



Lake Region Firefighters Association

April 17, 2017 Lake Region Meeting Minutes

President Bill Thoennes 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 Villard by Tom Finiger Fire Chief. Roll call was taken showing 93 firefighters representing 21 fire departments. There were 6 guests for a total attendance of 99.

Minutes from the January quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of January quarterly meeting minutes was waived with a motion made by Holdingford with a second by Avon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. Checkbook balance as of 4/5/2017 \$3,042.00
Motion was made by St. Stephen second by Morris to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Training Opportunity

Tate Mills- Fire Service Specialist MN State Fire Marshal's Office
Run down on what a fire service specialist does – Help with SOG,SOP's , mutual aid agreements, Department Visits, PIO, here to help give him a call

REPORTS

MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk

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<http://www.msfd.org>

- 2017 142th MSFDA Conference will be in Brainerd, June 8 – 10, 2017
 - *Make sure to send in life memberships 20+ years with the department also send in deceased member info*
- 2018 143rd MSFDA Conference will be in Alexandria April 25-28, 2017 Hoping that this a better time of the year to get a better attendance.
- Rolling out new member handbook and benefit book at conference
- 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)
- MN fallen Firefighter memorial will be the last Sunday in September register online
- Fire Cancer support network
- MSFDA Facebook page
- California Casualty auto insurance partnered with MSFDA
- Dues coming out also member benefit Package
- Consider joining the NVFC many benefits

MSFCA – Bill Thoennes

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<http://msfca.org>

- Doing a membership drive goal is to have at least 1 member from every department
 - 26 departments from lake region not a member
- Annual conference will be held in Rochester Oct 18-21, 2018 a lot of great classes
 - Rooms filling fastIf you have any members that were part of the MSFCA that passed away send their name in
- 6th Annual Fire Officers School at the Arrowwood in Alexandria February 9-11 2018 and March 16-18 in Duluth
 - Great Education classes.
 - Bring your family.
- Chief's association election year for President and Vice President watch for election info to come this summer all voting done electronically
- Board meeting coming up

MSFDA-President George Esbensen

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

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July 1 fee increased to \$115 for fire 1&2 certification

MN 4th in the Nation for certification

State Fire Marshal – Bruce West

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

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

- Fire Works update
- SFM division annual report out
- Fire code transfer back to the Marshals office failed
- Media guide available
- Fire in MN 100% from Lake region
- 7 out of 780 departments in MN did not report
- 36 fire fatalities in 2016
- 21 to date for 2017
- Image trend fire investigation module
- Tracking sprinkler saves
- Red Cross has a smoke alarm program
- Recruitment and Retention study
- 2017 Fire Prevention week is Oct 8-14
- Training Study update
- Lots of info available on website

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

John Steinbach – Investigator

Call the Duty Officer to request an Investigator

- If anyone wants free training for fire scene preservation or arson investigation contact John or Toby
- Youth fire setter program

Scott Radke (scott.radke@state.mn.us)

- If you need any help or training on ImageTrend (reporting) contact Scott at the Fire Marshal's office

Amanda Swenson (amanda.swenson@state.mn.us)

- Public Education training/workshops will come to department to do training

Technical College

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

<http://www.ridgewater.edu>

No Report

St. Cloud Technical and Community College

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

No Report

FITOAM (Fire Instructors and Training Officers Association of Minnesota)

<http://www.fitoam.org>

became a chapter member of the MSFCA

MN Board of Firefighter Training & Education – Steve Flaherty – Kevin Sedive

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- Training reimbursements for FY17 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) \$200 per FF
- NFPA 1001 funded to pay for 1800 students state wide
- Regional funding available
- Funding for 132 live burns @ \$1,500 each
- Update video library
- Consumable items reimbursable for training foam, wood etc.
- Roster update by July 1 if not submitted drops down to 10 member department
- Injuries during training that MBFTE is paying for let them know
- Any concerns or comments let board members know
- Website has \$ spent per department
- New items starting July 1 2017 – June 30 2018
 - MBFTE can pay training provider directly if requested to do so

FITOAM Matt

VFBA – Steve Spaeth & Barry Nelson

<http://www.vfbaofmn.com>

- Information on how VFBA works
- Cheap insurance

IAFC - Great Lakes Division - George Esbensen

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

- No report

DNR

www.dnr.state.mn.us

- See attached 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>

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- Call duty officer if you need them
- No budget yet hoping to keep everything the same with teams
- Buying new equipment
- Call volume is up
- 3 hour awareness level Rail and pipeline class available if you took the class already make sure you sent in your paperwork also have advanced classes available

Minnesota State Fire Department Association Lobbyist – Sherry Munyon

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- No report

Old Business

- Looking for a host department for woman FF for a day
- Scholarship for MSFDA form the Lake region April 29 drawing

Good of the Region

Reminder 2017 dues \$40.00

Alex FD bags and beer tournament

May 27 Glenwood FD

June 3 Forada FD

Next meeting will be July 17, 2017 Cyrus Fire Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Glenwood seconded by Forada. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2100hrs

Gary Winkels, Secretary/Treasurer