



## Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **January General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
 Missoula Rural FD Station #1  
 2521 South Avenue W  
 (406) 549-6172

(Dinner served @ 6:30 – Meeting to follow @ 7:00)

1. Call to Order (Brent- Vice-Chair)
2. Introductions (All)

Brent Christopherson- V-Chair	Sarah Coefield- Board	Chad Nicholson- Board
Jesse Kurpius- LNF	Jen Hensiek- LNF	Bob Vanden Heuvel- SLFD
Cory Calnan- DNRC-CLW	Taylor Blakely- FRFD	Bill Colwell- MRFD
Bill Tucker- CRFD	Rob Taylor- OEM	Leah Rediske- FVFD
Charlie Lambson- FVFD	Glenda Wallace- MCFPA	Greg Jacobson- Lolo NF
Jordan Koppen- DNRC-SWLO		

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

- Savings: \$ 16,074
- Checking: \$ 1,205
  - Webmaster (Accounts Payable)- \$280 for December
  - MT State Department Tax Filing 2016- \$20

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Station Alerting (Brent)

Presentation from sales department (Erik @ [sales@usdd.com](mailto:sales@usdd.com) or 877-551-USDD) on technologically advanced station alerting system. Those interested in the platform and capabilities should go to [www.stationalerting.com](http://www.stationalerting.com) for more information. Brent is going to organize a trip to see the system in action. Contact Brent for more information.

2. Smoke Trailer Repair Request (Chad)

Repairs were tabled until spring so we can get a better assessment of needs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2016 Bobble Head Planning (CJ)

July 9<sup>th</sup> is Bobble Head Night. Board approved Woodsy Owl in November 2015. CJ has received approval from USDA and vendor to use the image. Historical contributions:

DNRC FAMB	DNRC SWLO	KMG	MCFPA
\$750	\$500	\$250	\$3000

2. 2016 Assessments (Chair)

Description	2015 Expenditures	2015 Assessments
Webpage	\$4,338	\$300/mo with special projects +
Smoke Mgmt. Postcards	\$663	Program in black- not in 16
Post Office Box Fee	\$62	
Web Hosting (Blackfoot Comm)	\$220	Likely to decrease
Bobble Heads	\$3000	
Trailer Insurance	\$850	
Parade Fee	\$30	
New Smokey (matching)	\$1000	One-time invoice
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,163</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>

Assessment Values in 2015:

Clinton	<b>\$300</b>
DNRC-Clearwater	<b>\$500</b>
DNRC- Swan	<b>\$200</b>
East Missoula	<b>\$100</b>
Florence	<b>\$300</b>
Frenchtown	<b>\$500</b>
Greenough/Potomac	<b>\$200</b>
Lolo	<b>\$2,200</b>
Missoula Rural	<b>\$500</b>
Missoula DES	<b>\$300</b>
Missoula FD	<b>\$500</b>
DNRC- Missoula	<b>\$500</b>
Seeley Lake	<b>\$400</b>
SWLO	<b>\$800</b>
SVSA	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>

Meeting Notes:

Members discussed the need to offset deficit spending that averages \$1200 per year for the last 5 years. It was proposed to raise assessments for all general members 20%. The proposal was seconded and approved. Discussion on the point included the fact that departments would have to get their individual Board/Agency approval, but CJ should bill the agencies at the adjusted 20% increase in assessments.

20% increase will generate approximately \$9,000 annually.

CJ will bring a summary of web costs to March meeting.

### 3. Fire On Ice (CJ)

MCFPA Jersey was auctioned off and fetched \$200 for blood disease research. Four jerseys remain for subsequent fundraisers.

Missoula Wildfire is the official name of the MCFPA-sponsored team.

\$12k was collected for charities

### 4. Marshall/Woods update (Jesse Kurpius and Jen Hensiek)

Ranger Jen Hensiek from Lolo NF was at the meeting. MCFPA provided a letter of support for M/W project- thank you. Draft decision came out describing units and what would be done in each. Public comments have topped 200 and will be taken under advisement. Working with partners is key to the process. Final decision is anticipated at the end of January.

Funds for hazardous fuels mitigations have been appropriated in Congress. Lolo has applied for a share. Lolo will be reaching out to interagency partners involved in fuels mitigation as well as community councils, HOAs, and large property owners in the WUI. Intent is to get much needed work on the ground utilizing existing relationships and forging new ones. Contact Jen Hensiek @ Missoula RD for more information.

### 5. Video Project (Glenda)

Seeking to create multiple videos, the content of which will follow one or two homeowners' interaction with Frenchtown Fire mitigation team from assessment to treatment in the spring of 2016. A proposal for funding was brought to the board and a committee has been formed to bring a formal proposal to the Board at the March general membership meeting. Jordan Koppen, Chris Johnson, Taylor Blakely, and Glenda Wallace are on the committee.

**Action Item:** CJ will organize a meeting and assign chair.

### 6. Elections of Officers (Chair)

- Secretary/Treasurer (CJ) – submits his nomination to remain in position
- Chair
- 3 Vice-Chairs

Retained Joe Calnan- Chair; Retained Sarah Coefield and Brent Christopherson- Board; Retained CJ Secretary/Treasurer; Replaced Brent Christopherson with Gordy Hughes (MFD) as third Board Member. Welcome aboard, Gordy.

**Action Item:** CJ will draft a letter to Gordy welcoming him to the Board.

## 7. Agency Round-Robin (All)

*DNRC- Clearwater Unit (Cory Calnan):*

Mike DeGrosky has accepted the vacant State Bureau FAM Chief position.

**Action Item:** CJ will draft a letter of congratulations on behalf of MCFPA

Larry Bush has retired. Matt Hall will seek to replace his position; position will remain as the training representative for local government nominees to NRTC and SWMT Zone training center. Currently, folks should route their nominees to Matt Hall ([matthall@mt.gov](mailto:matthall@mt.gov))

Seasonal job announcements are on the street for summer hiring.

*DNRC- SWLO (Jordan Koppen):*

Situational Awareness Montana (SAM) is an app that will be available for home assessments and as a database of the same. Contact Jordan Koppen ([jkoppen@mt.gov](mailto:jkoppen@mt.gov)) for more information.

*MCC Public Health (Sarah Coefield):*

March 1- Open burning begins. Folks can get their permits registered now, they just can't activate them until March 1. Online permit system is in the black now, so MCFPA will not have to contribute to the postcard campaign. Each year, system produces postcards to mail to everyone who has had a permit in the past with information on how they can renew existing permit on the site. Local departments are making computers available to the public who don't have home access.

<https://app.mt.gov/burnpermit/>

*OEM (Rob Taylor):*

Rob introduced as new Missoula County Deputy Coordinator. Looking forward to continued relationship with coordinated incident response. Ready, Set, Go should continue to be Missoula County's evacuation protocol. Dave Conway is the best contact for Sheriff's Office Liaison until one is formally announced.

*MRFD (Brent Christopherson & Bill Colwell):*

[www.respondersafety.com](http://www.respondersafety.com) offers "Traffic Incident Management on Rural Roads" and other helpful content regarding responder safety. Folks should be encouraged to put their responders through training and certification.

MRFD will bring its SOG regarding traffic safety to MCFPA for adoption and conventionality by MCFPA general membership in March.

@ NRCG Board meeting Steve Zachry (FS RO Safety) announced an April 7 presentation of "Suicide Awareness" by local professional counselors. First responders are 3x more likely to commit suicide than general public. There are 75 seats and class is intended for those in leadership positions. Contact Bill or Zachry @ [szachry@fs.fed.us](mailto:szachry@fs.fed.us) or [bcolwell@mrfdfire.org](mailto:bcolwell@mrfdfire.org)

NEXT MEETING:

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2016

Location: City/County Health Department

**Action Item:** Glenda will update the webpage confirming the dates for 2016 will be:

March 16, 2016 @ Missoula City/County Health Department

May 18, 2016 @ Frenchtown Fire Department

July 20, 2016 @ Seeley Lake Fire Department

September 21, 2016 @ Florence Fire Department

November 16, 2016 @ Clinton Fire Department (if requested)