



Lake Region Firefighters Association

October 15, 2012 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 Sauk Rapids by host chief Tony Hommerding. Chief Hommerding thanked everyone for coming out to Molitor's. Roll call was taken showing 65 firefighters representing 21 fire departments. There were 7 guests and vendors present for a total attendance of 72.

Minutes from the July quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of July quarterly meeting minutes were waived with a motion made by Forada and second by Sauk Rapids to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank						\$5,081.64
Deposit	09/12/2012		Spicer (2012) & Elrosa (2013)	Deposit - Dues	\$80.00	\$5,161.64
Check	09/19/2012	5014	Gerard's	Board meeting meal	(\$202.81)	\$4,958.83
Deposit	10/03/2012		Donnelly Fire Department	Deposit - Dues	\$40.00	\$4,998.83
Total						\$4,998.83

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

REPORTS

MSFDA – Mike “Spanky” Schroeder

<http://www.msfd.org>

- Spanky's Last report
- Board meeting October 6 in St. Cloud
 - Next year's conference in Bemidji will be June 20th – 22nd. Everything will be at the Stanford Conference Center.
 - Will attempt to do a lot more hands on training at next year's conference.
 - Conference packages are going out in the first part of November.
 - Fire Service Day at the Capitol will be February 5th. Change focus to meet and greet new legislature and thank them for what they have done.
 - Discussed about other regions attendance. Lake usually has pretty good attendance.
 - Possibly changing publication for the MSFDA to *Blaze Publications* <http://www.blazepublicationsinc.com/>. Not the *SmokeEater*. Might start around January 2014.
 - No bylaw change
 - Vice President and Secretary are up for election in the MSFDA. Anybody interested must get their name in 45 days prior to the conference. Approximately May 1st.

- Talked about the Memorial on September 30th. Everybody should be proud of the work done. Thanked those departments that gave to the memorial and asked those that haven't given to do so. Thank Jerry Rosendahl for being the master of ceremony for the event.
- Next board meeting will be January in St. Cloud.

Spank was thanked for his years of service and presented with an award for his 17 years of service.

The award read:

Mike "Spanky" Schroeder

MSFDA Representative

Thank you
for 17 years of service.

October 16, 1995

to

October 15, 2012

The Jerry Rosendahl, Fire Marshall's office presented Spanky with an award for his service.

MSFCA Report – Bill Thoennes

<http://msfca.org>

- Chief's Conference in Duluth, October 18 – 20th. Some rooms are still available; make sure the mention the MSFCA to get the group rate on the rooms. Classes are still available to sign up. The conference has 516 delegates registered which is the largest for a chief's conference.
- Fire Officers School, next February 9th & 10th at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Rooms are available to book at the Radisson and Hampton Inn. Going to try and make it a little more family oriented.
- Check MSFDA website occasionally for various posting for information to jobs.
- Bill talked a little about the memorial.
- Bill Mund, St. Cloud talked about how the memorial service was the most significant event he had ever taken part of. Encouraged people to go down and see the memorial.

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

- In the process of IFSAC accreditation. Coming in November to make sure the certification process meets national standards
- In January the other major accreditation organization, ProBoard, will do the same.
- Firefighter I & II initial certification will be covered by MBFTE money.
- Fire Officer III & IV along with Tech Rescue certification will be offered shortly.
- Certification schedule is available on the mfscb.org web site.

State Fire Marshal - Jerry Rosendahl

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

- 36 fire deaths for the year, 40 fire death at this time last year.
- Denise DeMars, Deputy State Fire Marshal, retired.
- Territories have been rearranged. John Steinbach will cover part of the region and a new investigator will be based out of Alexandria and cover Douglas County. A map is available to see who is covering your area.

- Fire in Minnesota 2011 will be available at the Fire Chiefs Convention. Otherwise they will be mailed if they haven't been picked up.

Bruce Roed

- Title is Fire Services specialist, which means he acts as the division's liaison.
- Talked about the Shared Services Grant closes 16th of November. Awards should start in January.
- If State EOC is activated Bruce may be one of the people that shows up.
- Working on a State Wide accountability system.
- A few national fire academy are available, check with the fire marshal's office if interested.
- Working with permitting explosive and fireworks operators.
- State Fire Marshal's conference April 10 – 11 at Hennepin Technical College on the Eden Prairie campus.

Technical College

Ridgewater College – Mike Roe

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Several FFI classes starting up in the area.
- Classes available in Anhydrous, Electric Safety and Firefighter rehab.
- NFPA 1584 is now requiring you set up a rehab station at your fire scene.
- Working Mass Casualty accountably system.
- Ice rescue programs available.
- Morris will have John Salka speak May 18th, a leadership class.
- MPCA have people that will come out, no cost, and put on training on when to call MPCA and what to do before they get there.
- Voucher dollars need to be used up. June 2013 dollars will disappear.

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.
- Redistribution of funds not used was sent out the various departments that submitted invoices above their original award. Up to \$200 per firefighter. \$780,000 in additional reimbursement.
- 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.
- Mass & Gross decon is continuing.

- Next statewide training is Incident Safety Officer, will go over what an incident safety officer and how to implement it.
- Training Board position in open, Dean Wrobbel has submitted himself and has been recommended to Governor Dayton for appointment.

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

- League of Minnesota Cities is watching carefully Flashover Trailer and questioning the need for them. There is a concern about injuries that have occurred with trailers.

New Business


- Vice President
Dave Yurczyk plans to seek a different office
A question was asked if a representative to another organization hold the office.
Secretary Jeff Drais stated that there doesn't appear to be anything in the bylaws against it.
 - Bill Thoennes was nominated by Alexandria
Mike Schroeder made a motion that the organization cast a white ballot for Bill Thoennes, seconded by Bill Mund. Motion carried.
- MSFDA Representative
 - Dave Yurczyk was nominated by St. Stephen.
Mike Schroeder made a motion that the organization cast a white ballot for Dave Yurczyk, seconded by Forada. Motion carried.
- Election of directors
 - District 1 – Gary Winkles, Albany
 - District 3 – Max Radil, Forada
- 2013 Meeting Locations
January 14, 2013 – Rockville (District 2)
April 15, 2013 – Kensington at the Community Center (District 3)
July 15, 2013 – Morris (District 4)
October 21, 2013 – Albany (District 1)

Good of the Region

MSFDA President Shane Schmidt had a few words about Spanky and what he has done for the MSFDA and the Lake Region.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2013 – Rockville

Motion to adjourn was made by Sauk Rapid seconded by Mike Schroeder. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Drais". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jeff Drais, Secretary/Treasurer