



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

September 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 19th @ 1900
Location: Florence Fire Station

In Attendance:

MRFD- Brent Christopherson (MCFPA Vice-Chair)	Frenchtown Fire- Adriane Beck	MCCHD- Sarah Coefield	DES- Chris Lounsbury
Lolo NF- John Waverek	Florence Fire- Charlie Lambson	Florence Fire- Tom Martin	MT DNRC- Matt Hall (MCFPA Vice-Chair)
Lolo NF- CJ Johnson (MCFPA Secretary-Treasurer)	MT DNRC- Cory Calnan	MCFPA (Pres)- Frank Maredeo (MCFPA Chair)	Lolo NF- Becky White (MCFPA Vice-Chair)

Administration/Finance

- Minutes of the July, 2012 Meeting were presented and approved.

Financials:

- Balance in Missoula FCU 8/31/12: Savings (\$25,906) Checking (\$4,480)
- RFA-VFA 2013 Grant has an absolute deadline in August. We received the 2013 Grant information and Chief Maredeo is administering that grant.
- Received \$2k from FM Global grant (Pat Cross- thanks!)
- \$1,530 paid to Full Moon Concepts for billboard campaign
- \$500 paid to Optimum cable for wildfire prevention PSAs (\$2k interagency effort)
- \$1,000 will be paid to Osprey staff for bobble head order
- \$2,000 will be paid when CJ gets invoice from MFD (spending the FM Global grant)
- \$30 paid to UofM for entry fee for MCFPA in Homecoming Parade
- \$365 paid to Glenda Wallace for web page work

Old Business

- Match safety was a successful program, and there was good interagency support for the presentations
- Missoula County cooperating agencies remain in Stage I restrictions

New Business

- MCFPA running Fire Restriction and Warming Fires PSAs on Optimum,KECI, and KPAX

Fire Restrictions http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BxtOVP_sbY

Hunters' Fires <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX-SkcMuv6o&feature=plcp>

See more helpful videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/WildfireMT?feature=CA4QwRs%3D>

- Outdoor Burning Enforcement- Coefield
 - Sarah is looking for comment on *DRAFT* **Notice of Violation(s) of the Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Program**
 - Missoula Rural and Seeley Lake are warning violators and are seeing compliance. This sheet is along those lines- a warning
 - Should MCA statutes be added? Not necessary; this proposal is geared to violators of the city-county air pollution program, not state laws
 - Please get back with her on any comments
 - Matt suggested that a phone number be inserted into bold text on page 1 where it talks about \$10k fine per day
 - MCFPA webpage lays out fine information regarding penalties for violations

- IDEA (Coefield)- Provide an info-graphic for news stations to broadcast
 - Any assistance in this would be appreciated

- Smoke Machine needed- approved. CJ will work with Garrett Venters to secure one for the MCFPA safety trailer, along with \$ for smoke liquid.

Round Robin

- Seeley Fire: There are bobble heads to be dealt out at the next general meeting (November)
- Seeley Lake RD: No new starts, a couple of engine resources are available
- Missoula RD: Start of summer was busier than now. District is monitoring a fire with a remote camera
- Frenchtown: Wildland has been quiet. Sharing resources to Idaho and SW MT. Recruiting firefighters trying to get to a goal of 20
 - **EMT class starts the first week of January- Call Adriane Beck**
- Missoula DES: Drought to persist.
 - Clone September when wondering what October's weather might look like
 - Kids Fair this Sunday @ Community Hospital
 - Missoula County Fuel Mitigation grants close out September 30th
 - Next week, County Fuel Mitigation letters go out (Projected \$110k for 2013)
 - Hard deadline for narrow-band radio capability is January 1, 2013
 - Compatible paging equipment is on order
- MRFD: Recruiting class (10). New (6) career FFTs start October 1st. Most stations will have 2-3 career fire fighters
- County Health: Most smoke is coming from Idaho and Washington, with less coming from SW MT
 - Dust masks are not effective. Stay in home with windows closed and system on recirculation for best results

- Burn permit holders that may have the wrong type of permit; these can be changed by contacting county health offices
- At “unhealthy” levels, kids’ activities should be limited
- Clearwater Unit: 44 fires in 2013 (36 lightning)
 - Elevation Fire contained
 - 3 engines on seven day coverage
 - Powell County will be implementing \$5 online burn permitting
 - Silver Bow will be implementing online burn permitting
 - Granite *may* be implementing
- Florence Fire: Engines out to Sawtooth Fire.
 - Fire departments responded to Sawtooth with 16 engines in IA
 - Only one structure lost
- Missoula Unit: Plugging away on a long season

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, November 21st: Clinton Fire Hall @ 1900, Station #1