



Lake Region Firefighters Association

October 20, 2014 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Scott Schaefer called the meeting of the Lake Region Firefighters Association to order at 7:31 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 Benson by Fire Chief Mark Schreck thanked everybody for coming and the staff of Scotty's for putting on the meal. Mark introduced City Manager Rob Wolfington and Mayor Paul Kittelson who each welcomed the members to Benson. Roll call was taken showing 77 firefighters representing 25 fire departments. There were 11 agency representatives and vendors present for a total attendance of 88.

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

The treasurer's report was presented.

7:21 AM 10/15/14 Accrual Basis		Lake Region Firefighters Association General Ledger As of October 15, 2014					
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance	
Plaza Park Bank							
Check	07/27/2014	5035	Dave Yurczyk	MSFDA Conference	-567.82	6,021.34	
Check	07/27/2014	5036	Jeff Drais	Postage 1/1/14 - 7/27/14	-37.44	5,983.90	
Check	09/16/2014	5037	ElmerZ Resturant	Board Meeting	-142.39	5,841.51	
Check	10/01/2014	5039	Scott Schaefer	2014 Salary	-200.00	5,641.51	
Check	10/01/2014	5038	Jeff Drais	2014 Salary & Postage	-682.51	4,959.00	
Total Plaza Park Bank					-1,630.16	4,959.00	

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

REPORTS

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
- Morris was named Fire Department of the Year.
- 2015 140th MSDFA Conference will be in St. Cloud, June 11 – 13, 2015
 - *Celebrating our past embracing our future.*
 - St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
 - Host hotel will be Kelly Inn

- MSFDA Board meeting will be January 17, 2015
- 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
 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)

Mark Rosenblum – MSFDA President

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No report

MSFCA – Bill Thoennes

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- 2014 conference will be in St. Cloud. October 16 – 18th at Rivers Edge Convention Center.
 - 480 members attended.
 - 115 vendors, the largest at the convention.
 - Thursday and Friday were some top notch classes.
 - Saturday was a symposium by *May Day for Mental Health* by Chief Patrick Kenny.
- 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.
 - 9 Education classes.
 - Bring your family.
- Ceremonies & Protocol Guidebook
 - The guidebook was introduced at the 2014 MSFCA Conference. One copy is being provided free of charge for each member department. Additional copies will be available for sale at \$95.00 (plus S &H).
- 8 departments in the region have not started their MFIRS reports, the regional directors will be contacting department.
- The new executive director position will be managed by Fire Service Consulting (FSC), Nyle and Theresa Zikmund.
- 2015 MSFCA conference will in Duluth a week later usual October 22 – 24 2015. Make your room reservations now.

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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- Through June of 2014 had 2047 certifications.
- Regional tests are available if you need 1 or 2 people certified.

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>

- Congratulated Morris on Fire Department of the year.
- Fire in Minnesota Report came out at the MSFCA conference. You'll notice some big changes when you get your hands on the 2013 *Fire in Minnesota* report. We decided a new look would be appropriate for the report's 25th anniversary. But the redesign is about more than just recognizing a milestone. We want you to be proud of *Fire in Minnesota*. It's your report and it reflects the hard work you do every day in your communities.

The latest edition includes more photos of Minnesota firefighters in action — both on the redesigned cover and inside. The charts are easier to read. There is more color. The look has come a long way since the first report was issued in 1989.

Fires are largely preventable, and behavior is changeable. We hope this newly designed version of *Fire in Minnesota* helps you continue to fight fire with facts.

- Developing an annual report highlight of each team and what they did during the calendar year.
- Bob Dahm, Chief Deputy will be retiring from the Fire Marshall's office after 26 years.
- New posting for Chief Deputy, if interested can apply, must be in St. Paul.
- Firefighter memorial now has 213 fallen fighters. Always the last Sunday in September.
- Amanda Swenson is the new Deputy State Fire Marshal – Fire & Life Safety Educator.
- Fire Department stipend program. 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. 14 county pilot program The 14 counties are: Beltrami, Chippewa, Clearwater, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, **Kandiyohi**, Mahnomon, **Morrison**, Redwood, Renville, **Todd** and Watonwan.
- Kevin McGinty will be returning to the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division in the capacity of Code Development & Training Specialist.
- The 2013-14 Minnesota Legislature passed a law that increases oversight of railroad companies, requires more inspections and provides for response training specific to rail emergencies, (To read the legislation, Google *Minnesota HF 3260 Railroad and Pipeline Safety*. Scroll down to *Article 2* on line 16.13)

DPS is involved in three aspects of the law: training, funding and reporting. Our agency is required to

- Work with local emergency managers and responders as they learn about the dangers of oil and other hazardous materials moving through our state
- Assist local governments as they revamp emergency ops plans to include response to train incidents
- Help railroad and pipeline companies develop protocols and cooperate with local officials
- Participate in major exercises and training

HSEM is already offering familiarization training for responders, with instructors from HSEM, railroads and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. (Get details from robert.m.berg@state.mn.us.)

- 36 fire death in 2014 so far.

John Steinbach - Investigator

- 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)

- 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

Technical College

Ridgewater College / Alexandria Technical College – Mike Roe (Craig Baker)

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

- Firefighter I/II, Evansville Nov 18, Eden Valley Nov 24, Kandiyohi Dec 8, Wheaton Dec 9.
- Various props available.
- State School Alexandria, March 21 – 22

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Dan Buchholz

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- ISO classes available free of charge.
- Firefighter I/II – St. Martin Dec 1.
- Paramedic refresher by end of the year.
- EMT / EMR refreshers available.
- Tech college advisory board.

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

<http://www.fitoam.org>

- Annual Conference – St. Cloud, January 24 – 25 2015
 - Train the trainer type conference.

MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Steve Flaherty

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- Round 7 allocations, \$97 per firefighter.
- Hired Kevin Sedivy to the position of Fire Service Training and Licensing Specialist.
 - Help with documentation and paperwork.
- Leadership Development course. Four module course for new fire chiefs and up and coming chief.
- 26% of Lake Region did not take advantage of MBFTE funding.

VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- No Report

IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen

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

- No report

DNR

www.dnr.state.mn.us

- No report

Fire Training Coordinator at MnSCU – Marv Calvin

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- No report

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

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

- No report

Minnesota State Fire Department Association Lobbyist – Sherry Munyon

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- No report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Directors will contact the few departments that have not paid their dues.
- Board meeting on September 23
 - Discussed about attendance, different ideas. Possibly using Survey Monkey to see what the members have for ideas
 - How to update the website, advertising.
 - Going to try to make the website more friendly and mobile friendly.

Caucuses

January 12, 2015 – District 4 - Morris

Met Lounge/Diamond Supper Club, 26 E 6th St. Morris

April 20, 2015 – District 1 – Freeport

Community Center

Gary Winkles, Director

July 20, 2015 – District 2 – Bowlus (Tentative)

October 19, 2015 – District 3 – Alexandria

Fire Station

Max Radil, Director

- **Elections**

- MSFDA Rep – Dave Yurczyk
 - Motion for white ballot – Alexandria / Forada - Carried
- President – Bill Thoennes
 - Motion for white ballot – St. Cloud / Albany - Carried
- Vice President – Position became open with Bill moving to president, no nominations the election will be carried over to January.

- **Website update**

- Two phases, phase 1 will update the underlying structure and add a calendar. Cost will be about \$2,400. Phase 2 will be making the directory editable by departments. Cost will be about \$2,000. Phase 2 will wait until the start of 2015. This is basically a re-architecture of the website. We will be looking at adding sponsors to help with the cost. Long term it will make the site easier and less cost to maintain.

Good of the Region

- Morris – 125th Anniversary. Raffling of a bike.

Scott Schaefer was presented a plaque for his 3 years of service for the Lake Region.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2015 – District 4 – Morris, Met Lounge/Diamond Supper Club, 26 E 6th St.

Motion to adjourn was made by Benson seconded by Albany. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.



Jeff Draais, Secretary/Treasurer