



## Missoula County Fire Protection Association

January, 2015 MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Missoula Rural Fire Station #1

2521 South Avenue W

(406) 549-6172

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

Brent Christopherson (Board- MRFD) (Chaired)	Chris Johnson (Sec/Treas- LNF-SO)	Benjamin Schmidt (MCCHD)
Gordy Hughes (MFD)	Greg Jacobson (LNF- Missoula RD)	Justin Iverson (Greenough/Potomac Fire)
Leah Rediske (Florence Fire)	Matt Hall (DNRC-SWLO)	Ashleigh Burwick (DNRC- MSO)
Bill Colwell (MRFD)	Bill Tucker (CRFD)	Thomas Hodgetts (Missoula CISM Team)
Charlie Lambson (Florence RFD)	Jordan Koppen (DNRC- SWLO)	Tom Martin (Florence Fire)

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: \$3,961 *checking* \$16,567 *savings*

- Paid for Smoke Permit postcards
- Paid for 2015 Bobble Heads
- Paid two invoices to Glenda Wallace (webmaster)
- Paid for Post Office Box
- Paid for Web Hosting
- Outstanding Balance: \$193 for web-hosting (Blackfoot Communications)

Assessments Received as of 3/23/2015:

- Greenough/Potomac
- Missoula County DES
- Missoula FD
- DNRC- Missoula Unit
- Seeley Lake FD
- DNRC-SWLO
- Missoula Rural FD
- DNRC- Clearwater Unit
- Swan Valley FSA
- East Missoula RFD

## OLD BUSINESS

- Assessments yet to be turned in have been notified.
- Smoke Trailer Insurance Premiums (CJ)
  - HUB International premium due \$850. Board approved the payment. CJ will pay.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Missoula Exchange Club (Bob Deaton and Tom Hodgetts)
  - CISM training available April 10 and 11 at Ruby's Inn. CJ will distribute flyer in an email. Tom Hodgetts is newest member of Missoula County CISM team.
  - Firefighter Appreciation Luncheon is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jordan Koppen is the main contact. Missoula Exchange Club is making \$ available to purchase a new Smokey Bear costume. Board approved \$1500 matching funds.
- Marshall Woods Restoration Project (Greg Jacobson)
  - [www.fs.usda.gov/lolo/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lolo/) to follow the project. Public comment is being sought on the project. The main goals are ecosystem health and protection of WUI in Rattlesnake. Lolo Restoration Committee helped come up with the project. Per Board, CJ will draft a letter of support on behalf of MCFPA.
- Bobble Head Night
  - July 11
  - 750 bobble heads to hand out. Sparky © is approved, mock-up is next step. Bobble heads have been paid for.
  - CJ is coordinating a group event. \$20 per person, includes tickets to the ball game and a meal. Other refreshments for purchase. Hope to unveil the new Smokey at the event. Up to 60 folks can attend in right field special event area.
  - CJ will coordinate interagency vehicles and fire fighters to hand out Bobbles.
  - We are limited on engines, but not fire fighters. Park suggests 20 to help hand out bobble heads to first 750 fans.
  - Historic bobble heads available at Jailhouse office- CJ and Jordan can access.
- Missoula Sheriff's Office Evacuation Operations
  - "Ready, Set, Go" served as model. CJ will distribute final decision document.
  - "Ready" will coincide with "HIGH" or "VERY HIGH" fire danger
  - "SET" is the Warning of impending evacuation in an area
  - "GO" is the Evacuation Order
    - "SET" and "GO" will be printed back-to-back in public handout
  - Brent will interface with Rob Taylor for Spring Scenario

## ROUND-ROBIN

- DNRC- Missoula Unit (Burwick)
  - Hiring up to May 10 this year
- DNRC- Clearwater Unit (Calnan)
  - Found Inflatable Smokey- there is a check-out sheet at Seeley FD. All should use it for accountability.
  - 40 acre fire caught.

- Looking to hire 3 vacancies.
  - L-381 is being offered in Kalispell. There is room for 18 students. Nominate through your training officers; there are funds available through fire warden's grant for travel, tuition, per diem.
- DNRC- SWLO (Hall)
  - Missoula County Fire Management Plan is nearly ready
- Florence Fire (Lambson)
  - EMTs and half-dozen 1<sup>st</sup> Responders testing currently. Got some precipitation in Florence but not as much as Missoula. Ravalli County is doing free online burn permits, but County Commissioners not supporting with an ordinance to make a penalty out of non-compliance
- Missoula City-County Public Health (Schmidt)
  - 4,136 permits sold in 2014; 2,962 purchased online. County brought in \$5,300 in net income.
  - 1,800 burns activated in March to-date
- Clinton FD (Tucker)
  - Quiet
- Greenough/Potomac (Iverson)
  - Taking AOP for signatures and will return to CJ in Missoula when complete
  - MRFD assisted with structure fire coincident with training exercise
  - Annual "Pancakes and Permits" was a success. Department collected donations that paid for permits and then some.
  - 5 will take the basic wildland fire training in May
- Missoula RD (Jacobson)
  - Assisted .5 acre fire in Grant Creek.
  - Jacobson will have 120 day detail as BRF AFMO
    - Shaun Zenner (1<sup>st</sup> 60) and Evan Day (2<sup>nd</sup> 60) will detail DAFMO vice-Jacobson
- Missoula FD (Hughes)
  - A few burns got away from permit holders.
  - Hired 5 rookies
  - Sarah is scheduling Match Safety. CJ will distribute sign-up information
  - Need 4-5 volunteers per site
- Zone Prevention (Koppen)
  - Nick Holloway with DEM wants to split the cost of a billboard. CJ and Jordan will coordinate and present Board with proposal. Could cost between \$3 and \$6k depending upon location, duration, and size
  - DNRC just purchased rolling signs (7' tall) with One Less Spark campaign on one side
- MRFD (Colwell)
  - NRCG is accepting comments on revision of 310-1. Two week turn-around, so send your comments to Colwell ASAP.
  - Montana Fire Warden's conference April 17-19 in Bozeman.
  - Joint Fire Chief's Conference June 10-12 in Ennis. Get hotel rooms now.

- Hired new office manager. Probationary until June 15. Melissa Schnay (sic?). She is working out well to date.
  - Added 1 career firefighter. Hope to start the individual March 30
  - SOG Update: To come in line with Missoula FD, MRFD will incorporate low-slow siren to indicate order to evacuate a burning building
  - Kalispell (NW Team) and Missoula (SW Team) Type 3 teams got together for successful training. Teams are pursuing Type 3 C&G position certification.
- VFA GRANTS
    - Ashleigh Burwick is taking over for Matt as Administrator of VFA grants. Please contact Ashleigh ASAP. They are due May 15

#### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ Frenchtown FD  
6:30 meal  
7:00 meeting