



## Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **July MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
 Seeley Lake Fire Department  
 BBQ @ 6:30

1. Call to Order (Joe- Chair)

2. Introductions (All)

Jesse Kurpius- Lolo NF	Joe Calnan- FFD	Cory Calnan- CWR Unit	Bill Colwell- MRFD
Dave Atkins- Lolo NF	Ashley Burwick- Msla U	Dave Williams- Lolo NF	Karl Nikoleyczik- Lolo
Dylan Koptizke- SWLO	Jordan Koppen- SWLO	Amanda Shaw- Lolo NF	Sarah Coefield- CHD
Leah Rediske- FFD	Charlie Lambson- FFD	Bob Vanden Heuvel-SLFD	Tom Martin- SLFD

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

- Savings Balance: \$ 16,078.05
- Checking Balance: \$ 8,360.30
  - Reflecting VFA Balance (+1,324)
  - VFA Grants Distributed
    - E. Msla \$1298.78
  - Webmaster (May \$237.50)
- Accounts Payable: Trailer/Liability Insurance (HUB International)
  - \$993 / year

### OLD BUSINESS

A. **Bobble-Head Night Recap** (Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> in Missoula) (Jordan)  
 Woodsy Owl and Smokey were there in pretty good weather.

B. **MCFPA Video/PSA project** (Jordan)

- Video series is in the can- produced by KPAX. Working on :30 and :60 second PSAs capitalizing on the Ready part of Ready, Set, Go. We will have the videos in the can for everyone's use.

C. **VFA Distribution Summary** (2015/2016): (Joe Calnan)-

Clinton	1,333	5/24/2016
East Missoula	1,298	6/24/2016
Frenchtown	1,333	4/21/2016
Greenough/Potomac	1,353	6/19/2015
Seeley Lake	1,294	6/19/2015
SVSA	0	DNP 2015

MCFPA has received the 2016-2017 application for VFA and has been awarded \$8k as in years past.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Marshall Woods Project Update (Missoula RD- Jesse Kurpius)

Dave Atkins (retired Lolo NF)- Up the Rattlesnake and Woods Gulch, the work got started last week; Unit 71 has a contract crew slashing and piled 60 acres. It will be done in a couple of days and they'll move into Units 61 and 90. In the fall, they will move back in to Unit 70. The district has picked Dave up to educate the visiting public regarding the utility of the project. Dave will be on the ground informing citizens.

It was a bit contentious in the process of planning. We have not had any negative comments to date, but we've had many positive comments. Many of the people (locals, predominantly) had never heard of the project, surprisingly. It is working out well to be able to share the project objectives with folks. There will be a large tour organized for Tuesday evening, (5:00-7:30 ish) August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

DNRC is assisting private landowners do some mitigation to add to the work we're doing. It is having a very positive effect in the community.

I'll get with Jesse on the information regarding August 2<sup>nd</sup> tour to get it on the webpage and Facebook. It would be good for local departments to show up in support of the project as well, so we'll get the word out to all departments.

### 2. Smart 911 (Nick Holloway- Missoula County OEM)

Smart 911 is a project and service that Missoula County provides and has since 2012. Folks go online and create a family safety profile with gate codes, location of kids' bedrooms, medical profiles, and it all pops up on the dispatcher's screen in an emergency. It has to be the phone that is registered, otherwise information will not show up to the dispatcher. If it is not updated every 6 months, it will go dormant. The public will be alerted three times before it goes dormant. Even if it is dormant, we can still push alerts on dormant profiles.

MEANS (Missoula Emergency Action Notification System) is used to notify local media and other agencies of weather, road closures and other urgent, but typically non-emergency situations. They are widely distributed through media and are easy for responders to request.

RAVE alerts (formerly "Reverse 911") is also a capability in Missoula County. You have to register yourself and opt in. You can get an email or a voicemail and target a radius, down streets, a polygon, etc. If we need to reach out to everyone with mobility issues, we can target them as well. We have used it to find a couple of kids who were lost. Missoula County used it recently to warn people in certain neighborhoods to shelter in place when a gunman was on the loose.

IPAWS (Integrated Public Alerts and Warning System) is another service. It allows us to reach a large group of people by hitting cell phones within tower coverage, these are not targeted at any one group of

people. These are best used for widespread community disasters, warning of possible disaster and for verified abductions.

We can alert folks through IPAWS for community-wide alerts. Reference the MEANS, RAVE, & IPAWS/WEA Emergency Alert Information & Guidelines.

We need help pushing SMART 911 from the departments. Not only in community contacts but also in inspection situations. OEM has logos to create original content. We can put SMART 911 on our webpages to promote.

**Action Item:** Hand out the Smart 911 flyers during the UM Homecoming parade and the Western Montana Fair. CJ will contact OEM when we get closer.

Smart Facility is nearly the same service, but for businesses. It takes you to Google Map and you draw a polygon, voluntary information will pop up, such as 24-hour contact information of buildings adjacent to the business affected, emergency plans, hazmat concerns, etc. It has been marketed widely, a PSA is playing at the movies, on NPR and 102.5 FM. If you want a comprehensive information package, we have a contact for you. Facility profiles doesn't go dormant.

### 3. VFA Disbursement (Joe Calnan)

2015/2016 cycle; there are six departments in on it and authorized to put in, but SVSA did not have needs this year and did not submit a VFA disbursement. The remaining funds from MCFPA's award, \$1,353.60 has been deposited in MCFPA account and must be used to augment volunteer departments, no boots, and no public education either. Clinton covered the entirety of the 'co-pay.' The departments would not have to contribute more to receive their share of the remaining funds- the yearly match is already covered.

A motion was made to split the remaining funds amongst the five departments that participated. All in favor, no opposed.

**Action Item:** Joe Calnan will contact the five departments with the split figures and CJ will issue checks to the five departments.

We have been awarded \$8,000 grant for 2016-2017. Agencies need to spend \$8,889 to receive it. The deadline is June 15, 2017. The deadline for submission will be June 30, 2017 and the deadline for departments to submit reimbursement will be determined in subsequent meetings, likely will be set for March so we are not under time pressure to submit. If a department doesn't want or need to participate, the funds will be allocated between the departments that do submit matching funds in the given year.

### 4. HUB / Insurance Policy (CJ)

Motion was made to pay the premium for the liability and comprehensive policy; it was seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Action Item:** CJ will pay the insurance premium 7/21 (Done)

## 5. Lolo Assessment Procedure (CJ)

CJ will write an agreement between Lolo and MCFPA that will allow in-kind contributions to reflect Lolo's traditional assessment.

After the agreement is in place, CJ will have to hand over the checkbook to someone else; it is a conflict of interest for him to be treasurer of a non-profit with which his agency is a contributor. He will circulate a request for a volunteer from the Board to replace him when the agreement is ready to be implemented.

### **ROUND-ROBIN**

**Florence-** quiet, good 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, Type 6 on Observation

**Seeley Fire-** quiet 4<sup>th</sup>, few calls, life is good at Clearwater.

- Action Item: Add [tommartinrepair@gmail.com](mailto:tommartinrepair@gmail.com) to the list serve

**Missoula Unit-** one fire in 10 days. No fires on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Engine and STLD on Eastern Montana. Dylan Kopitzke is new AFMO at Missoula RD.

**Seeley Lake RD-** holdover from Monday's storm, but other than that, very quiet.

**Ninemile RD-** Slow, lots of project work done

**County Health-** Invoices are out in the mail; No one complained about open burning being closed. New environmental health director is Shannon Therriault. We have seen an increase in outdoor burning complaints, 19 angry letters were sent, perhaps more is due to an increase in departments turning in bad burns- we can do enforcement. Please be on the lookout for folks burning construction waste. If you see someone burning construction waste, please let Sarah know.

**MFD-** Routine business; two crews back from California (Type 3), single resource FIN in Wyoming and two in Miles City as BCMG. Okon is IC on Observation. Safety trailer repairs are under way; will deliver the bill- authorized for \$500 for repairs.

Lantern Fest August 27 has been moved to Ronan's Mission Valley Speedway. CJ alerted CS&KT and chiefs are notified. **CJ will push to Regional Forester regarding luminaries.** Missoula City's code is quite clear regarding luminaries and folks have been warned that they will likely be cited if they are found to have used them in the city limits.

**MRFD-** Chief Colwell – Normal business, captain Paulson is retiring August 5<sup>th</sup> with 42 years of service. There will be a BBQ 3-7 on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Traveler's Rest- please let Chief Colwell know you plan to attend. His son is finishing his rookie class and two folks have passed muster. The new training officer will be Captain Jake Fuller at Bonner Station.

Tim Murphy and Steve Frye will work jointly to fill behind Bob Gilman.

**Missoula RD-** Slow, engine in AZ, swapping folks every two weeks. IHC is idle.

**OEM-** Pre-disaster plan with Ravalli County- out for bid. Will update emergency operations plan which will look at the plan with cooperating agencies and update in-house

**Restrictions & Closures (CJ)-** New polygons are available in the sub-units for Missoula Area; all are invited to check out the site to see the new geographic representations of their sub-units.  
[www.firerestrictions.us](http://www.firerestrictions.us)

**Frenchtown-** Alberton Railroad Day was a success; main guy who ran that retired from it. Quiet 4<sup>th</sup> of July; Ninemile was there- thank you.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday ,September 21 @ Florence Fire Department

6:30 dinner and 7:00 meeting to follow.