



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

March MCFPA General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 – Snacks and Meeting @ 7 pm.

Location: Missoula City-County Health Department

301 West Alder Street, Missoula, MT 59802

(406) 258-4755

* Call to Order (Matt)

* Introductions (All)

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

*Accounts 3/10/14: Checking: \$6,219.27; Savings: \$21,405.98

- Reflects deposits of Assessments received
- No outstanding debts at this time

Present: Matt Hall (Chair), Sarah Coefield (Board), Cindy Super, Chris Johnson (Secretary/Treasurer), Brent Christopherson (Board), Chad Nicholson (Board), Leah Rediske (Florence Fire), Cory Calnan (DNRC-Clearwater), Joe Calnan (Frenchtown Fire), Greg Jacobson (Lolo Missoula), Jesse Kurpius (Lolo Missoula), Bill Colwell (MRFD), and Adriane Beck (DEQ)

NEW BUSINESS

- Correspondence/Exchange Club Invitation and Presentation: March 20th luncheon will be well attended. The Exchange donated \$500 to MCFPA for use in purchasing items for puppet shows. CJ sent a "thank-you" letter to the Exchange Club. The \$500 was used to purchase a laptop and accessories and they will be stored at the Missoula Fire Department for use.
- Discuss Annual Interagency Assessments and Webmaster Costs (CJ/Matt): Board approved \$3k annually for webmaster and special projects.
- Permit Postcards (Sarah): In 2013, we issued 4,298. As of March meeting, there have been 390 permits sold (burns logged in the system) and 81 have been "activated." At this time on year ago, there had been 857- different weather pattern last year. Some hick-ups had to be fixed in Florence, and the issues at Greenough-Potomac have been dealt with.
- Match Safety Update (Chad): 2nd week of April – Sarah Kennett will send out a call for help. Really needed help in Seeley this year. Chad sent laptop and cables bill to CJ for payment – done.
- MRFD Levy Hiring Support (Brent and Bill): MRFD is asking for a mill levy – passed on May 6. The levy seeks to fund the permanent positions created by a previous grant. MCFPA could not directly campaign for the measure, but sent out a position paper to its members to let them know the details and that MCFPA encouraged its member to support the measure.

- Spring Incident Scenario (All): In June, a tabletop exercise with the Sheriff's department to discuss the ins and outs of evacuations for wildland fire... planning (either ahead of time or right during the incident), execution (who decides, who notifies, etc), and reentry should be in the offing. Some scenario that would get everyone on the same page with terminology and agency responsibilities. More discussion will be held at the May meeting.
- Bobble Head 2014: Smokey's 70th birthday is the bobble head design this year. The final image for the bobble head has been approved.
- Missoula County T3 All-Hazard IMT: Things are moving along. The mobilization guide is being written. The next step is outreach. Details such as getting responders paid and how they'll get dispatched and get training plans established. Adriane Beck is a major point of contact. Committee is working on a team application and folks don't have to be fully qualified. Announcements and applications will be due by the end of March. Group hopes to be stood up by fire season.
- Missoula Area Dispatch Plan. Matt will push out the plan and circulate it for comment.
- Ravalli County Burn Permits: Sarah. Things going smoothly. Ravalli County is enquiring re: the process to get online permits. MRFD's plan to burn an abandoned home next week will be postponed.
- Missoula County OES: Smart 911 data was dumped into RAVE Alert program. RAVE Alert is coming into functionality- it allows text messages to be sent widely over cell phone towers.
- Missoula RD: Greg Jacobson. New Forest Supervisor vice- Deb Austin in place: Tim Garcia. New FMO vice- John Waverek, Jesse Kurpius
- Spring Consortium: Chad. 488 signed up for June event.
- Lolo NF: CJ. New aerial ambulance in Missoula is NW Med Star. Congratulations to MFD for #1 and #2 in Scott Stair climb in Seattle.
- Clearwater Unit: Christine Baker Dickinson is Clearwater Unit Unit Manager. Lubrecht June 2-6: S-290 and S-230. Engine School is June 9-13. June 16-20 FI-110 and S-200
- Florence Fire: Widespread flooding and sand-bagging. 4,000 sandbags deployed. \$600 raised for Okon Family.
- DNRC SWLO: Cindy. New Area Manager, vice-Liane. New Fire Program Mgr, vice- Kopitzke is Matt Hall. Cindy will be taking forester job @ Clearwater Unit.
- DNRC Hiring: Matt. Zone training local government nominations need to go through Larry Bush.