



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

May, 2016 MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016
Frenchtown Fire Department Station #1
16875 Marion Street, Frenchtown, MT 59834
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- **5:30 Dinner**
- **6:00 Call to Order (Chair – Joe Calnan)**
 - **Introductions**
- **7:00 Evacuation Simulation (CJ)**

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

Accounts 5/13/16: \$7,963.67 checking \$16,076.67 savings

- Financial Reports (CJ)
 - Outstanding: Bobble Heads: \$3,000 (PAID)

Assessments Received as of 5/12/2015:

- 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
- Missoula Rural Fire
- Swan Valley FSA
- DNRC Swan Unit

Assessments Outstanding as of 5/13/2016:

- Lolo NF- CJ will look into a new procedure required for the Lolo Assessment moving forward when he returns from vacation on July 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

- VFA (Calnan)
 - VFA grants are available now and through June 30. Only Frenchtown Fire has received disbursement. Clinton Fire Department's is in the pipeline. Current year is closing out; all other departments have no record of other submissions. East Missoula, Greenough are in; Seeley needs to submit; Swan

- Unit- CJ will send a reminder to Alan Branine.
 - 2017 VFA- Anne (state rep) has our request to participate, so they should be coming out in a couple of months before we hear back on our award for 2017.
- Missoula County Evacuations Training (CJ)
 - CJ will facilitate @ 1900

NEW BUSINESS

- Video Project (Koppen)

Libby Langston, Glenda Wallace, Taylor Blakely, and Jordan Koppen. We have a plan to air :30 and :60 second PSA. Also a five part series of 3 minutes segments. Public can access the videos. We received a \$500 grant from NFPA- KPAX wants \$500 to cover costs of production. We are trying to get money for the mitigation work in Frenchtown.

Conference Call tomorrow morning on the effort.

- Frenchtown Structure Assessment Program Assist (CJ)

S-215 was conducted in the FFD as a recurring partnership with the SW MT Zone Training Center. A dozen students assessed a subdivision in Petty Creek.

- 2016 Bobble Heads (CJ)
 - July 9 @ Ogren Field
 - CJ will coordinate tickets and procedures for volunteers to hand out 750
 - Bobble Head is Woodsy Owl
 - Bobble Head box information will have "One Less Spark" campaign material

ROUND-ROBIN

- Missoula FD (Gordy/Chad)
- Safety Trailer repairs and wish list items
 - Smoke Detector in bedroom needs repair
 - Exhaust fans need repair
 - Generator key start feature needs work
 - Trailer safety break needs repair
 - Need retainer rings or cotter pins for anti-sway bars
 - Need to look into more relevant/up-to-date props for hazards i.e. a space heater that looks like it could be from this century, bic style lighter, toaster with a longer power cord
- Huge collective "thanks" to all who helped make Match Safety a success, we are putting together the numbers and will provide that information at a later date

For the Safety Trailer issues I would entertain a motion to allocate up to \$500 (to start) to effect the repairs and use whatever may be left over to upgrade props. Board approved \$500 to start repairs.

- Trailer Liability/Auto Policy has been cancelled- CJ will investigate the need to re-up. Departments should check with legal staff to see if it is necessary for MCFPA to carry insurance, or if Departments already have protections in place for liability cases from personal injury of public participants.
- Board determined that the policy should be continued. CJ requested the bill be sent to him for payment. As of 6/30, no bill has arrived.
- Smoke (Sarah Coefield)- Burn Permit season (3,970 permits sold); 2500 were renewed. 8700 activations (logged burns) mostly in April (1300 in May). Up to 400 burns a day on weekend, but down to 70/day now. Most people are still using phones and running up our phone bill. 5,600 call in activations. Had an illegal burn two weeks ago (mattress). If you have an illegal burn, please call Sarah so she can enforce. Up Ninemile- attorney expects to issue charges (3 counts of burning mass amounts of illegal material- exercise equipment, sofa, recliner, mattresses, etc.). Jim Carlson retired (environmental health director for 40 years) and his position has not been advertised. Shannon Therriault is acting. Needing to figure out how to use the burn permit money that is coming in.
- Clinton- car fires on the forest, plugging along; plagued with campfire calls that are illegal from 911 dispatch. 911 needs to dispatch someone if a call comes in. Can the chief call them to call it off? Yes, and that shouldn't be held up; it is stressing out the volunteers.
- MRFD (Bill Colwell) NRCG- thanks for submitting names for service. Out of the circulation, we awarded 276 coins to local fire departments. It is great recognition of effort. There have been conversations of insurance contracted firefighting forces in the WUI. That position letter is in process (DNRC and IDL are working that document). 2015 document is current. There should be a modification done in a conference call next week. The structure protection guidelines are in the Mobilization Guide appendix for Teams' reference and it is useful at the local level as well. We have two retirees at MRFD- 80 years of experience; we have announced and made contingent offers to two new employees. We will assess to advance internal candidates. Thanks to all the organizations who participated in the John Finner celebration of life- it was well attended.
- MRFD (Brent) \$340k to get Cascade systems to 4 of 5 stations to help our Mutual Aid and Auto Aid departments. Structure and haz mat calls to Frenchtown; worked in Kalispell with other agencies in training
- MRFD (Captain) – fire in Lolo, caught quickly at ½ acre- a bit surprising.
- Ninemile- Summer resources are on- prescribed fire was very productive; two IAs yesterday.
- Missoula RD- Summer resources are on- Zenner is acting AFMO- window for lower elevation burns are closed; still have units up in Elk Meadows; real slow on the IA-

no statistical fires yet. Big turnover at the district- many new faces this year

- DNRC- (Matt) Chapter 50 Agreement for Mutual Aid is out and ready for circulation. Got a classified PD for vice- Larry Bush. Aviation shows up June, seasonals on next week. June training- S-230 and S-290 1st week. Second week is engine school. Third week is S-200 and L-380; nominations due this week.
- Potomac: Few calls have come in. Traffic in the Blackfoot is picking up; lots of boats towed
- Greenough/Potomac: in the final 2-4 weeks wait for emergency vehicle
- Seeley & DNRC Clearwater: Successful presentation of our evacuation scenario and a successful community wildfire preparedness day. Two lightning fires in three days; one got over 5 acres; seasonals start next week; Seeley has lots of medical calls- assist at Condon last night; RV on fire on Monday.
- Red Cross: Looking forward to meeting with you and letting you know of our capabilities
- Missoula Unit DNRC: Fire at Cool Creek worked out radio kinks. Crew comes on next week.
- OEM: Exercise season is upon us; have reached out to some agencies regarding mitigation money and grant program
- MIDC: Retired CM, two folks on new jobs. Detailed CM. Joy Williamson will be floor manager. Lindsey Gilman will be running IADP. Kate Holsapple is detailed as Center Manager.
- Missoula Electric Co-Op: Please use us a resource when you are doing training.
- FRFD: Some illegal burns; typical. A couple of abandoned campfires. Two IAs, one right on the highway; the same area we've had issues in years past. Second IA yesterday was on state land; originally paged as structure protection on a state response. It was a good shake-down on communications. 225 feet from closest structure; young guys cut line in bunker gear. Haz mat support for 6,000 gallons of fuel; help from rural members, health department, Sheriff, and OEM was quick.
- Glenda: Website and F/B page: 20 hits a day average. F/B page has more likes "Wildfire Near Me" app; 1,047 read the cross-posts. Clinton, we picked up your volunteer message. Would like to do a bobble head promotion. Back on the website: burn zone and air stagnation links are being used. Railroad Day committee in July would love to have the trailer in Alberton this summer. For the first time, our mobile users are more than our PC users. Getting \$ to update the webpage to a mobile friendly.