



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **September General Membership Meeting Minutes**

7:00pm, Wednesday September 20, 2017

Florence Fire Department

1. Call to Order (Joe- Chair) 7:00 pm

2. Introductions (All)

Joe Calnan (FFD)- Chair	Chris Newman (MRFD)- Board	Sarah Coefield (MCCHD)- Board
Allen Branine (SWN-DNRC)	Ken Brewer (Florence FD)	Clint Roberts (Florence FD)
Craig Jepson (FSTS)	J.D. Bauman (FS- Missoula RD)	Leah Rediske (Florence FD)
Gordy Hughes (MFD)- Board	Chris Johnson (FS- Lolo SO)	

3. Approve Financial Report / Correspondence Received (Jordan Koppen- Secretary/Treasurer)

- Savings: \$ \$18,730.60
- Checking: \$ 7,425.69
 - Webmaster (Accounts Payable)- \$900.00 for June-August
 - Paid
 - KECI-Fire prevention promotion \$1,000-paid
 - Garden City Paint and Glass \$180.00-paid
 - Missoula Fire Department \$60-repairs-paid
 - Gift cards-\$30-paid

- We were unable to confirm the checking and savings balances with Jordan absent; however, the rest of the financial activity could be confirmed
- Board and chair will discuss moving forward with webmaster invoice in the amount of \$2,000+ that preceded the invoice of \$900 that was paid (June-Aug)

Assessments Received as of 3/15-All have been paid

- In 2018, BLM assessment should be emailed to j75thomp@blm.gov for consideration

1. OLD BUSINESS: VFA Grant Status – Current and Upcoming Cycles (Joe)

- VFA grant was awarded again for 2018 in the amount of \$8,000. The same 6 departments will be available for the matching funds in the amount of \$1,333. Joe Calnan will disseminate the information after he receives the letter of confirmation from the state.

2. LOLO Contribution Procedures (CJ)

- a. The new agreement/reimbursement process worked cleanly in 2017. The Lolo is no longer in arrears with MCFPA. \$3,700 was awarded to MCFPA in the form of reimbursable invoices per the new agreement.
- b. CJ will make sure whatever steps need to be taken in 2018 to keep the program rolling are taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Homecoming Parade- Saturday, October 14

- a. Board agreed to \$40 purchase of parade entry fees for CJ
- b. CJ will coordinate with Leandra Sherrer (Lolo NF intern) re: giving Leandra the reins on the project.
- c. CJ will coordinate with Gordy Hughes re: incorporating MFD engine into the MCFPA entry along with the DNRC parade jeep and the FS pack string (mules)
- d. CJ has 4,000 handouts- coolies and fidget spinners

2. Puppet Shows

- a. Sarah Kennett (Office) 552-6210 or skennett@ci.missoula.mt.us is organizing volunteers for fire safety puppet shows sponsored by the Missoula Fire Department. Please volunteer for full days so the same group can go out together. It's a lot of fun, so please pass the word around. The dates are:
 - i. October 3-5
 - ii. October 10-12
 - iii. October 17-18
 - iv. October 24-26

3. College outreach

- a. Jordan Koppen organized a scavenger hunt in an ad to the Montana Kaimin, the school newspaper of UM- Missoula. He used MCFPA funds to purchase giveaways. The intent of the program was to introduce the students to MCFPA and its mission.

AGENCY ROUND-ROBIN

- MRFD (Chris Newman): Task Force concept was used in preparation for Mutual Aid calls related to Rice Ridge and Lolo Peak fires; it was successful and will be replicated in the future when the need should arise. TF included tactical tender, regular tender, type 5 engines, and a TFLD. Radios in the TF were programmed to match the IMT's communication plan prior to engagement. Chief Newman was in the job for 90 minutes before entering in to Unified Command on Lolo Peak. He wanted to make sure that Ravalli County chiefs and OEM should be commended for their rapid, unprecedented mutual aid response to active fire behavior in the urban interface.
- MCCHD (Sarah Coefield): Air was exceptionally bad in Seeley. Were able to procure multiple air filters and are going to be proactive in future years with inventory of 100 filters for schools especially to try to give students a safe place to be when it's smoky. Participating in a smoke exposure/epidemiology study with UM currently.
- SWN-DNRC (Allen Branine): Didn't get a lot of fires in 2017 for lack of lightning; were able to go and help neighbors, and did a lot of that. Wanted to acknowledge how well the CS&KT did on the Blue Bay fire, in keeping it small.

- Craig Jepson (FSTS): Confined space trailer will be up and running soon. Shares concerns with other chiefs over configuration of Mutual Aid in Montana, and together, will seek refinement of plan and initiate discussions where needed and efficacious
- Leah Rediske (Florence FD): Lolo Peak Fire in backyard. Staffed 2 trucks for 8 weeks w/ wilderness medics as well as provided support at helibase. Folsom Creek burn was a night when mutual aid was very successful and helpful. Received a grant for a new ambulance; hoping to get into the medical transport business to augment the capability and as a source of revenue.
- J.D. Bauman (Missoula RD): Still supporting teams on the district- many fire shifting to suppression repair. Severity resources are gradually waning. SWIM team is just finishing up at Sunrise. Hopefully the teams that remain can pick up the pieces with post-fire work to alleviate work for districts that are very behind in their program of work.
- Gordy Hughes (MFD): SWIM team assignment was a learning experience, and a good experience for the team. DNRC severity was cancelled, so many resources are back in the barn, available for national dispatch. Sent resources to Houston, but were not utilized due to misalignment of resource type per team. Geared up to support Florida's Type 3 teams if necessary.
- Chris Johnson (Lolo NF- Training): 300,000 acres burned on the Lolo, 30 IMT transitions, 160,000 acre fire in Seeley, multiple starts in difficult terrain over the course of two storms, multiple cold front passages. Two primary structures lost, 8 outbuildings lost during 2017 season. Training schedules are out for SW MT Zone and Northern Rockies Training Center (NRTC)- please note early nomination dates for several NRTC classes. All local government nominees through Dylan Kopitzke (dkopitzke@mt.gov).
- Joe Calnan (Frenchtown FD): Mostly small fires; lots of assistance given around the area. Got the new ambulance coming full of specs we really wanted and that will benefit the department. 9 new recruits going through the academy. Thanks very much to Craig Jepson for his invaluable assistance in the academy. Happy to pass along Chief Vanden Heuvel's thanks to all the departments for the mutual aid responses over the season. Also picking up the torch on refinement of mutual aid procedures in the state.

Next meeting (if needed): November 15 @ Clinton Rural Fire Station

- 6:30 dinner
- 7:00 meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Date of Meeting: November 15th (if necessary) 6:30pm Dinner, Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Location: Clinton Rural FD