



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **September MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Florence RFD (Dinner served @ 6:30 – Thanks to all the Florence FD personnel who cooked a fine meal for all of us!

1. Call to Order (Matt- Chair)
2. Introductions (All)
3. Approve March Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)
 - Savings Balance: \$21, 500
 - Checking Balance: \$1,600
 - Webpage/Facebook Maintenance paid- \$438.75
 - Fire Danger Signs Payment Received
 - Correspondence Received- None

Present:

Matt Hall- Chair	Sarah Coefield- Board	Cindy Super- Media	Chris Johnson- Sec/Tres
Brent Christopherson- Board	Rod Lloyd- L.N. Curtis and Sons	Ryan Hall- GPVFD	Justin Iverson- GPVFD
Charlie Lambson- Florence Fire	AJ Harrison- Florence Fire	Tom Martin- Florence Fire	Emmitt Tucker- Clinton Fire
Rob Taylor- Missoula County Sheriff	Adriane Beck- MDES	Joe Calnan- Frenchtown Fire	Leah Rediske- Florence Fire
Joe Rediske- Florence Fire	John L. Ames- Florence Fire	Cory Calnan- Clearwater Unit	

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Matt: VFA grant money is available, and Matt will be distributing the vendor invoices. Each station will receive \$1,133. Stations will submit the invoices and the funds will be sent to MCFPA mailbox (PO Box 373, Missoula, 59806) and checks will be issued by CJ to the stations when funds from DNRC are received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Refrigerator Magnets for Public Events (CJ)
 - a. There are 10k magnets that are available for public events, please send CJ an email if you have an upcoming event. The goal is to have one on every refrigerator in Missoula County. The magnets are in storage at the DNRC office on Spurgin.

2. Puppet Show Schedule and Request for Help (per diem update?) (All)
 - a. The schedule is out, and every department is encouraged to help out when possible. CJ will push the schedule with the September minutes. Per diem is available for MFD folks, Chad and CJ will consult on a system of reimbursement.

3. U of M Homecoming Parade planning
 - a. Saturday, Oct. 5, the parade begins @ 10:00. The Lolo IHC will be there to hand out magnets and video contest flyers. Parade includes mule train, and CJ is in need of a couple of volunteers to lend a hand. Please email him if you can help.

4. Old West Autumn Fest (Super/CJ)
 - a. Saturday, Sep. 28 from 10 am to 2 pm, Opportunity Resources is hosting the event. Frenchtown Fire is bringing the MCFPA trailer and those interested in helping out can call Chief Joe Calnan. CJ is going to be there with Smokey.

5. Webmaster Monthly Budget (Matt/CJ)
 - a. The board will consider a monthly webmaster budget, and will have a proposal for the January Board meeting.

6. Other
 - a. Adriane Beck and Rob Taylor- Missoula County Sheriff's Department was very busy assisting wildland fire response, specifically with evacuations. Rob suggests our yearly MCFPA-sponsored simulation include them in the planning and implementation phase. The board is supportive of this effort. Suggestion was made to hold the simulation in the Greenough/Seeley area to add a remote component. The board will include MSD in planning for 2015 simulation.
 - b. There is a county evacuation plan. Call Adriane Beck for the plan if you need to become familiar with the plan. It's good to know who the players are in evacuation, and the time to meet everyone and procedures with Unified Command are best fleshed out prior to the incident.

7. Round-Robin

- a. Adriane Beck- Missoula County's goal is to stand up a Type-3 all-hazard incident management team. Contact Adriane with interest. Many folks have received technical specialist (THSP) qualifications in IQS and are in ROSS which allows them to be ordered on incidents and shadow fully-qualified positions around during incidents. The goal is to solicit team applications in February.
 - i. An informational meeting will be held in Room 109 of the County office at 199 W. Pine @ 10:00 AM on September 24th.
- b. Cindy Super- DNRC SWLO loses Tony Liane and Mike Kopitzke, so personnel changes are in the offing in Missoula. Cindy attended a WUI conference in Bozeman last week and the concept of WUI building code is gaining steam. The Lolo Community Council held a nice, "Thank-You" to all the agencies that supported the Lolo Creek Complex. Cindy has a letter that was drafted by the council, and she'll send your office a copy for posting if you'd like one.
- c. Sarah Coefield- Air is good, and burning in Missoula County is still closed. FS will be doing some pile burning near Clinton. Regarding permitting, it is a relatively easy solution for folks who bought the wrong permit to correct that when burning opens again. www.burnpermits.mt.gov
- d. Charlie Lambson- Broke ground on Station 2. Crews active in mitigation work. Crews from Florence were active all summer, and budgets were augmented well this summer.
- e. Emmitt Tucker- New station at Clinton nearing completion.
- f. Adriane Beck- New software project in the Smart 911 series will be available soon. It will replace Reverse-911. It is an integrated warning system, capable of landline calls, targeted cell phone calls, weather broadcast warnings, etc.
- g. Joe Calnan- Busy summer mitigation work continuing in Frenchtown
- h. Cory Calnan- Clearwater Unit experienced an average fire season and gave support to nearby agencies.
- i. Chris Johnson- Training season is ramping up, and there is a full slate of courses available at the SW MT Zone training center. Go to <http://www.umd.edu/ce/fire/> to have a look at the schedule. Additionally, the Zone has put its schedule up on www.nationalfiretraining.net, a national clearinghouse for NWCG training.
- j. Brent Christopherson- Missoula Rural had a very busy year, and the department wants to make sure that everyone knows how grateful they are for the assistance and support. The Chief's Conference <http://www.montanafirechiefs.com/> is coming up Oct 10-12.
- k. Justin Iverson- The Greenough/Potomac station had a relatively slow year. A good deal of severity work was done in partnership with Clearwater Unit.
- l. Matt Hall- Missoula Unit also had a big year, and like Missoula RFD, they appreciative of all the interagency support they received this year. Missoula Unit burned 12k of the 14k acres in Montana.
- m. Rod Lloyd- Lots of deals on equipment with GSA pricing available. Please check out their site: www.LNCurtis.com