



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

P.O. Box 373, Missoula, MT 59806

March 2012 MCFPA Meeting Summary

MCFPA General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Missoula City-County Health Department

In Attendance: Becky White - USFS Seeley Lake; Frank Maradeo - Seeley Lake Fire; Sarah Coefield - MCCHD Air Quality; Bill Colwell, Missoula Rural Fire; Matthew Hall - Missoula Unit, DNRC; Adriane Beck - Frenchtown Fire; Joe Calnan - Frenchtown Fire; Bill Tucker - Clinton Fire; Gordy Hughes - Missoula City Fire; Chris "CJ" Johnson - USFS Lolo NF; Kory Garman - Missoula City Fire; Cindy Super - SWLO, DNRC; Charlie Lambson - Florence Fire; Tom Martin - Florence Fire; Cory Calnan - Clearwater Unit, DNRC; Susan Bomstad - Missoula County 9-1-1; Pat Cross - Fire & Aviation, DNRC; Tim Bradley - MIDC, USFS; Michael Painter - Missoula City Fire <Ret'd>.

MCFPA Chair Frank Maradeo called the March meeting to order. Missoula City-County Health Department Air Quality Specialist Sarah Coefield was asked to pass thanks on to MCCHD on behalf of MCFPA for hosting this month's meeting & providing snacks.

MCFPA agency representatives in attendance introduced themselves. Frenchtown FD Captain Adriane Beck introduced FRFD's newly selected Fire Chief Joe Calnan, who would officially start in that capacity on Monday, March 26th.

Painter gave a brief report on MCFPA's January meeting packet:

- MCFPA January 2012 Meeting Summary. On a voice vote the minutes were approved.
 - MCFPA 2012 Financial Report - account balances as of Feb.29.2012:
 - Savings: \$26,990.06; Checking: \$1,604.73
 - Copies of Jan.2012 & Feb.2012 MFCU Statements
 - 2011 Financial Report (Unencumbered Association Funds: \$20,133.99)
- On a voice vote the financial report was approved.
- Correspondence
 - Command Presence Course notice (Missoula, April 21-22) from Tim Crosmer
 - Email from Missoula Fire BC / Wildland Program manager Chad Nicholson regarding MFD's interest in a Crew/Engine Boss class.
 - Email from Seeley Lake Fire Chief Frank Maradeo regarding use of MCFPA Fire Safety Trailer in Seeley Lake for the 5th Anniversary of the Jocko Lakes Fire.
 - Email from Missoula Fire Secretary Sarah Kennett regarding MCFPA's Match Safety Program scheduled for April & asking for assistance with that program.
 - Progress report (Accomplished / ToDo List & invoice) from Glenda Wallace regarding MCFPA Website update.

OLD BUSINESS

- MCFPA Secretary / Treasurer Position
Frank Maradeo announced that Chris "C.J." Johnson had graciously agreed to take over MCFPA's Sec/Tr duties from Painter. Painter will transfer MCFPA's records to C.J. & meet with the Board to go over those duties & inventory the Association's records. The Board thanked Painter for his service & noted also what a snappy outfit he had on and his great haircut.

- 2012 Defensible Space Public Education Program
Gordy Hughes, Kory Garman & Pat Cross discussed the 2011 & 2012 public education program on creating defensible space. The program has included billboards, media public service announcements & printing of brochures ("This Home Survived"). A grant application (FM Global) has been submitted which MCFPA endorsed. Gordy, Kory & Pat gave a report on funds already expended (from Title IX fuel mitigation funds, Keep Montana Green fund & State Farm Insurance grant monies) and expected projected expenditures if the program is continued through this summer's fire season. MCFPA was asked to support the program for this year by authorizing \$3,185 to complete the planned program through this year's fire season. It was moved & seconded to approve those funds – the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Other 2012 MCFPA Fire Prevention / Public Education Events
 - MCFPA Match Safety Program - April
Gordy Hughes notified MCFPA that this scheduling for this year's Match Safety Program for Missoula County first grade students was nearly complete (only 3 schools not yet scheduled). MFD Secretary Sarah Kennett has sent out a request for any assistance which might be available – Sarah will send out a calendar when the schedule is finalized. All MCFPA agencies and members were asked to assist with those presentations as their schedule allows. Sarah can be contacted during regular business hours at MFD Station #1 (552-6210; skennett@ci.missoula.mt.us)
 - Wildland Fire Prevention Osprey Bobblehead Event – June 29th, 2012
Pat Cross informed MCFPA that this year's Bobblehead Fire Safety event was scheduled for June 29th – this year's Bobblehead will be a Smokejumper.
 - Seeley Lake Fire Department – Jocko Lakes Fire Anniversary – August 4th, 2012
Frank Maradeo discussed Seeley Lake FD's plans to host a public fire safety event in Seeley Lake in conjunction with the 5-year anniversary of the Jocko Lakes fire. MCFPA's Fire Safety Trailer has been reserved and Seeley Lake also hoped to have the Bitterroot's RC&D FireSmart Trailer there. All MCFPA agencies were invited to participate and assist – and anyone with other ideas should contact Frank.
- MCFPA Scholarship Committee Report
Brent Christopherson was out of town representing the Montana State Fire Chiefs' Association. Bill Colwell & Frank Maradeo will follow up with Brent upon his return.
- 2012 Outdoor Burning Permits – On-Line Burn Permit System
Sarah Coefield gave a report on the new burn permit system – there had been to date approximately 900 permits issued, with 340 or so issued in person to people coming in to one of the issuing agencies. Per discussion by agency representatives in attendance, for the most part the new system had worked well. Cindy Super discussed the PSA's & media releases put out – MCFPA had agreed to cover the costs of those public service announcements (to the tune of approximately \$800). Sarah will be putting together a list of the most common problems people had or errors they made in using the system & will get that out to issuing agencies.
- Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants
Frank Maradeo gave an update on the 2011 & 2012 VFA Grants – 2011 funds need to be expended by August 15th & 2012 grant applications are due April 15th.

- MCFPA Website
Painter reported that the Board had not yet met to discuss the work already accomplished by Glenda Wallace on the website & to discuss / prioritize the "To Do" list she had put together. Glenda had submitted an invoice for the work she completed since the January meeting (included in this month's meeting packet).
- 2012 DNRC / MCFPA Agency Exercise & Other Wildland / IA Training
Matt Hall & Bill Tucker reported on this year's interagency exercise planning efforts – a tentative date of Saturday, April 28th, had been scheduled, with the exercise being primarily a hazardous materials incident. Matt & Bill will work to firm up details and notify any / all MCFPA agencies who might be interested in participating and/or assisting.
Matt & Cory Calnan also discussed other upcoming wildland training opportunities – the annual Lubrecht training would take place in early June & there may be other opportunities for local government agencies to participate in some training courses as well. Anyone interested should contact Matt or Cory.

OTHER

- Agency Report Roundtable
All representatives gave a report on their agencies' activities, personnel changes & incidents of note.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 16, 2012 - 7:00 PM

Frenchtown Rural Fire District Station #1 (pending confirmation w/ Chief Calnan, FRFD)
16875 Marion Street, Frenchtown – (406) 626-5791

Summary by Painter / Chris "C.J." Johnson.

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