



## Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **September MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 17, 2014  
 Florence Fire Department

1. Call to Order (Matt- Chair)

2. Introductions (All)

Matt Hall (Chair) DNRC- SWLO	Brent Christopherson (Board) MRFD
Sarah Coefield (Board) MCCHD	Gordy Hughes (for Nicholson) MFD
Chris Johnson (Secretary/Treasurer) Lolo NF	Cory Calnan DNRC- Clearwater
Justin Iverson GPVFD	Ryan Hall GPVFD
Mike Flint General Fire	Charlie Lambson FVFD
Adriane Beck DES	Susan Bromstad Missoula 911
Ashleigh Burwick DNRC-Missoula	Jordan Koppen DNRC-SWLO
Bob Vanden Heuvel Seeley Lake VFD	Tom Martin FVFD

3. Approve July Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)

- Savings Balance: \$23, 411 (unchanged from July)
- Checking Balance: \$2,382
  - Webpage/Facebook Maintenance paid- \$848 (two months: June and July)
  - Blackfoot Communications- \$15 (two months: June and July)
  - Deposit: \$300 from DNRC- Prevention
  - Deposit: \$300 from Frenchtown Fire Fundraiser
  - Deposits: VFA (\$1,105 & \$1,133)
- Correspondence Received: None

### OLD BUSINESS

- 2014 VFA Grant Disbursements Paid
  - July 16: Greenough/Potomac (\$1,105)
  - August 20: East Missoula Fire (\$1,133)
  - 2015 VFA Grant has been awarded to MCFPA. Departments have \$1,133 in 90-10 matching funding available to them. Matt Hall is coordinating the effort this year.

- Missoula County Evacuation Procedures
  - At this time, there have been no updates to DRAFT policy that was presented @ Seeley Lake meeting. MCFPA January meeting will address spring scenario with new procedures if they are available at that time. Procedures would be effectively presented at ICT3 workshop in the spring.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Puppet Show Schedule and Request for Help (All)

Puppet show venue schedule is being worked out by Sarah at MFD currently. They are slated for the first weeks of October. MFD is hoping for 5 volunteers at each venue. CJ will distribute the volunteer requests when they come out. Please push to all in your agency with interest.

### 2. U of M Homecoming Parade planning (Saturday, September 27) (CJ)

\$35 dollar registration fee was approved by the Board, and \$200 budget for MCFPA banners also approved. CJ will register parade entry and purchase banners. DNRC parade jeep, Northern Rockies pack string, and Lolo IHC will participate. CJ will call for volunteers for a 9 am line-up and 10 am start time. Parade is typically over by 11:30 on South Higgins.

### 3. MCFPA Interagency Agreement (Annual Operating Plan) Refresher (CJ)

AOP will be distributed to the Board for edits/additions. The agreement is tiered to larger Missoula County Cooperative Agreement, so updates to MCFPA AOP will follow the CA revision process. November 19th MCFPA General Membership meeting will address revision to MCFPA AOP.

### 4. Round-Robin

#### A. MCCHD: Sarah Coefield

Office is seeking documentation of operating procedures that describe major burners' authorization to burn under county burn bans.

Burn Permits: To-date, 12,000 permits have been sold. We're making good progress recouping costs of implementation of online system. Additionally, phone bill costs have been cut nearly 50% because of less time required for permit holder to be on the line.

General permit burning ends August 31st. Wildland permit burning ends November 31. Current general permits can be converted into wildland permits to extend the life of the permit.

For those permit holders who request time extensions into the night: when extensions are granted, they are in effect in perpetuity for that location.

#### B. DES: Adriane Beck

ICS-400 will be held in Missoula next Wednesday, and there are seats available.

LEPC has Missoula Type 3 IMT oversight committee. They are currently writing policy to create, maintain, and deploy. They have good numbers of responders on the team and will continue to recruit. The team had a successful 2014 assignment for DNRC-Clearwater.

\$50,000 DHS grant received; proceeds will go to IT supplies and training for the IMT. Purchases will include computers, tablets, and radios.

C. 911: Susan Bomstad

Safe Kids Fair @ Community Hospital, Saturday, Oct. 5. Office is hoping for MFD and MRFD participation in the event.

New CAD system and new paging system in 911 dispatch center, so they appreciate everyone's patience.

There is a reorganization occurring currently within the dispatch center that should not affect dispatching procedures, but does introduce new management structure.

Congratulations to Susan: after 34 years of service, she's announced her retirement.

D. DNRC Missoula Unit: Ashleigh Burwick

All seasonal resources will be laid off by mid-week. Units are returning from OGA assignment. 3 permanent staff at MSO could staff 2 engines when necessary. After this week, helicopter support will need to come from Helena or NWLO.

E. DNRC Clearwater Unit: Cory Calnan

Average summer in terms of numbers of fires and acres burned. Type 3 fire in 2014 was managed by Missoula team, and CLW was pleased with the outcome.

F. DNRC SWLO: Jordan Koppen and Matt Hall

Jordan has puppet shows and Homecoming Parade on his calendar.

Matt: Ravalli County is putting their outdoor burn permit system online this fall. Permits will be free for the first few months. Missoula Dispatch is still sending out responders to fires in the west, so folks who are interested should affirm their availability.

G. Greenough/Potomac: Ryan Hall

GPVFD is seeking to purchase a one-ton vehicle with a utility bed to serve as QRU.

H. Florence: Charlie Lambson

Very quiet; majority of calls are medicals.

I. Seeley Lake VFD: Bob Vanden Heuvel

New chief (Bob Vanden Heuvel) is in place. Welcome aboard, Chief. He's getting his feet on the ground, and has been meeting interagency partners in the area.

J. MFD: Gordy Hughes

Fire in CLW was a good experience with the Missoula IMT3. Department recommends a delay in the return to outdoor burning.

K. Lolo NF: Chris Johnson

Forest AFMO hired: Chad Pickering. Forest is hiring 3-4 fuels technicians. Applications should be routed via USA Jobs. Deadline for applications is September 29.

SW MT Zone Training Center has posted its schedule online: [www.umn.edu/sell/fire](http://www.umn.edu/sell/fire) as well as [www.nationalfiretraining.net](http://www.nationalfiretraining.net). Upcoming trainings are M-410 October 20-24 and ICS-300 November 3-5. Nominations for all courses need to be routed through Larry Bush @ DNRC SWLO.

L. MRFD: Brent Christopherson

MRFD experienced a few retirements and hired behind. Open House in Lolo was successful, and Saturday, September 20, MRFD will host an open house @ Bonner Station.

IAFF Conference kicks off in Missoula on Monday, September 22.

### **Next Meeting**

- **Wednesday, November 19th**
- Clinton Fire Station (NEW Station)
- 6:30 Dinner/Social
- 7:00 Meeting