



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

January, 2015 MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015

Missoula Rural Fire Station #1

2521 South Avenue W

(406) 549-6172

- Call to Order (Chair – Matt Hall)
- Introductions

Matt Hall (Chair- DNRC)	Brent Christopherson (Board- MRFD)	Sarah Coefield (Board- MCCHD)
Chad Nicholson (Board- MFD)	Chris Johnson (Sec/Treas- LNF)	Jesse Kurpius (LNF)
Joe Calnan (FRFD)	Cory Calnan (DNRC-CLR)	Ashleigh Burwick (DNRC-MSO)
Bill Colwell (MRFD)	Bill Tucker (CRFD)	Adriane Beck (Missoula OEM)
Charlie Lambson (Florence RFD)		

Approve November Meeting Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence (CJ)

- Board approved November minutes for posting to the webpage.
- Board approved the Financial Report

Accounts 1/15/15: \$1,031 *checking* \$20,360 *savings*

- Paid for Smoke Permit postcards
- Paid for 2105 Bobble Heads
- Paid two invoices to Glenda Wallace (webmaster)
- Paid for Post Office Box
- Paid for Web Hosting

Assessments Received as of 3/13/2015:

- Greenough/Potomac
- Missoula County DES
- Missoula FD
- DNRC- Missoula Unit
- Seeley Lake FD
- DNRC-SWLO

OLD BUSINESS

- Final AOP Signature Push (Matt and CJ)
 - MCFPA AOP will be sent to all signatories in the coming weeks for signatures of ratification. When it comes across your desk, please get the signature required from your agency/home unit/department and forward it on. CJ will post to webpage when signatures are complete and final. One hard copy will go to SWLO, one to the Lolo, and one on-file with MCFPA.

- VFA (Matt)
 - VFA grants are available now. \$1,333 is available to each department who has received it in prior years. The grant is a 90% - 10% match. Contact Matt with your requests.
- Missoula County Evacuations Training (Matt)
 - Board coordinated with MSO (Rob Taylor) and Missoula County OEM (Adriane Beck) to develop MCSO evacuation training in 2014. We are ready to pick that up again. Matt will reconvene the group. Adriane, Bill Colwell, Brent Christopherson, Tim Bradley, Matt, and anyone else who is interested can participate. Contact Matt Hall (matthall@mt.gov) if you are interested in assisting the group. MCFPA Board agreed to plan a spring exercise with evacuations as the main event.
- Hockey Event (CJ)
 - \$8k was raised for blood cancer research during the Fire and Ice event in Missoula.
 - Jerseys are complete with matching socks and are being stored for use and safe-keeping at Missoula Ranger District. Contact Mike Wood (mdwood@fs.fed.us) for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Missoula Exchange Club
 - Have invited us back for firefighter appreciation and to ask us if we have any needs that they can provide funds for. Jordan Koppen will interface with them to determine dates and funds available. Their mission is to educate and advocate for the youth of Missoula.
- Assessments
 - 2015 Assessments have been mailed. The amount is unchanged from 2014.
- Permit Postcards
 - Postcards were paid for and mailed. MCFPA agreed to pay cost of printing up to \$1,000
 - All information is saved from year to year from permit applications, and Missoula County Health Department mails out postcards to each of the prior year's permit holders with a reminder to register again and the number of their permit to ease that process
- VFA Grants
 - Chief Joe Calnan will take the job from Matt Hall when the two of them have the chance to get together on the transition.
 - VFA grants are a 90-10 match.
- Missoula County Fire Management Plan
 - CJ is collecting the AOP signatures.
- 2015 Bobble Heads
 - Board approved \$5k and Sparky as the model. July 10 is Bobble Head night.
- Election of Officers
 - Matt Hall resigns as Chair
 - Chief Joe Calnan of Frenchtown Fire elected Chair
 - CJ holds secretary / treasurer role
 - 3 vice-chairs stay in place

ROUND-ROBIN

- Florence Fire
 - Call volume up 12-15% in 2015. Ravalli County online permit system

goes online in March. No regulations to back up the permit, just voluntary and no fee in 2015.

- Missoula County OEM
 - Office testing Red Book Recovery. Produced the manual to home loss due to fire. Walks through the insurance claim process. Opportunity to get several hundred books in MO County and localize the content inside cover for local resources. If departments are interested, please contact Adriane.
 - County is going through subdivision rewrites. One topic: the notion of fire sprinklers in new residential construction. The chiefs are in favor of the effort. The intention is to get all chiefs together to debate.
 - In light of anniversary of Rattlesnake avalanche, county will put on an urban avalanche training. Adriane is the push. Training is first Friday in February. Will focus on plans from mitigation to response. Target audience are responders to an avalanche.
- Clinton Fire
 - Down 18% in calls from 2014. Granite County allows burning at the Fire Warden's discretion, any time of the year.
- MRFD
 - More structure fires lately. Have a retirement of office manager and we'll be advertising coming out soon. NRCG Conference Call in February on Structure Protection Standards; if interested, call Chief
- MFD
 - 7,000 calls – up from last year. Steve Paske retired and a few more will soon. Expecting to hire 4 ffts in spring.
- Missoula Unit
 - Job announcements are on the webpage.
- Clearwater Unit
 - Job announcements are out. Things going well in Seeley- starting an EMT class at the end of the month- full classes are good for recruitment.
- City/County Health
 - When a restriction is set, the online system will display an alert on the front page. This lets burners check the restrictions before going through the activation process. In the past, you didn't know if there was a restriction in place until permit activation process was nearly complete.
- Consortium/Active Shooter/Highway Position SOPs
 - Applications due in mid-February. Those interested in paid position in large fire organizations in MT should apply. MRFD is interested in media/law enforcement to have a BBQ to network and tell them "Thanks." If MCFPA is interested, we could do it collaboratively.
 - Active Shooter training is in preliminary phases. LE have gone into schools and have invited Fire and EMS agencies to develop plans.
 - Following the deputy being hit on the interstate, are people interested in getting together to draft SOPs for highway positioning?
- Frenchtown Fire
 - Call volume on par with 2014. A few near misses on the highway.

Chief Calnan has been talking with folks about near misses. We've talked about tow truck positioning as well. There is momentum behind the move to refine our positioning process. We can initiate a campaign in the media and within the community.

- Clinton Fire
 - Law enforcement on-scene know that safety of responders is #1 concern. Slow Down; Give `em a Brake
 - Temp help is in to back fill permanent firefighter who sustained injury.
- Missoula RD
 - Hiring season for seasonals is right now. We have initiated Region-wide fire hire for permanent positions. Looking for presentation for Marshal Woods project (3-4k acres) in Woods Gulch and Marshall Mountain; 4 alternatives on the plate.
- DNRC-SWLO
 - State Legislature cut funding- looks like 2 positions in program will be cut.

NEXT MEETING

March 18 (City/County Health- Snacks provided) @ 6:45; meeting at 7 pm

