



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

May 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 16th @ 1900
Location: Frenchtown Rural Fire Department (Station 1)
16873 Marion Street, Frenchtown, MT
(406) 626-5791

Account Balances:

Savings: \$26,001
Checking: \$2,700

- Checking account includes deposit 7/13/12 for \$1,500 from DNRC (Billboards- matching funds)

Old Business:

- \$2k scholarship not competitive- not awarded.
- Monday MCFPA meetings began, and will continue, every Monday @ 0900 until suspended
 - Site: Missoula Interagency Dispatch Center
 - 1803 Strand Avenue
- Clinton FD generated positive feedback with regard to the HazMat simulation conducted by Matt Hall (DNRC) and Randy Okon (Missoula FD)
- Missoula County sold 435 online permits in previous two months. During that time, air quality closed the air shed 4 days. Once people get their permits, they can just renew next year. The public likes that Seeley Fire activates the permit for the citizens, and the public appreciates there is a phone number to call for help/activation.
 - Frenchtown residents expressed confusion: they wondered that, if they activated their permit, was that all they needed to burn. Answer: "No." They need to call to ensure that burn bans are not on, and that the air shed is open.
 - Missoula City FD: MFD must inspect before its citizens can burn
 - Current permits expire August 31st
- Pat Cross introduced literature to MCFPA regarding Texas State Forestry promotion "Ready, Set, Go."
 - Anyone interested in more information can go to www.wildlandfireRSG.org
 - Cross has put in for a large grant for prints and PSAs
- Bobble head night June 29th. Rousing, interagency success
 - Multiple engines, a dozen firefighters, and 750 b-heads were given out to happy crowd

Round-Robin

- Coefield: A sudden spike in particulates (likely an Rx fire) had shut air shed down, but it has been open for majority of the season. Enforcement of air shed violations will require a meeting with Sheriff's Office.
 - 150 EPA certified stoves will be available @ Seeley at the Lutefisk Festival was announced
 - Questions: email Sara
- Smart 911: People are signing up, so we now know about health/access issues we didn't know before, and would have taken critical time to ascertain without the system. Personal information on the Smart 911 website needs to be updated every 6 months by the citizen
- Wildland Fire Dispatch Protocol will be finalized soon.

Attachments:

- Missoula Fed Statements
- Approved 2012 DNRC Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Notification Letter (July 15, 2012)