

Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education

Minnesota State Fire Chiefs
Association



Mission Statement

The mission of the MN Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) is to review training needs, establish standards and qualifications, and develop procedures for the oversight of fire service education in the state of Minnesota.



Enabling Legislation 2008

1. Review fire service training needs and make recommendations to Minnesota fire service organizations
2. Establish standards for educational programs and develop procedures for continuing oversight of the programs and
3. Establish qualifications for fire service training instructors in programs established under #2



Developing the Board

- Identified MBFTE's Attorney General, Bernard Johnson. Worked with Mr. Johnson to assure the Board was operating within the enabling legislation
- Worked with the Governor's Office to establish a legal Board in accordance to the enabling legislation



Developing the Board

- Developed name and logo (brand) for Board
- Filed Trademark for MBFTE
- Worked with the DPS to ensure all fiscal services of the Board were appropriate
- Created a website, secured office space and set up an office
- Developed work plans and reported quarterly to the Board



Developing the Board

- Established or re-established the committee structure within which the decisions and programming of the Board originate
- Wrote new Operating Procedures
- Wrote the fiscal note for legislative changes in 2009-10
- Developed first statewide reimbursement program and worked with DPS to assure program fits within state policies



Establish of List of Qualified Instructors

- Worked with Training Committee to develop a set of criteria for a “qualified instructor”
- Developed a method for collecting qualified instructor information
- Established a list of qualified instructors and developed a plan for management, updates and auditing of instructor list

Next Steps

- Board Development and Education
- Strategic Planning Session
- Development of a Standard Operating Procedures Manual for office, administrative policies and program management



Next Steps

- MBFTE representation at Regional Meetings and Conferences
- Implementation of “I’ll Walk Through Fire” Campaign
- Development of a Virtual Database for Instructors, Fire Departments and Firefighters applying for licensing



Next Steps

- Management of the 2nd Reimbursement Program
- Audit Qualified Instructors credentials and Fire Departments awarded reimbursement funds
- Development of an implementation plan for licensing



Next Steps

- Live Burn RFP
- Legislative changes to the MBFTE include licensing of firefighters in Minnesota

Questions?

