



Lake Region Firefighters Association

January 09, 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 Kimball by Mike Schneider Fire Chief and Mayor Konz. Roll call was taken showing 44 firefighters representing 18 fire departments. There were 6 guests for a total attendance of 50.

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

The treasurer's report was presented. Checkbook balance as of 12/29/2016 \$894.90
Motion was made by St. Cloud second by Kimball to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Training Opportunity

Training was to be MNDOT cable barrier system but they could not show up because of snow storm.

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.
- Fire service day at the capital February 2, 2017
- Be sure to sign up for the Minnesota Firefighter. If you have any articles or pictures make sure you contact Dee Dee. (deedee@msfd.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
- See attached MSFDA report

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
 - Annual conference will be held in St. Cloud Oct 26-29, 2017 a lot of great classes
 - 125 vendors
- If 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 3-5, 2017.
 - Great Education classes.
 - Bring your family.
 - October 18-21 2017 MSFCA annual conference in Rochester

MSFDA-President George Esbensen

Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel

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

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Several tests in January

Haz-Mat standard changing

Evaluator Reviews going on

Recertification on line

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-Marshall-Updates/Fire%20Marshal%20Update.pdf>

- 36 fire fatality in 2016 to date
- SFM division annual report out
- Fire in MN report will be handed out at the Chief's conference
- Media guide available
- 99% Infers reporting in state
- Image trend fire investigation module
- Tracking sprinkler saves
- Red Cross has a smoke alarm program
- Fire Marshal conference April 11&12
- 2017 Fire Prevention week is Oct 8-14
- Lots of info available on website
- See Marshal West full report: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/Documents/Fire-Marshall-Updates/Fire%20Marshal%20Update.pdf>
- See attached State Fire Marshal report

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

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

- Fire in MN report coming out at Chief's conference
- 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>

- Update on classes going on right now
- Fire ventilation trailer available
- Medical training can now be reimbursed from MBFTE but you need to go to the region EMSRB board for reimbursement first
- Facebook page

St. Cloud Technical and Community College – Dan Buchholz

<http://www.sctcc.edu>

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- Update on classes going on now and classes that are coming up
- Fire Ventilation mobile trailer available
- Facebook page
- Rail safety class

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

<http://www.fitoam.org>

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

www.mbfte.state.mn.us

steve.flaherty@state.mn.us

- 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
- AFG Grants open until November 18
- Jan 20-21 Training officer conference Camp Riply
- Update video library
- See attached report

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
- 2016 ERG out
- 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

- Reminder of 2017 dues

Good of the Region

Reminder 2017 dues \$40.00

Next meeting will be April 17, 2017 Villard

Motion to adjourn was made by St. Stephen seconded by Freeport. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2205hrs

Gary Winkels, Secretary/Treasurer