

Education Committee 2011 – Brad Emans

We are excited to be in St. Cloud for the 2011 MSFCA Conference!

A few decades ago REO Speedwagon sang “You got to learn to roll with the changes”. That pretty much sums up our country over the past 3 years; the MSFCA Education Committee is no different.

The Education Committee meets just three times annually, the rest of the work required to successfully present an educational opportunity for fire chiefs is completed electronically throughout the year by our various topic sub-committees.

Education Committee Goals:

1. Understand that every chief is important to the MSFCA, therefore we must listen to and consider the needs of the state as a whole when establishing the various educational opportunities;
2. Determine what the timely topics currently are and then locate the most highly regarded experts to present them to the membership;
3. Defend the present day thought that chiefs attend the fall conference to learn and then provide the most education opportunities possible with-in the timeframe;
4. Recognize that it is vital to keep the conference affordable for all chief officers and therefore work with-in the allotted budget.

The Education Committee is by design very flexible, and welcoming. Every year some committee members retire, or leave the committee for greener pastures; however, due to the structure in place we are able to blend new members into the system very easily. Let this fact be an offer for you to join our group.

2011 Education Committee Members

Brad Emans, **Chair** – Hutchinson FD
Judy Thill, **Vice Chair** – Inver Grove Heights FD
David Brosnahan – Roseville FD
Scott Carriveau – Maple Lake FD
Mike Craig – Hutchinson FD
Tim Farmer – Coon Rapids FD (Retired)
Connie Forster – SBM FD
Rich Gasaway – Gasaway Consulting Group, LLC
Lee Gatlin – Brooklyn Center FD
Jim Hansen – SBM FD
Frank Langer – Fire/EMS/Safety Center
Kevin McGinty – State Fire Marshals Office
John Olson – Waconia FD / CERT
Rob Pearson – Maple Grove FD
Ulie Seal – Bloomington FD
Dale Specken – Hopkins FD
Doug Thies – Red Rock FD
Nyle Zikmund – SBM FD

The MSFCA is your association, if you want change, get involved. We did!