



# Lake Region Firefighters Association

## July 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 Carlos by Fire Chief Mike Trinka thanked everybody for coming and recounted how Carlos got the July meeting. Roll call was taken showing 69 firefighters representing 20 fire departments. There were 11 agency representatives and vendors present for a total attendance of 80.

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

The treasurer's report was presented.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Plaza Park Bank						\$ 6,620.41
Check	05/14/2014	5034	Iceberg Web Design	Website Updates	\$ (31.25)	\$ 6,589.16
Total Plaza Park Bank					\$ (31.25)	\$ 6,589.16

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

## REPORTS

### American Red Cross – Mike Hofmann

<http://www.redcross.org/mn/st-cloud>

<http://www.redcross.org/mn/alexandria>

- **Disaster Services – 800-560-7641** (These numbers are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.) Call this number whenever you have somebody that assistance from the Red Cross. Shelter, food, clothing, nursing services and mental health. Call as soon as you know somebody will be displaced due to a fire or similar situation. Red Cross aims to be there within an hour to offer assistance.
- **Emergency Planning and Preparation** – If you have an open house and want Red Cross to provide information or have somebody to come out call 800-560-7641.
- **Phone Apps** - <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps> Red Cross offers various free apps that can be downloaded to your phone such as tornado, blood, wildfire, first aid, shelter finder, pet first aid and flood apps.

### IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen

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

- No report

### MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk

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<http://www.msfd.org>

- Accepting Nomination Forms for the Following:
  - Fire Fighter of the Year
  - Fire Department of the Year
  - Rookie of the Year
  - Prevention/Community Awareness
  - Nomination Form: [http://l.b5z.net/i/u/10139957/f/Nomination\\_Form.pdf](http://l.b5z.net/i/u/10139957/f/Nomination_Form.pdf)
- 2014 Winners
  - Fire Department of the Year: **Morris FD**
  - Firefighter of the Year: George Frederiksen, Askov FD
  - Rookie of the Year: Dustin Drager, Minnesota Lake FD
  - Prevention/Community Awareness: Pete Ahrens, Big Lake FD
- 2015 MSDFA Conference will be in St. Cloud, June 11 – 13, 2015
- 2014 Conference
  - President Term 14-16  
 Mark Rosenblum  
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  - Treasurer Term 14-16  
 Tony Bronk  
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  - Secretary position was rolled into Dee Dee's position.
  - Individuals can join MSFDA if their department isn't a member.
  - 2 Vice President positions were created.
  - The volunteer first responder incentive to address the firefighter recruitment and retention crisis was ultimately passed as a pilot program to include 14 greater Minnesota counties. The program will provide an annual \$500 stipend for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel in 2015, 2016 and 2017 for their service in 2014, 2015 and 2016. A study will be performed at the end of the third year to determine the impact of the stipend incentive. The total cost of the pilot program is \$1.6 million. In the region Todd & Morrison county are part of the study.
- Firefighter night with the Minnesota Wild
 

Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM vs New York Islanders  
 Special ticket offer: Lower Level Corners/Ends \$55 each  
 To purchase a group of 7 or more or with any questions, please contact Dani Labine at 651-312-3406 or at [dlabine@wild.com](mailto:dlabine@wild.com)  
 To purchase tickets: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/wild/EN/promotion/home>  
 Promo code: FIRE
- Be sure to sign up for the Minnesota Firefighter. If you have any articles or pictures make sure you contact Dee Dee. ([deedee@msfda.org](mailto:deedee@msfda.org))

**Mark Rosenblum – MSFDA President**

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No report

**MSFCA – Bill Thoennes**

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<http://msfca.org>

- 2014 conference will be in St. Cloud. October 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> at Rivers Edge Convention Center.
  - Vendor show will probably be the biggest yet. Will have more space available with the expanded convention center.
  - Reserve hotel rooms soon.
  - Let the association know if you've had a death of a chief officer for the memorial service.
- 4th Annual Fire Officers School at the Arrowwood in Alexandria February 7-8, 2015.
  - You can start making reservations at Arrowwood, Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn.
  - Bring your family.
- Executive committee will be searching for somebody to take over for Tom Brace when he retires at the end of the year. The committee will have another set of interviews at the end of August.
- MSFCA Newsletter: <http://msfca.org/newsletter/e-newsletters.html>

**Bill Mund – MSFCA President**

- Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be Sunday September 28th at the capital.

**Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel**

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

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No Report

Dave Schliek - MFSCB Chairman

**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>

- Advanced Fire and Arson Investigation class in Edina and Grand Rapids
- Basic Fire and Arson Investigation – St. James
- Casey Stotts is looking for places to hold classes in 2015
- Camp Ripley has a training facility that can be used by fire service.
- Fire Safety education toolkits are available.

**Scott Radke ([scott.radke@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.radke@state.mn.us))**

- A new version of ImageTrend will be coming online next year.
- If you need any help or training on ImageTrend (reporting) contact Scott at the Fire Marshal's office

**VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson**

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- No Report

**DNR**

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

- Plenty of moisture right now.

- Have sent a good number of firefighters to the western states to fight fires out there.
- Fire Department structure training burns, under scrutiny by MPCA. There have been some serious and willful violations by some fire departments in the state. It has reached the level of the legislature and departments are asked to get permits. You can receive serious fines that in some cases could cause serious hardship to departments. The burn has to have actual interior attack training value. Contact the DNR or your area technical college or fire training facility to get all your paperwork completed. Without the correct paperwork your department could be fined.
- 50/50 matching grant. \$2.5 million in requests for the year with \$300,000 to award. Remember your grant request is going to the Department of Resources, Division of Forestry, grant request need to tie into wildland firefighting. They will not fund structural firefighting equipment.

### **Technical College**

#### **Ridgewater College / Alexandria Technical College – Mike Roe**

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Firefighter I/II MBFTE funding is limited. Make sure to get your firefighters signed up with your regional training providers.
- If you are doing a structure burn contact your training providers.
- Advanced nozzles class. Shows how you to use your nozzles correctly.
- Fire Scene Tactics & Command. Teaches handling a fire scene.
- Through the Smoke – teaches the hazards in smoke these days.
- Firefighter rehab
- Propane burn.
- Same training available at St. Cloud Tech.

#### **St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Dan Buchholz**

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

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- No report, Mike Roe provided some information
- Dan Buchholz is the new fire ems director at SCTCC
- St. Cloud Fire School – September 20 - 21, 2014

### **Training Providers**

#### **Customized Fire Rescue Training Inc. – Scott Carriveau**

<http://www.firerescuetrainingmn.com>

[zipscoot@lakedalelink.net](mailto:zipscoot@lakedalelink.net)

- Training provider from Maple Lake and is looking to expand their area.
- Scott has been in business for four years.
- <http://www.firerescuetrainingmn.com/CourseOfferings.pdf>

#### **Fire Training Coordinator at MnSCU – Marv Calvin**

<http://www.mnscu.edu>

[marv.calvin@ridgewater.edu](mailto:marv.calvin@ridgewater.edu)

(320) 212-7462

- No report

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

<http://www.fitoam.org>

- Annual Conference – St. Cloud, January 24 – 25 2015

**MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Steve Flaherty**

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

[steve.flaherty@state.mn.us](mailto:steve.flaherty@state.mn.us)

- Round 6 ended June 30, 2014. Must submit requests by August 1, 2014.
- A good number of Lake Region members that have not taken advantage of MBFTE funding.
- Round 7 allocation letters will be coming out in August.
- Shared Services grants, contact Bruce Rode at the Fire Marshalls office.
- Mass & Gross Decon training is still available free.

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)**

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

- Training at various locations.
- Free classes about railroad training. Will pay for your expenses for training.
- More information at the next meeting about railroad trainings.
- Bakken oil, lot of attention after the fire in North Dakota. A couple of types of crude coming through the state.
- ERGs are available from your emergency manager or county emergency manger.

**Minnesota State Fire Department Association Lobbyist – Sherry Munyon**

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- No report

**Old Business**

- October meeting will be in Benson at McKinney's

**New Business**

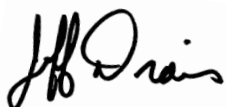
- None.

**Good of the Region**

- Starbuck – Starbuck Invitational Golf Tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August.
- Morris – Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>, Waterball fight. 6 pm.
- Albany – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Waterball fight.

Next meeting will be October 20th – Benson, McKinney's on Southside, 300 14th St S.

Motion to adjourn was made by Albany seconded by Alexandria. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.



Jeff Draais, Secretary/Treasurer