

Lake Region Firefighters Association

April 21, 2014 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:35 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 Holdingford by Fire Chief Keith Hommerding thanked everybody for coming and introduced Mayor Ernie Schmit. Mayor Schmit welcomed everyone and invited people to come back and enjoy the Holdingford area. Roll call was taken showing 78 firefighters representing 24 fire departments. There were 17 agency representatives and vendors present for a total attendance of 95.

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

The treasurer's report was presented.

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank							
	Deposit	01/16/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,465.06
	Deposit	01/16/2014		Overpayment	Deposit	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,075.06
	Deposit	01/21/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 680.00	\$ 5,755.06
	Deposit	02/11/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 440.00	\$ 6,195.06
	Check	02/11/2014	5032	Iceberg Web Design		\$ (204.65)	\$ 5,990.41
	Check	02/18/2014	5033	Dan or Deb Laumeyer - Long Prairie	Overpayment reimbursement	\$ (10.00)	\$ 5,980.41
	Deposit	02/18/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 480.00	\$ 6,460.41
	Deposit	04/04/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 80.00	\$ 6,540.41
	Deposit	04/08/2014		Dues	Deposit	\$ 80.00	\$ 6,620.41
Total Plaza Park Bank						\$ 2,155.35	\$ 6,620.41

	Deposit	01/16/2014	14968	Rockville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	9684	Long Prairie Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	29718	Holdingford Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 120.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	50723	Osakis Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 160.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	4659	Watkins Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	877	Brooten Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 240.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	38517	Browerville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 280.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	7803	New London Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 320.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	46692	Foley Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 360.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	9141	Evansville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	8135	Leaf Valley Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 440.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	44678	Benson Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 480.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	4725	Lowry Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 520.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	87563	Paynesville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 560.00
	Deposit	01/16/2014	54216	Waite Park Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 600.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	207889	Avon Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 640.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	2531	Elrosa Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 680.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	30753	Starbuck Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 720.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	2759	Brandon Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 760.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	5112	New Munich Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 800.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	34779	Sauk Centre Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 840.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	64154	Sartell Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 880.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	95617	Sauk Rapids Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 920.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	37443	Herman Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 960.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	13497	Garfield Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	16225	Barrett Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,040.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	8445	Raymond Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,080.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	29982	Kerkhoven Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,120.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	9388	St. Martin Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,160.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	34348	Cold Spring Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	17997	Freeport Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,240.00
	Deposit	01/21/2014	94002	Morris Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,280.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	31692	Rice Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,320.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	2711	Bowlus Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,360.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	47565	St. Joseph Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,400.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	1437	Hoffman Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,440.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	1286	Clontarf Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,480.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	58307	Elbow Lake Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,520.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	38625	Willmar Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,560.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	26605	Glenwood Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	4370	Forada Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,640.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	5114	Milona Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,680.00
	Deposit	02/11/2014	25078	Atwater Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,720.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	1229	Parkers Prairie Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,760.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	11140	Melrose Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,800.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	13105	Chokio Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,840.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	4026	Wendell Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,880.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	7374	Lake Henry Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,920.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	4751	Carlos Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,960.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	417183	St Cloud Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	271	Swarville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,040.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	24736	Ashby Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,080.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	7555	Eden Valley Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,120.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	2826	Millerville Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,160.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	21368	Spicer Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,200.00
	Deposit	04/04/2014	10774	Villard Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,240.00
	Deposit	04/04/2014	3143	Kensington Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,280.00
	Deposit	04/08/2014	16730	Grey Eagle Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,320.00
	Deposit	04/08/2014	68748	Danvers Fire Department	Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,360.00
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Motion was made by St. Cloud and second by Sartell to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk

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- Be sure to sign up for the Minnesota Firefighter. If you have any articles or pictures make sure you contact DeeDee. (deedee@msfda.org)
- Fire Service Day with the Minnesota Twins, July 26th at 6:10 pm. Tickets can be order by going to the MSFDA website or (http://www.mlb.com/min/ticketing/groups/group_offers.jsp?loc=fire)
- MSFDA and MSFCA have formed a task group to research on region meetings. A few regions have disbanded or are thinking of disbanding.
- 2014 MSFDA conference will be in Owatonna, June 11 – 14 2014
- President and treasurer positions are up for election at the next MSFDA state conference. Must submit application at least 45 days before the convention. Earlier the better.
- Accepting nominations for Fire Fighter of the Year, Fire Department of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Prevention/Community Awareness. Dues May 20th. Nomination forms are available at http://l.b5z.net/i/u/10139957/f/Nomination_Form.pdf

Shane Schmitt – MSFDA President

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MSFCA – Bill Thoennes – presented by Dean Wrobbel

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- 3rd Annual Fire Officers School at the Arrowwood in Alexandria February 8th & 9th. 213 students attended 8 classes along with 14 vendors.
- Next year's conference will be February 7th & 8th. (Super Bowl weekend)
- 2014 conference will be in St. Cloud. October 16 – 18th at Rivers Edge Convention Center.
 - Vendor show will probably be the biggest yet. Will have more space available with the expanded convention center.
- 2013 NFIRS, 100% of Lake Region reported.
- Executive committee will be searching for somebody to take over for Tom Brace when he retires at the end of the year.

Bill Mund – MSFCA President

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

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- Expanding specialist committee to update all the firefighter I & II test banks and skills test. Also looking at updating fire officer certification too.
- Working with the province of Ontario to test all their plan examiners. Gives the board additional revenue.
- May 22nd will be the 25th Anniversary of the Certification Board.
- Audit of the books, everything looked good. Only minor items.

Dave Schliek - MFSCB Chairman

- Lake Region has two people that represent the region. Dean Wrobbel and Dave Yurczyk.
- Certification in the Lake Region has grown tremendously.

- The pass rate Firefighter I/II have increased greatly from the early testing. The tech schools and students have done an excellent job improving test scores.
- Readers are available for students that aren't able to read well. Must ask before the test and have a doctor's slip stating the disability in order to have a reader supplied.
- Looking at developing an Incident Safety Officer certification if there is enough interest.

State Fire Marshal – Bruce West

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

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/Documents/Fire-Marshall-Updates/Fire%20Marshal%20Update.pdf>

John Steinbach - Deputy State Fire Marshal and Investigator

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- Arson awareness week is May 4th – 10th. This year's theme is vehicle arson.
- Paynesville Fire Department – have a 1st degree arson conviction in Stearns County.
- John is available to put on a fire scene preservation or arson investigation class. Just contact him.

Bruce West – Fire Marshal

- Jim Iammatteo has been name the new Chief Investigator.
- Legislative:
 - Non-budget year, not much should be going on.
 - Lot of talk about the North Dakota Bakken crude oil trains and possible additional funding for training.
 - \$1.3 million in unallocated funding in the fire safety account.
 - 2015 allocation \$450,000 to MBFTE, \$350,000 to Task Force 1, \$200,000 for shared services, \$100,000 to Fire Marshall's office to upgrade some of their software.
 - A couple of bills for income tax credit in both sides house and senate. One bill is for a direct credit to all firefighters, another bill is calling for a pilot project to test on a couple of counties for 3 years to see how it works out before rolling it out to the rest of the state.
 - Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety conference.
- Contact Casey Stotts for basic or advanced arson investigation training.
- Image Trend training, contact Scott Radke.
- Two fire departments have shut down since the beginning of the year. People just aren't volunteering any more.
- 20 fire deaths for the year, 48 deaths in 2013.

VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- Barry Nelson – Crosby Fire.
 - VFBA insurance company started in 1927 to death and disability benefits for firefighters.
 - \$7 per person. Can join individually if your department isn't paying.
 - \$20,000 death benefit.
 - \$100 a day disability benefit, injured during fire, training, head to and from conferences.

DNR

www.dnr.state.mn.us

- No Report
- Burning restriction are on, no burning permits

Technical College

Ridgewater College / Alexandria Technical College – Mike Roe

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- ISO (Incident Safety Officer) classes are available free of charge, just need to schedule them.
- Firefighter rehab class.
- Ridgewater can come out a do fit test.
- Putting on a class about the chemical suicide, where people mix up some common chemicals while in a vehicle and kill themselves. Responders need to be very careful when responding to these calls to avoid breathing in the chemicals.
- Control burns; make sure you have the correct permits and inspections. DNR is cracking down on burns that do not have training value.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Adam Gordon

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

- Through the Smoke, covers what hazards of offgasing in a fire and what chemicals you will encounter.
- Dräger has a smoke recognition trailer available through the school. Demonstrates the signs and symptoms of a flashover.
- Wildland/urban interface training.
- National Fire Academy (NFA) classes at Camp Ripley. No fee for these classes. Just have to pay for lodging with is \$25 a night at Camp Ripley and food.
- Inter-Professional Simulation Conference, May 31st Any mass casualty event and major disaster will require the assistance of health care staff, first responders, and other emergency response workers. What is often overlooked is the role of ambulatory care centers and those who work at them. This conference allows an opportunity for health care workers across the spectrum of health care, EMS, and disaster personnel to train on various topics that are key when responding to mass casualty incident. (<http://www.sctcc.edu/sim-conference>)

Fire Training Coordinator at MnSCU – Marv Calvin

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FITOAM (Fire Instructors and Training Officers Association of Minnesota) – Max Radil

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- Asked members for ideas on what they would like taught at the conference in February.
- Trying to make it more family oriented school, combine with the MSFCA conference at Arrowwood.

MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Steve Flaherty

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- In the process of hiring a new licensing coordinator.
- A good number of Lake Region members that have not taken advantage of MBFTE funding.
- Looking for input on where training dollars should be spent. Not unlimited money so see what is important to the Lake Region, which may be different from other areas of the state.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) – Rick Luth

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- Training at various locations.
- Bakken oil, lot of attention after the fire in North Dakota. A couple of types of crude coming through the state. Canadian oil has a flash point of about 120° – 130° F. Bakken crude has a flash point of about 70° F. Gasoline is -45° F.
- MN freight railroad map, list all the rails going through communities.
- Flood season for HSEM, appears to be a light year so far.
- ERGs are available from your emergency manager or county emergency manger.

IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen

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

- No report

Minnesota State Fire Department Association Lobbyist – Sherry Munyon

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- No report

Old Business

- If you have any officer changes get the information to Jeff Drais so we can update the directory. Email addresses are real important due to most of our information is transmitted by email.

New Business

- The October Lake Region meeting will be held in Benson.

Good of the Region

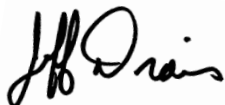
- Forada will having a Street Dance – June 7th
- Brandon is celebrating their 125th year and will be having a Street Dance in the early part of August.
- St. Stephen will be holding a breakfast served by the firefighter on Sunday April 27th.
- The City of St. Stephen will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary, July 18 – 20th. Parade July 19th.

Heiman Fire Equipment gave two door prizes to be given out. The furthest away was Morris, the most attendees was Bowlus.

Avon Fire & Rescue thanked Fire Chief Eric Linn for 12 years of service as chief and 20 some years as a firefighter.

Next meeting will be July 21st – Carlos, Herby's Bar, Grill & Café

Motion to adjourn was made by Avon seconded by New Munich. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.



Jeff Drais, Secretary/Treasurer