



# MSFCA

## Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:33 am MST.

### ROLL CALL

#### Career Chiefs' Section

- Steve Larson
- Jeff Miller
- Jason Shrauger, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.C

#### Combination Chiefs' Section

- Rich Cowger, Chairperson
- Tom Kuntz
- Brett Waters

#### Volunteer Chiefs' Section

- Leonard Lundby, Vice Chairperson
- Kraig Hansen
- Bruce Charles

Staff: Jessica Heintz and Jen Winans

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by Jason Shrauger seconded by Brett Waters to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated 1-20-2010 and financials dated January 31, 2010. Motion passed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

01 20 2010 Task List – Review

Alliance Conference Training - ESCI will send a representative to the Alliance Conference. The Board will need to pay room and travel expenses and ESCI will waive the instructor's fee as per agreement with WFCA. Board can look at the ESCI homepage for their seminar offerings (can use 4 ½ hours on one topic or an assortment). Please send your feedback to Rich. Chiefs association will send out a flyer the third week of February for advertisement of the Alliance Conference.

### NEW BUSINESS

MSFCA Board Member for Residential Sprinkler Committee- Move to Mid-Winter Meeting agenda

Board Approval to Pay Accountant - **Moved by Kraig Hansen seconded by Leonard Lundby to approve the payment of \$495 to the tax accountant for the completion of the 2008 tax filing.**

Digital Trunking Systems – Guest speaker Jack Spillman

- Grants are necessary to start funding, departments have been successful in the past
- Reliability is better than they have seen in the past and costs for repair are around the same as other radios
- Total state-wide cost for IM is roughly 140 million. They have already spent around 65 million (mostly from grants)
- Cost for radio is \$3,000. Jack compares them to cell phones and the economy of scale will reach these systems as well
- Comment from Board about Interoperability Montana and the need to get other counties online with this program to get others on board. Until it gets "turned on" in Bozeman people are not going to get on board
- Application-how this technology will be used- is unclear until counties are online. Cannot fix problems until it can be used.
- IM must provide training for new users
- Board would like to sit down with the IM committee, discuss issues/concerns and how to address them
- Concern about comment that to maintain the system it could cost up to \$80,000 a year; Jack to research

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Meals are ordered and ready for the Mid-Winter Meeting

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mid-Winter Meeting – February 9th-10th, Bozeman Station 3, Hotel: Bozeman C'mon Inn

**There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm MST.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Winans, Administrative Staff