



# MSFCA

## Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 10:30 am MST

ROLL CALL: Called by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson Jason Shrauger at 10:33 am MST.

### Career Chiefs' Section

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

### Combination Chiefs' Section

- Rich Cowger, Chair
- Tom Kuntz
- Brett Waters

### Volunteer Chiefs' Section

- Leonard Lundby, V.C.
- Kraig Hansen
- Bruce Charles

Ex-Officio's: Ted Mead, Allen Lorenz & Butch Weedon

Staff: Jessica Heintz

**Roll call taken, did not meet quorum requirements. Agenda items moved to November 18, 2009 Board meeting.**

### Discussion:

Wild Life Forum at the Chiefs' Conference – It would be beneficial to get a representative from BLM and Forest Service to talk about maintaining relationships as they change their fire policy- get a panel going at the forum to work through what our role is, what their role is and who pays for what. Should also have a discussion with county programs and relationship of government and states. Will e-mail / phone Patty Copenal and Phil Gill to extend an invitation.

Fire Chiefs conference- Next conference would like to integrate wild land as more of a significant portion or even its own education tract. Might see more participation with agencies or districts that have more wild land. Want to make courses certified for post credit for fire and law enforcement. Need to get master blessing from academy about courses for credit.

DNRC- Bob Harrington will be presenting on Thursday and Friday in Helena with the Environmental Quality Council. The agenda includes: update from 2009 fire season, report from Senate Bill 251, funding from legislature, and progress report for mapping of wild land interface. Over the next month DNRC will be working with budget cuts handed down from legislature. 7% cut to personal services and 3% cut to general fund which is across the board.

Bruce- Reviewing responses to comments on the guidelines. One issue that came up at a hearing in Missoula was in the funding chapter part three. The language said it would require the county to adopt subdivision regulations and zoning regulations. An attorney gave a written comment that suggested only require subdivision regulations.

Working with the Northwest Compact with British Columbia, Wally Bennett is leading a 20 person crew that formed a type 1 compact team, along with a 20 person crew from Idaho.

Bob Frye- Working on a management team of All Hazard for Type 3 with FEMA. Looking to put both NWCG and Wild Land Fire teams in all hazard approach for type 3 mobilizations for different types of hazards. Will try and get a committee together in the next month and meet quarterly.

October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next call.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Heintz, Administrative Staff