



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

July 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 18th @ 1900
Location: Missoula Unit- DNRC

In Attendance:

MRFD- Brent Christopherson	Frenchtown Fire- Joe Calnan	MCCHD- Sarah Coefield	DES- Chris Lounsbury
MRFD- Bill Colwell	MT DNRC- Paul Fieldhouse	Clinton Fire- Bill Tucker	Lolo NF- Greg Jacobson
Lolo NF- John Waverek	Florence Fire- Charlie Lambson	Florence Fire- Tom Martin	MT DNRC- Matt Hall
MT DNRC- Cindy Super	MT DNRC- Cory Calnan		

Administration

- Minutes of the May, 2012 Meeting were presented and approved Matt Hall made the motion to approve and Chris Lounsbury seconded the motion, passed unanimously
- Matt Hall chaired the meeting and Brent Christopherson took the minutes of this meeting as Chief Maradeo and Chris Johnson were not able to attend

Old Business:

- RFA-VFA 2013 Grant has an absolute deadline in August. We received the 2012 Grant information and Chief Maradeo is administering that grant.
- Sarah reported that the burn permit invoices had been sent around and some burn permit "type" changes are possible. The company for the permits has been completely paid back as of this date and the Health Department and are now trying to re-coup their costs at present. There are still a few kinks to work out, but overall the process has gone quite well. Sarah will keep us posted on any changes.
- Bobble head event when well, and will plan on the event again next year.

New Business

- Paul Fieldhouse went over some of the most current information as to try and help local Incident Management Team Formation. The State feels that the local IMT teams need to be formed to help in their "local area" in multiple day all-risk events. DES/DNRC MOU supports the development of a Type III All-Hazard Team formation. There is an oversight committee that has been tasked with this goal.
- Paul is interested in helping facilitate a joint exercise with multiple operational periods with multiple complexities if that works for everyone in this area.
- Open burning ban was discussed which then lead to the potential enforcement and pen
- Sarah is interested in working with all agencies and coordinating a meeting with Sheriff Ibsen and the Deputy County Attorney on developing enforcement and fine criteria for burning violations. There was some discussion as to when to hold the meeting and the sooner the better in August was supported.
- Information to the group was forwarded from Pat Cross regarding the receipt of grant funding from FM Global for \$2,000 and it was suggested that the money be used for

radio spots in fire prevention/mitigation and a possible match from MCFPA was discussed.

- ACTION ITEM: How to spend grant monies (before September)? We may want to have engines for formal presentation of check; more to follow.
- Matt reminded everyone of the local wildland dispatch protocols that were discussed earlier this spring and some revisions were made with a good product in the end. It is asked that all agencies please review and follow the document.
- An invoice from Glenda Wallace for website work for \$141.25 was submitted for payment and Matt entertained the motion to pay the invoice and was seconded by Bill Colwell and motion passed unanimously.
- Cindy reported that the Jocko Lakes 5-yr anniversary was coming up.
- DNRC and Forest Service were sponsoring a booth at the fair this year.
- State was currently at a PL-4 and the Monday morning meetings will be a 9:00 a.m

Round-Robin

- Charlie, Florence area busy early, quiet lately.
- John/Greg-Pretty quiet 10 fires thus far
- Bill Clearwater unit spotty lightning.
- Bill-Clinton, Saturday Community BBQ 2-5 p.m. 2008 Pierce Type I engine placed into service.
- Chris-Weather front moving into the area supposed to be unprecedented.
- Bill-MRFD Thanks to all who assisted up at Butler Creek Fatal Fire. AAR will be held next week on it. MRFD acquired a used fuel truck through federal surplus/DNRC program and we will be fabricating the truck into a 2500 gallon tender
- Joe-Frenchtown-Lots of lightning going all night. Engine back from Idaho. Alberton Railroad Days Saturday and open house, station #8 after that.
- Brent-MRFD-Recently notified that we received a SAFER Grant to add 6 firefighters. Firefighter additions are sorely needed and will improve safety and response to community.
- Cindy-Gave Anaconda and retardant report.
- Matt-Reported on lightning fires last week tallied 7 with 2 today. There has been an increase in fire behavior. Lookouts are staffed until the end of August and detection flights are occurring each day.
- Meeting adjourned: 20:04 hours

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, September 19th: Florence Fire Hall @ 1830, Station #1