



# Lake Region Firefighters Association

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## October 17, 2016 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 Sauk Rapids by Jason Fleming Fire Chief. Roll call was taken showing 59 firefighters representing 21 fire departments. There were 17 guests for a total attendance of 76.

Minutes from the July quarterly meeting were emailed. Reading of July 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 10/05/2016 \$1330.89 Motion was made by St. Stephen and second by St. Cloud to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### Training Opportunity

The following politicians were at the meeting for a question and answer Tama Theis, Jim Knoblach, Lyle Koenen, Tim O'Drisedl, Jerry Relph, Jim Newberger, Michelle Fischbach, and Jeff Howe.

## REPORTS

### **MSFDA – Dave Yurczyk**

[dave@davescustom.com](mailto:dave@davescustom.com)

<http://www.msfd.org>

- 2017 142<sup>th</sup> MSDFA 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*
- 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))
- 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

### **MSFCA – Bill Thoennes**

[parkdept@rea-alp.com](mailto:parkdept@rea-alp.com)

<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 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.

### **MSFDA-President George Esbensen**

#### **Certification Board – Dean Wrobbel**

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

[Dean.Wrobbel@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:Dean.Wrobbel@ci.stcloud.mn.us)

Recertification on line

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

MN 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

- 23 fire fatality to date 49 last year at this time
- SFM division annual report out
- Fire in MN report will be handed out at the Chief's conference
- Media guide available
- 2015 MN Fire code became effective on May 2 ---- If you are interested in fire code training talk to Kevin McGinty in the SFM Office
- Red Cross has a smoke alarm program
- 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>

#### **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](mailto:scott.radke@state.mn.us))**

- Fire in MN report coming out at Chief's conference
- 270,000 incidents in 2015
- 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>

- 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>

[DBuchholz@sctcc.edu](mailto:DBuchholz@sctcc.edu)

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

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

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

- No Report

### **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

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

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem>  
[robert.m.berg@state.mn.us](mailto:robert.m.berg@state.mn.us).)

- 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**

[smunyon@capitolaccess.us](mailto:smunyon@capitolaccess.us)

- No report

**Old Business**

- Reminder of 2016 dues

**New Business**

**Caucuses**

District Rep's

District 1 Natascha Hennen---- Freeport

District 3 Matt Danials ----- Glenwood

**2017 Meetings**

January 9 – District 2- Kimball

April 17- District 3- Villard

July 17- District 4- Cyrus

October 16- District 1- New London

**Secretary/Treasure**

St. Stephen nominated Gary Winkels from Albany

After calling 3 times for more nominations and hearing none. Motion by Avon with a second by Forada to cast a white ballot for Gary Winkels for secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed.

**MSFDA Rep**

Dave Yurczyk Holdingford was the only one who turned in a letter of intent

Motion by St. Stephen with a second by St. Cloud to cast a white ballot for Dave Yurczyk as MSFDA rep. Motion passed.

President Thoennes presented Max Radil with a plaque for his many years of service as district rep.

**Good of the Region**

Reminder 2016 dues \$40.00

Next meeting will be January 9 2017 in Kimball at the Generations Ballroom

Motion to adjourn was made by Atwater seconded by Brooten. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2205hrs

Gary Winkels, Secretary/Treasurer