



MSFCA

Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:35 am MST.

ROLL CALL

Career Chiefs' Section

- Steve Larson
- Jeff Miller
- Jason Shrauger, 2nd V.C

Combination Chiefs' Section

- Rich Cowger, Chairperson
- Tom Kuntz
- Brett Waters

Volunteer Chiefs' Section

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

Ex-Officio: Allen Lorenz

Staff: Jen Winans, Jessica Heintz, Crosby Grindle

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution for Residential Sprinklers – **Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Bruce Charles to approve the Resolution for Residential Sprinklers. Motion Passed.**

Volunteer License Plate Agreement – Suggestions incorporated into updated agreement. Clarify or simplify languages about 10% on 1750 plates, then 75% on anything beyond. Clarification that money will be allocated to a line item for the Volunteers Section to be used by the Volunteers Association at the Volunteers Section's discretion. **Moved by Steve Larsen, seconded by Jeff Miller to approve changes on the License Plate Agreement. Motion Passed.**

MSFCA Position on Interoperability - Follow up for next meeting (see task list).

NEW BUSINESS

Firefighter's Memorial – Board will draft a letter to Memorial Committee in response to most recent update.

Montana Mutual Aid Manual – Review of letter sent requesting additional colored channels. Rich Cowger and Jason Shrauger will represent the MSFCA on Committee to review Manual.

Crosby Grindle - Report on MSFCA position on Residential Sprinklers from NFPA stand-point. NFPA will come onto future call to give a more thorough update. NFPA is working on funding for sprinkler education. Will help MSFCA with legislation initiatives in the future.

Montana Chiefs Bookstore - No written agreement between the MSFCA bookstore and MSFCA. Board may craft a document to memorialize the agreement to develop clear understanding/expectations in order to limit confusion with new Board members. Question whether that will cause a problem with the Western Fire Chiefs Bookstore agreement and revenue shareback. Will discuss options with WFCA.

Montana Mutual Aid License Plates - Clarification from last meeting: the new license plate is from Eastgate Fire Department, not Montana Mutual Aid. Chief Mergenthaler brought to the Boards attention in 2007 and has since moved forward. Intent is to use the revenue collected to support the fire service; plates geared towards general public. Mergenthaler would like to discuss further with Rich and Tom.

ESCI – Need to add ESCI and Jack Snooks information to the conference agenda. The two presentations ESCI plans to do are “Making the Pieces Fit through Cooperative Efforts” and “Motivational Leadership” - can be stretched out into the four open times or Jack is willing to be part of the discussion with the districts.

CHEIFS SECTIONS' REPORTS

Career Section–

Fire Fighters Testing Consortium meeting Thursday April 29th in Helena.

Offer made from the MSFCA to the Career Chiefs of using MSFCA staff time for meeting minutes, etc

Volunteer Section

Board teleconference in the next 6 weeks or so.

STAFF REPORTS

Have moved ahead on the online registration form (approved at the Mid-Winter Meeting) for the Alliance Conference. Will send out a copy to Leonard and Kraig and then get it online.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Thanks to everyone for making it to Bozeman last week. Was a very productive meeting.

Next meeting is March 3, 2010 at 10:30 MST.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 pm MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Winans, Administrative Staff