



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

January MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16th, 2013 – Food served @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Missoula Rural Fire Station #1

2521 South Avenue W

(406) 549-6172

* Call to Order (Matt)

* Introductions (All)

* Approve September Meeting Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence (CJ)

OLD BUSINESS

Present at the meeting: Matt Hall (Chair), Chris Johnson (Secretary/Treasurer), Sarah Coefield (Board), Cindy Super (Media Relations), Brent Christopherson (Board), Chad Nicholson (Board), Justin Iverson (Greenough/Potomac Fire), Bob Deaton (Missoula CISM and Exchange Club), Joe Calnan (Frenchtown Fire), Glenda Wallace (webmaster), Gordy Hughes (MFD), Chris Lounsbury (Missoula County OEM), Adriane Beck (Missoula County DES), Cindy Super (DNRC- SWLO), Bill Tucker (Clinton Fire), Greg Jacobson (Lolo NF- Missoula RD), Cory Calnan (DNRC- Clearwater Unit), Allen Branine (DNRC- Swan Unit), Carl Ibsen (MCSO), Bill Colwell (MRFD), Charlie Lambson (Florence Fire), Shawn Ellinghouse (Seeley Lake Fire), Leah Rediske (Florence Fire), Frank Maradeo (concerned private citizen)

- Financial Report
 - Checking: \$2,150.46
 - Savings: \$21,404.25
 - Balances reflect payment of webmaster and deposits for DNRC contribution to fire danger signs and Swan Valley VFA grant disbursement from DNRC
 - VFA disbursement to Swan Valley will be in the mail Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014

NEW BUSINESS

- Seeley Fire Chief retires after decades of community service, longtime support of MCFPA constituents. Frank Maradeo, longtime face of MCFPA and Seeley Lake Fire, hung up his bunker gear in 2013. MCFPA membership gave Frank a fine ovation during the meeting as the least that could be done for his exemplary service through the years. The incoming chief at Seeley Fire, Randy Reinitz, can be reached at seeleyfirechief@blackfoot.net and Lynn Richards, Seeley Fire EMS, can be reached at seeleyfire@blackfoot.net. Future MCFPA correspondence will include these two contacts. Welcome aboard, Randy and Lynn.
- Missoula Valley CISM Team and Missoula Exchange Club (Bob Deaton)

In addition to sitting on the MEC, Bob is also a member of the Missoula Valley Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team, serving all Emergency Services Personnel in Missoula County. He distributed cards to the membership with the team's contact information. Call them when your unit has suffered a catastrophic loss if you need support. Bob's number is (406) 370-0650 and his email address is bobdeaton66@gmail.com. Other contacts are Thomas Hodgetts (406) 239-5279 and Casey Gunter (406) 239-3083. The team can provide professional mental health support to an agency in need.

The Missoula Exchange Club is a program dedicated to projects that help children, youth, and their families in Missoula County. On March 20th they would like to present us with a \$500 donation that

MCFPA will use to purchase a laptop to serve the match safety program that MCFPA sponsors each year. At the noon ceremony at the Doubletree in Missoula, they would welcome a 25 minute presentation from MCFPA regarding the match safety program. They are requesting 4-5 folks familiar with the program to attend.

Action Item: Chair will coordinate 4-5 folks to participate.

- Webmaster Budget (Matt and CJ)

Detailed invoices were passed to the Board summarizing two years of webmaster costs associated with social media and webpage maintenance and project development. **Action Item: Board will use the information provided to bring a proposal for approval at March meeting:**

1. **Set a base budget**
2. **Develop an annual project list**
3. **Account for special projects as needed**

- Permit Postcards (Sarah Coefield)

Missoula County Public Health is requesting up to \$1,000 to purchase and mail postcards to all participants in the online permit system. Missoula County residents purchased 200-300 more permits in 2013 than in 2012. The postcards will go out to all who have used the online system letting them know their permit number and how they can renew their permit for the March 1 opening of outdoor burning by permit. The board approved the request, and the vendor will invoice MCFPA directly.

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC- County-Wide)

LEPC meets second Tuesday of each quarter from 1:30 – 3:00 in Missoula. If you are on the committee, eventually you will serve as its chair. Details of LPEC can be found on the Missoula County OEM webpage: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/oes/LEPC> and [DPC.htm](http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/oes/DPC.htm)

With Frank's retirement, Bill Tucker will assume the role of MCFPA representative on the LEPC.

- Seeley Swan Fuel Mitigation Taskforce (Allen Branine)

Available online https://crcmt.org/uploads/Fire_2013SSFP.pdf the revisions of the 2013 SSFP have been published. It is a component of the Missoula County Wildfire Protection Plan. The goals of the updates contained in the current revision are to incorporate new information and record progress towards the objectives of the plan, such as:

1. Mapping completed fuel mitigation projects
2. Mapping areas affected by fire during this time period (2008-2013)
3. Updating contacts and related resources, and
4. Updating important baseline data such as the fuels layer that are used to assess fire hazards in the area
5. An updated Risk Analysis is contained in the document.

- VFA Invoices

At this time, SVFS has been mailed its reimbursement and a letter from the state indicated that Frenchtown Fire's disbursement is forthcoming. CJ will check the mail once a week and distribute funds as they come in. **Action Item: Appropriate departments should submit their invoices to Matt for reimbursement.**

- Puppet Show Development Proposal (Gordy Hughes)

Exchange Club donation will go to purchase a dedicated laptop to support the Match Safety puppet show which reached out to over 1,500 kindergarten students in Missoula County, Alberton, and Superior last year. Members were asked to look into appropriate giveaway items for the kids to

take home. **Action Item: All agencies contact Gordy and Cindy if you have giveaways to contribute to Match Safety. Next presentations start in April, so prepare to support this worthwhile program.**

- 2014 Bobble-heads (Cindy Super)

Design is due by the end of January. It is Smokey's 70th birthday, and MCFPA has committed up to \$1,000 to support purchase of bobble-heads for July's Osprey game. The theme will likely be Smokey's 70th, and design ideas should be sent to csuper@mt.gov. Cindy will negotiate in-kind offer from Osprey as last year the box design was left off the bobble-head boxes. It was suggested that aviation resources be honored with a future bobble-head. **Action Item: Get your ideas to Cindy on the Bobble-head design before January ends.**

- Ready, Set, Go (Cindy Super)

Montana RSG program publication is available. Please request of Cindy Super to obtain copies for public events as give-aways promoting homeowner awareness and personal responsibility. The new promotional magazines may be viewed @ <http://firesafemt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Final-Montana-RSG-Guide.pdf>

- MCFPA Simulation (Matt Hall and Adriane Beck)

MCFPA will expand the scope of spring simulation with a public evacuation component. Simulation will be geared to be an education of interagency first responders regarding each agency's responsibilities/capabilities in an evacuation scenario. Each agency can determine what is needed and what kind of time-frames impose challenges and opportunities to work together in times of evacuations due to all-hazard incidents. A remote location for the simulation would be optimal as the added complexities associated with remote locations keeps people fully engaged during the simulation. Suggested sites are Seeley and Potomac. **Action Item: Cory Calnan announced Blackfoot Fire Meeting in two weeks where discussion regarding simulation planning can be introduced.**

- Board Elections

A motion to retain all board members and officers was moved and accepted without discussion. The 2014 board will remain at 2013 staffing: Chair, Matt Hall; Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Johnson, Lolo NF; Chad Nicholson, MFD; Sarah Coefield, Missoula County Health Department; Brent Christopherson, MRFD

- Round-Robin

- Greenough/Potomac: Flooding has been an issue this winter.
- Missoula RD: FMO Jon Waverek retirement party, Saturday, January 18th and Jesse Kurpius will be his replacement. We'll welcome Jesse at March MCFPA general meeting. Jesse was former Lolo NF employee for 16 years and comes from his zone FMO position.
- Clearwater Unit: No Unit Manager at this time, and no Trust Lands Forester either.
- Swan Valley: Clearing vegetation around fire detection lookout tower.
- Clinton Fire: Lots of standing water. Station upgrades are complete. New reader board up and transmitting by end of the month. They have added a Type-5 engine.
- MRFD: John Fiddler retired, replacement forthcoming
- Florence Fire: Moved in to station #2.
- Seeley Fire: Avalanche hazard is HIGH
- Frenchtown Fire: Thanks MCFPA for puppet shows in Alberton. Fire Department will host "Ready, Set, Go" public function in March. Contact Joe Calnan with help/questions
 - Primary ambulance is still "down." Likely replacement in early May. Running with one ambulance in Frenchtown currently
- Missoula OEM: Life Flight *out*, MedStar *in*. Stand by for changes in delivery. Their

director of flight ops will be in Missoula in February. There is a new CAD dispatch system by March 31. Reverse 911 will be fully replaced by Smart 911. Contact Lounsbury for Smart 911 flyers for your public events.

- Federal alerting system (I-Pause) is available to target messages on desirable cell phone towers to push public safety declarations to any cell phone that comes in contact with specific tower. Contact Chris Lounsbury for more information.
- Adriane (DES) reports that All-Hazard IMT still seeking recruits. There is an oversight committee made up of LEPC members. MCFPA will have a voting seat on the committee. February 18th @ 10 am is the next team meeting. Contact Adriane for more information.
- DNRC SWLO Prevention/Education: Area manager Tony Liane retired, as did Mike Kopitzke. Mike O'Herrin will replace Liane, and will be the new contact for restrictions and closures. Jim Blankenship will retire at the end of the month.
- Webmaster: Glenda reported up to 20 hits per day in the winter months, stressed that MCFPA should continue to outreach in the off-season. Webpage will ramp up as outdoor burning opens March 1.
- Missoula County Public Health: March 1 outdoor burning by permit is opened. Folks are getting online to get information.
- MFD: Working with new CAD (Computer-aided dispatching system), making sure rural FDs are supported with new implementation and rollout. The local IMT extends invitations to all interagency partners to join up all-hazard team construction.
- MRFD: Christopherson alerted that Fire Chief's Association has dissolved into State Fire Chief's Association. Consortium test application is open until mid-February. Contact Brent with questions.
- DNRC Missoula Unit: Training is in full-swing and Lubrecht will be the site for June engine academy. Montana Pipeline Awareness, flyer attached to minutes, will be presented in Missoula by the Montana Liquid and Gas Pipeline Association. The training will be February 12th at noon at the Holiday Inn.
- Lolo NF: New Restrictions and Closures Plan will be in place by fire season. There is a committee assigned to consider moving Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF out of West Central area and into neighboring Central Area. County, state, and federal agencies affected will be notified and brought into the discussions after committee's first meeting, so they can have input prior to decisions being made.
- ALL: National Type 2 and Type 1 IMTs will merge into 40 all-hazard teams coordinated out of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. Type 3 teams will become more important in terms of local guidance for local issues and local response.

MEETING CLOSED @ 1815 (Next Meeting: March 12 @ 7 pm at Missoula County)

2014 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR ORGANIZATION, PIPELINE EMERGENCY PROGRAMS AND ADDITIONAL SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.pipelineswitness.org/mlgpa

PLEASE RSVP

ONLINE: www.pipelineswitness.org/mlgpa (Click on "Register For Meetings")

PHONE: 406-497-2446

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	VENUE
1) Laurel	January 16, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Best Western
2) Hallowton	January 21, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	Sportsman's Steakhouse
3) Lewistown	January 22, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Yogo Inn
4) Helena	January 23, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Jorgenson's
5) Bozeman	January 28, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	GranTree Inn
6) Red Lodge	January 29, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Pollard
7) Billings	January 30, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Big Horn Resort
8) Great Falls	February 3, 2014 - Mon.	Noon	Heritage Inn
9) Havre	February 4, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	Eagles Club
10) Conrad	February 5, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Joe's Family Steak House
11) Shelby	February 6, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Comfort Inn
12) Thompson Falls	February 11, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	Rimrock Lodge
13) Missoula	February 12, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Holiday Inn
14) Baker	February 18, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	Thee Garage
15) Glendive	February 19, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Dawson Community College
16) Sléncy	February 20, 2014 - Thurs.	6:00 PM	Sidney County Club
17) Miles City	February 24, 2014 - Mon.	Noon	Town & Country Club
18) Butte	February 26, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Copper King
19) Dillon	February 27, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Search & Rescue
20) Wolf Point	March 18, 2014 - Tues.	Noon	Sherman
21) Glasgow	March 19, 2014 - Wed.	Noon	Cottonwood
22) Malta	March 20, 2014 - Thurs.	Noon	Great Northern Hotel

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2 CLU's Available

5-500 Grants
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Drawing held in April 2014

MLGPA Member Companies Emergency Number

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Bridger Pipeline LLC	866-305-3741
Butte Pipe Line Company	866-597-0539
Calumet Montana Refining LLC	406-761-4100
Cenex Pipeline LLC	800-421-4122
Colorado Interstate Gas Company	877-712-2268
Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC	888-838-4345
Energy West	800-570-5688
Exxon/Mobil Pipeline Company	800-537-5200
Express Pipeline LLC	888-449-7539
Front Range Pipeline LLC	800-421-4122
Greencore Pipeline Company LLC	888-651-7647
Havre Pipeline Company	406-357-2233
Marathon Pipe Line LLC	900-537-6644
Montana-Dakota Utilities Company	800-638-3278
NGL Supply Terminal Company LLC	800-522-3883
Northern Border Pipeline Company	800-447-8066
NorthWestern Energy	888-487-2889
Onirox Canada Ltd.	800-230-9892
ONEOK NGL Pipeline, LLC	855-348-7258
ONEOK Rockies Midstream	800-778-7834
Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC	877-267-2290
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Plains Pipeline R.M.P.S. - MT	866-800-7877
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