

## MSFCA Safety & Health Committee

### Meeting Minutes October 1, 2009

Meeting Notes: Attending: Chief Kline (PFD), Chief Ehret (SMFD), Asst. Chief Dobesh (SLP)

- *The Committee discussed the up-coming 2009 Minnesota Fire Service Safety Symposium, to be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in Mankato. The agenda has been finalized; with the theme of the symposium is improving fireground safety and reducing risk to firefighters. The initial wave of announcements has been released, with additional releases beginning with the State Chief conference in Duluth.*
  
- *Draft 2010 goals were introduced with emphasis on:*
  - *Establish a unified safety stand-down week to recognize firefighter safety. This educational tool is designed to have departments focus one full week toward improving firefighter safety. The Committee feels a collaborative effort between the primary fire service representative groups in the State will be most effective.*
  
  - *Host a train-the-trainer educational session on the National Firefighter Near-Miss system. The near-miss system provides an avenue to report and communicate near-miss events. This is an excellent educational tool for departments to learn how to improve firefighter safety through the review of past incidents. This is a sparsely utilized system in our State.*
  
  - *Introduce a safety & health booth at the 2011 Minnesota State Fire Chief Conference.*

*Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2009  
Plymouth Public Safety Building (3400 Plymouth Blvd.)  
2:30 p.m.*