if looking at mobile training props
- 6 months left to spend the MBFTE money. Check with your technical college and they will help your department to develop your training schedule.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Chad Steffens

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

- No Report, Mike Roe gave some St. Cloud info.

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.
- 163 departments have never submitted for reimbursement.
- 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.
- Contact Bruce if you have questions.(651) 201-7258
- First time every NFPA 1001 basic firefighter training and hazmat ops are covered free.
- 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 fires.
- Next statewide training is Incident Safety Officer, will go over what an incident safety officer and how to implement it.

VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- No report

DNR

www.dnr.state.mn.us

- Tim Oland new to the area. Spoke a little about burns

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>

State Representative – Jeff Howe 13a

E-mail: rep.jeff.howe@house.mn

Spoke a little about his area and he supports the fire service. Contact him if you have any concerns. Talked about if you haven't use your training dollars use them up or people will come looking for it.

Old Business

- Went over elections.
- Talked about the Decon Trailer

New Business

26th Annual Lake Region Bowling Tournament - Presented by Max

1. Brooten #1
2. Starbuck #2
3. Alex Retired
4. Alex Fire #2

Good of the Region

After the Fire! Returning to Normal booklet is available from FEMA


They can be downloaded or printed copies can be ordered (free) to hand out to residents.

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/display.cfm?it=5-0027>

Next meeting will be April 15, 2013 – Kensington @ the Community Center

Scott encouraged people to bring a neighboring department to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by St. Cloud seconded by Albany. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.



Jeff Draais, Secretary/Treasurer