



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

May, 2015 MCFPA General Membership Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 20th, 2015

Frenchtown Fire Department Station #1

16875 Marion Street, Frenchtown, MT 59834

(406) 626-5791

- Call to Order (Chair – Joe Calnan)
- Introductions

Joe Calnan- Chair	Sarah Coefield- Board	Chris Johnson- Sec/Treas
Brent Christopherson- Board	Jen Hensiek- Lolo NF	Evan Day- Lolo NF
Jordan Koppen- DNRC SWLO	Cory Calnan- DNRC CLW	Roy Robinson- NRCC
Tom Hodgetts- MVCISM	Ashleigh Burwick- DNRC MSL	Taylor Blakely- FFD
Allen Branine- DNRC SWAN	Adriane Beck- MSLA OEM	Glenda Wallace- MCFPA
Jeff Brandt- MFD	Bill Colwell- MRFD	

Approve November Meeting Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence (CJ)

- Board approved March minutes for posting to the webpage
- Board approved the Financial Report

Accounts 1/15/15: \$4,766.76 checking \$16,568.50 savings

- Financial Reports (CJ)
 - Outstanding: Webmaster for April (\$271.75)
 - Outstanding: Smokey Costume (\$2,600)
 - Accounts Receivable: Missoula Exchange Club (\$1,500)

Assessments Received as of 5/21/2015:

- Greenough/Potomac
- Missoula County DES
- Missoula FD
- DNRC- Missoula Unit
- DNRC-Clearwater Unit
- Seeley Lake FD
- DNRC-SWLO
- Clinton Fire
- East Missoula Fire
- Florence Fire
- Frenchtown Fire
- Missoula Rural Fire
- Swan Valley FSA

Assessments Outstanding as of 5/21/2015:

- Lolo NF
- DNRC- Swan Unit

OLD BUSINESS

- Final AOP Signature Push (CJ) – These signatures are still needed:
 - Missoula County Commission Chair- Received
 - Arlee Rural Fire Chief- **Dane Morigeau (406) 726-2302 CJ will approach**
 - East Missoula Fire Chief- **Adriane will approach**
 - Swan Valley Fire Service Area- **Email to A. Branine**
 - Missoula Fire Department- **Adriane will approach**
 - Flathead Agency- In the mail
 - CS&KT Fire Management- In the mail
 - Lolo NF- Final signature after all are received
- VFA (Burwick and Calnan)
 - VFA grants are available now and through June 1. Will work with Matt to determine if there is any funding left in the accounts for dispersal.
 - **East Missoula has yet to complete the application- due June 1**
 - Application has been submitted for 2015-2016 (Joe Calnan)
- Missoula County Evacuations Training (Colwell)
 - Chief Colwell will work with Rob Taylor and Adriane Beck regarding an evacuation-related mock incident this spring.
 - Rob Taylor (Missoula Sheriff's Department) is the lead and has been invited to Dispatch Protocol Meeting next week (Beck)
 - Key will be coordination with messaging to get Missoula County residents 'ready' for the fire season when fire danger increases
- Marshall Woods Restoration Project (CJ)
 - CJ submitted a letter to the editor the week of 5/11-15 in favor of Alt. B

NEW BUSINESS

- Missoula Exchange Club (CJ and Jordan)
 - Jordan Koppen has announced that the MEC has made \$1,500 available for MCFPA to purchase a Smokey Bear outfit for MCFPA
 - CJ will present a proposal for Jordan who has informed me that another \$1,000 is needed to procure the new outfit. January minutes reflect the approval of matching appropriation from MCFPA to cover cost of Smokey. Jordan will purchase, and MCFPA will reimburse with a check. (CJ)
- Assessments (CJ)
 - Lolo NF and DNRC Swan Unit assessments have not yet been received.
- Frenchtown Structure Assessment Program (Frenchtown Fire)
 - Program has been successful in performing structure assessments on many of the homes in their areas of concern. There are nearly 1000 structures to get done over time.
 - The project has engaged many of their HOAs, and homeowners have chosen to employ the department on a cost-share fuels mitigation program
 - FFD is compiling an adaptable database of structures, present condition, and infrastructure of the Frenchtown areas of concern.
- 2015 Bobble Heads (CJ)
 - July 10 @ Ogren Field
 - CJ will coordinate tickets and procedures for volunteers to hand out at the gate. **Chiefs should look for an email to coordinate people and**

engines who will need parking and tickets on July 10

- Bobble Head is approved
- Bobble Head box information will have "One Less Spark" campaign material
- **CJ will secure tickets for Exchange Club- J. Koppen will ask them for the numbers of tickets they need.**

- Abandon Communications Procedures SOG (Colwell and Christopherson)
 - MRFD distributed Abandon SOPs to engage all structure departments in MCFPA to consider similar adoption so all responders have consistent SOGs
 - Most departments were not at the meeting, but correspondence will be initiated by MRFD
 - Other avenues of shared SOGs: Roadside Safety Plan
 - Other examples of SOGs: Dispatch Response Protocol

ROUND-ROBIN

- MRFD- (Colwell) Nothing to add
- MFD- (Brandt) Proposed Monday meetings to start
 - **Monday Meetings will start June 8 @ MIDC – 0900**
- Glenda Wallace- Presented a webmaster-F/B report on numbers of site visits by page and demographics that are quite helpful to determine when to post
 - Will push with CJ to link the MCFPA departments F/B and social media
- Missoula OEM- (Beck) Adriane Beck is new Fire Warden in Missoula County.
 - Will be hiring a deputy position in the near future
 - Have established a clear line of succession for FWs
 - Secure Schools money was appropriated and 7% of Title 3 \$ has been allocated for Firewise fuels reduction program. 58% of funds were awarded to participating departments with a history of successful fuels mitigation programs
 - Comment period for the allocation of funds to county by 3rd week of June (Adriane)
 - Funds need to be spent by 3rd week of September
 - DES submitted for \$350k grant to FEMA and still in the running
 - Funds were requested for fuels mitigation
- Swan Unit- (Branine) Unit is monitoring historically high ERCs and fuels moistures.
 - Unit will have most EERAs done by June and will share with MCFPA
 - Currently 22 Heavy Equipment Task Forces signed up in Northern Rockies
 - 1 Feller Buncher
 - 1 Skidder
 - 1 Dozer
 - 1 Drop-Tank Skidder or Pumper Cat
 - 1 Job Site Manager
 - 1 Transport
- City/County Health- (Cofield)
 - 3,721 permits sold to-date in 2015
 - < 1,000 were walk-in permits
 - 8,229 burns activated to-date in 2015
 - 33% activated online

- Costs to activate on phone is 15 cents per minute, so correspondence should encourage online activation
 - 4,200 permits sold in all of 2014
 - By June, permit system is anticipated to be in the black
 - Eventually, we'll discuss what to do with income
 - **All units please report to Sarah on illegal burns**
- Missoula Unit DNRC- (Burwick)
 - All FFTS on- 8 new folks
 - Will staff Union Peak lookout for one more year- funding from legislature will cause position to be cut. Will seek to staff with volunteers in the future
 - Staffing 6 engines, 2 in reserve
 - Helicopter (Type 2) will come on June 8
 - Guard School June 8-12 (**Get nominees in quickly**)
- DNRC Clearwater- (Cory Calnan)
 - Some rain mitigated dry conditions
 - Critical training is next week
 - Blackfoot Fire Protection Association has a F/B page as well to integrate
- DNRC SWLO- (Koppen)
 - Recommends bi-weekly information be kept and reported to public
 - Reminded to send out: "Are You Ready for Fire Season?"
- Lolo Missoula- (Day- Detail until July 11 as District AFMO) (Hensiek- District Ranger)
 - Tried to mitigate calls to MRFD regarding Blue Mountain burns
 - 5 fires to-date; one fire 14 acres in Rock Creek
 - Personnel on board; Lolo has sent 4 twenty-person crews off-forest to date
 - Blue Mountain will be staffed this year
 - First of June: Type 2 helicopter comes on
 - June 15: Type 3 helicopter comes on
 - Draft Decision is scheduled for June on Marshall Woods
 - RAC Title 2 funding was used for Blue Mountain lookout restoration
 - Funds available to all gov. entities
- Frenchtown Fire (Joe Calnan)
 - Filled a vacancy with Libby Hooper
 - Water tender is here, in service this week
 - Senior citizen group donated \$7k for new carpet in station
 - Don Henderson- Chief of Arlee Rural passed away and was escorted home by the departments through the state. It was the honor of Frenchtown and Missoula Rural to assist Arlee in this incredible honor
- NRCG Report (Chiefs Colwell and Christopherson and NRCC Roy Robinson)
 - Report today that indicated FS and MT state have come to an agreement for DNRC helicopters to be used on FS incidents
 - DNRC contract solicitations were out for Type 1 and 2 helicopters, SEATS, Heavy Air Tankers, and Very Large Air Tankers
- Frenchtown Fire wants to thank MRFD for backing them up in busy time.
- **Next Meeting: Seeley Lake FD, July 15 @ 7 pm**

- ***Monday Meetings: June 8 at 09:00 @ MIDC***