



## Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **May MCFPA General Membership Meeting Agenda**

7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 15, 2013

Frenchtown Fire Department

1. Call to Order (Matt- Chair)
2. Introductions (All)
3. Approve March Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)
  - Savings Balance: \$25,900
  - Checking Balance: \$2,500
    - Trailer Cover Paid
    - Bobble Head Paid (\$1k BLM, \$1k MCFPA)
    - Swan VFA Grant Paid
    - Webpage Maintenance + Facebook Creation
    - Hamilton Workshop Paid
  - Correspondence Received
    - "Thank-You" letter for East Missoula

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Assessments Received "Thank-You" letters available for signing and pick up at the meeting (CJ)
  - **Letters are signed and will be mailed COB Thursday, May 23**
- B. Day Spring Thank-You for Signing (CJ)
  - **Letter is signed and will be mailed COB Thursday, May 23**
- C. Lunch Per Diem for Puppeteers (See New Business)
  - **Chad N. has provided the Board with a lunch/travel per diem request form. The intent is to defray costs for volunteers who assist in MCFPA match safety and puppet shows to be reimbursed for their mileage and/or food based on MT state per diem rates. The Board budgeted \$250 for the year to fund the requests. It is not intended for VFD and MFD employees who are on-shift.**
- D. Trailer Cover job completed for MCFPA Trailer (Chad)
  - **Trailer cover is complete, estimated longevity (10 years). That being said, it has sat in place for most of its life, and we are encouraging folks to use it. Inroads have been made to return it to service during the W. MT Fair, and those discussions are ongoing.**

E. Hamilton Wildfire Preparation Workshop completed (CJ)

- **20+ people from Missoula County attended. MCFPA paid \$270 for food for participants.**

G. Missoula Osprey Bobble Head Night July 12 (CJ)

- **Bobble Heads are ready for production, and have been paid for. CJ will take delivery prior to the event, and they will be handed out by interagency firefighters on the night of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Interagency engines will need to be on-site by 1700, and MCFPA (CJ) will request inflatable Smokey from Seeley Lake. Smokey will also be on-site, and CJ/Cindy will coordinate someone for that job and to be Smokey's handler. Engines should be coordinated for the sake of placement and not to over-crowd the area, but the more, the merrier. DNRC will request their special, antique engine.**

H. June 3-9 Wildfire Awareness Week "Ready, Set, Go!" and "Be Aware, Prepare, and Do!" (CJ)

- Kathryn Gallagher, [kgallagher@mt.gov](mailto:kgallagher@mt.gov), is the primary contact for funding available for local agencies to promote wildfire awareness.

I. Match Safety Summary (Chad N.)

- **81 classes, 26 schools, 1405 first graders through the 2012 program. 2014 proposal: Seeley Lake keeps the old puppets and stage so the volunteers only have to drive to Seeley to perform and not have to bring all the material/stage. The new puppets have not been completed/paid for. CJ will await the invoices. Chief Calnan wanted to thank MFD and the volunteers for bringing the show to Alberton. Leah Rediske thanked the group for bringing the show to Florence.**
- **The new material is great- thanks Cindy!**
- **CJ will draft a letter to MFD chief to thank the department for their valuable support.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Per Diem *Proposal* for MCFPA-Associated Travel to discuss:

- **Travel** If a presenter drives a vehicle other than agency provided (i.e. personal vehicle), that presenter will be compensated at the current State's travel rate.
- **Meals** Public Education presenters traveling outside normal jurisdictional boundaries and providing services over sensible meal hours (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be compensated at the State's current per diem rate.
- **See the above comments**

2. Fire Danger Signs

- **The Montana state prison sign shop has signs available**
  - **3' x 4' (\$168)**
  - **4' x 6' (\$350)**
- **Mike Kopitzke @ DNRC will match \$1k from MCFPA to purchase signs for fire departments. Matt Hall is primary contact on the program. Action Item: Fire Departments should contact Matt with their requests. Signs don't include an arrow or posts for placement; departments would pick up those costs.**
  - **CJ has delivered the Board's request for the funds, and expects it within a few weeks after Mike has had a chance to process the request.**

3. MCFPA Facebook Implementation (Glenda Wallace)
  - **Facebook site is up; Matt and CJ will be primary source of posts, Glenda Wallace will continue to maintain until Matt and CJ can be trained to use it effectively.**
  
4. VFA Grants (Frank Maradeo)
  - **Frank has finished applying for the 2014 grants. Matt and CJ will coordinate getting the funds to the departments when they are granted.**
  
5. Missoula Area All-Hazard IMT (Adriane Beck)
  - **Type 3 team is being stood up locally. Missoula EMS included, has met 4 times. A large group went through advanced operational leadership course to develop C&G from local 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Goal is to stand up a team. Anyone interested in standing up should contact Adriane. Keep the team in mind when you are in a pinch for incident response on your home unit. The team provides support, and is not looking to take over the incident without request. There is funding from HS grant for upper-level training opportunities (Chief Colwell). Glenda proposed posting this training to the webpage and to Facebook page as they are planned and implemented.**
  
6. Business Cards and Refrigerator Magnets for Public Events (CJ)
  - **CJ will bring a proposal to the Board in July regarding refrigerator magnets to hand them out @ the UM Homecoming Parade this year.**
  
7. Other
  - **Monday meetings will begin when fire season is approaching. Likely, we're looking into middle of June at this point.**
  - **NEXT MCFPA meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> @ Seeley Fire Department**
  
8. Round-Robin
  - Greenough Fire- 4 fires since April, and had 1<sup>st</sup> slash pile ignited this spring.
  - Seeley- I-300 poorly attended on Mother's Day weekend.
  - Missoula City/County Health- 3,600 permits sold, 7,200 activations in 2013. Mailed 500 permits at a small expense. DNRC + MFD is moving forward with plans to burn an available building in Missoula. Currently, there are 60-100 permitted fires on any given day.
  - Florence- Breaking ground on Station 2 soon.
  - Frenchtown- Fire on an island in the Clark Fork, turned over to DNRC. Training with DNRC and Ninemile RD went well
  - Missoula DES- Working with Sheriff to develop Missoula area PIO group. Intent is to provide assistance to agency/jurisdiction w/out a PIO on staff. DES is working on "active shooter" protocols for schools. Eventually, Missoula County will stand up a JIC.

- Missoula RFD- Working with city Health Department on FEMA grant to buy a home destroyed by flood. Commissioners met last week to approve. The home will be used to burn and train fire fighters. The property will then become space owned by the county. June 9- hire 2 new fire fighters. 2 new engineers are on now. The consortium trailer is in Great Falls, almost ready. Just acquired insurance commission office ISO rating, and there are changes to the system we're working through having to do with changes when folks receive their 2013 ratings. The state committee will give thumbs-up or down regarding their rating to provide consistency. It is linked to the MFRD site for more information.
  - There have been some challenging structure fires lately, and the department is grateful for the assistance that has stood up to help.
- Missoula FD- City Council: No tolerance for fireworks in Missoula city boundaries in 2013. MFD is gearing up for enforcement with MPD. Discussions are under way to determine the authorities at their disposal.
- Smokey Balloon in Seeley has a simple request form (Frank)
- Sprinkler trailer is in the shop, and should be abandoned. ACTIO ITEM: Please take the request form off of the webpage.
- Tag campaign proposed by Glenda to advance the # of Facebook friends.
- CJ will begin to like other organizations and promote bobble head night and MCFPA page
- DNRC- Engine hybrid program will be in play for one more year only, likely. County provides the chassis, DNRC supplies the pump. If agency signs up for IRA, there is a 60% use rate tracked. Clearwater is set up for a burn on June 28- contacts are Cory and Frank. Lubrecht training requests go to Matt. Monday, crews are on for DNRC.
- Lolo- Sequestration will be dealt with on Lolo in ways other than full firefighter staffing. We will have all firefighters on by first few weeks of June, but hiring has been a challenge this year.