MINNESOTA STATE FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION

(REGION 15 – SE MINNESOTA)

2011 FALL MEETING STEWARTVILLE - MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 - 1930 HRS

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   - MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRES. JURRENS
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   - ATTENDEES WERE REQUESTED TO RISE AND JOIN IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
   - ATTENDEES WERE REQUESTED TO REMAIN STANDING
   - A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED
4. **WELCOME**
   - GREETINGS OFFERED BY STEWARTVILLE FIRE CHIEF – STEVE WOLF, AND A WELCOME TO THE FALL MEETING WAS GIVEN BY REGION PRES. – STEVEN JURRENS
5. **ROLL CALL**
   - NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS - 16
   - NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS PRESENT - 33

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
   - COPIES OF THE 2011 SPRING WERE AVAILABLE PRE-MEETING FOR ATTENDEES TO PICK-UP AND REVIEW. A MOT/SEC TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES – CARRIED.

7. **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

- MSFDA:
  - REGION DIRECTOR – TOM SMITH, UPDATED THE REGION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. KEY ITEMS THAT TOM NOTED WERE: NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE WILL BE IN ALEXANDRIA – JUNE 14-16; BYLAW HAVE BEEN UPDATED; AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HAS BEEN HIRED; AND MN LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL IS SLATED FOR FEB. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENTS OF MSFDA CAN BE FOUND/VIEWED IN THE WEB SITE.

- MSFCA:
  - REGION DIRECTOR (DESIGNATE) – STEVEN R JURRENS GAVE A BRIEF VERBAL REPORT, AND MADE MENTION TO VISIT THE MSFCA WEB SITE TO STAY CURRENT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION. JURRENS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE IS FAST APPROACHING – OCT 20-22 - ST. CLOUD.

- MINNESOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL:
  - LOCAL INVESTIGATOR- STEVE WOLF PRESENTED AN UPDATE TO THE ASSEMBLY. TO DATE - 38 FIRE DEATHS. STEVE REFERENCED THE WEB SITE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ALSO TOUCHED BASE ON "LIFE SAFETY" INITIATIVES. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF VACANT HOUSE FIRES IN THE REGION (DODGE/STEELE COUNTYS) – KEEP AN EYE OUT AND BE AWARE OF THESE STRUCTURES. IF FIRE ORIGIN IS QUESTIONABLE – CONTACT THE MN STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

- MN VOLUNTEER BENEFIT ASSOCIATION:
  - BRUCE BOYNTON – NOT IN ATTENDANCE / NO REPORT

- MN STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION:
  - DAVE GANFIELD SHARED A FEW POINTS RELATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION AND REFERENCED VISITING THEIR WEB SITE. DAVE MADE MENTION THAT HE ALSO SERVES ON THE MN RELIEF ASSOC STEERING COMMITTEE – SO IF QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS ARISE, GIVE HIM A CALL -OR- SEND AN E-MAIL.

- RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FIRE/SAFETY:
  - BRIAN STASKA SHARED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF RIVERLAND IN THE REGION. MULTIPLE ON-LINE CLASSES ARE CURRENTLY IN SESSION FOR FFI/FFII. A NUMBER OF CHANGES/UPDATES HAVE OCCURRED TO THEIR WEB SITE – ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO CHECK IT OUT. RIVERLAND NOW OFFERS A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN FIREFIGHTING (16 CR HRS) – CREDITS ARE TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER COLLEGES. WITH THE KICK-OFF OF THE NEW "CERT" PROGRAM, THE COLLEGE IS IN NEED OF SOME 2-1/2" HOSE FOR MISC TRAINING (HOSE DOES NOT NEED TO PASS PRESSURE TEST). ANOTHER NEED OF THE COLLEGE IS COMPRESSOR UNIT – SYSTEM IS NEED FOR BOTTLE REFILL. 2012 RIVERLAND STATE FIRE SCHOOL WILL BE IN ROCHESTER – MARCH 31 & APRIL 1. ALSO, WITH THE INCREASE OF TRAINING REQUEST BY DEPTS. IN THE REGION, RIVERLAND IS LOOKING TO ADD TO THEIR INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF – IF INTERESTED CONTACT BRIAN.

- MNSCU FIRE/EMS/SAFETY CENTER:
  - DAN ROEGLIN – NOT IN ATTENDANCE / NO REPORT

- HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (HSEM MN):
  - MARK MARCY – NOT IN ATTENDANCE / NO REPORT

- MN BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING & EDUCATION
  - BRUCE WEST GREETED ATTENDEES AND SHARED HIS RECENT CHANGE/TRANSFER IN JOBS FROM HSEM TO THE MN BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING & EDUCATION. BRUCE SHARED INFO RELATED TO DISBURSEMENTS THAT WERE GOING OUT TO DEPTS. HE SHARED THAT SOMETIMES THAT WORDING CAN BE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT TRAINING IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT – IF THERE IS A QUESTION CALL FOR CLARIFICATION.

- MN FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION BOARD
  - DAVE SCHLIEK – NOT IN ATTENDANCE / NO REPORT. PRES. JURRENS DID SHARE THAT MFSCB IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO ESTABLISH A EVALUATOR TEAM FOR SOUTHERN MN. THIS COULD PROVIDE MORE TESTING DATE OPPORTUNITIES AND SHORTER TRAVEL DISTANCES FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR REGION.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 2012 SPRING MEETING
  - THE SPRING MEETING BE HELD ON APRIL 4 (WED). LOCATION: STEWARTVILLE -OR- ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL EVENT CENTER. WATCH THE MSFDA & MSFCA WEB SITE FOR SELECTED SITE.

- GUEST PRESENTERS
  - LOBBYIST - SHERRY MUNYON WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND PROVIDED A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE TO THE ASSEMBLY. SHE DISTRIBUTED A LISTING OF ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL FOCUS ITEMS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE AND LOBBYIST TO WORK ON IN THE NEXT SESSION. IF THERE WERE ADDITIONAL IDEAS AS TO IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR REGION 15 – SHE WOULD WELCOME THOSE AS WELL. SHERRY COVERED ISSUES RELATED TO THE FIRE SAFETY ACCOUNT, FIRE STATE AID AS IT RELATES TO PENSION (2%), THE ONGOING IRS 990 ISSUE, AND OTHER MISC ITEMS.
  - BRUCE WEST PRESENTED INFORMATION RELATED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MN FIRE SERVICE FOUNDATION FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL. A SLIDESHOW WAS PRESENTED WITH DETAILS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT. THE ORGANIZATION IS LOOKING TO RAISE $600K TO BUILD A FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE CAPITOL.

- ELECTIONS - OFFICES - REGION 15
  - MSFDA – REGION 15 – PRES. (2 YRS)
    - STEVEN R. JURRENS WAS RE-ELECTED
  - MSFDA – REGION 15 REPRESENTATIVE (2 YRS)
    - TOM SMITH WAS RE-ELECTED
  - MSFCA – REGION 15 REPRESENTATIVE (2 YRS)
    - STEVEN R. JURRENS WAS ELECTED
  - MSFCA – REGION 15 ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
    - NO ACTION TAKEN

10. TRAINING SEGMENT

- DO TO TIME CONSTRAINTS THE TRAINING SEGMENT FOR THE EVENING "**COMMON CRASH CAUSES & THEIR PREVENTION** – EMERGENCY VEHICLE & ROADWAY OPERATIONS" WAS NOT PRESENTED. THE POWERPOINT FILE WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT E-MAILS THAT THE REGION HAS ON FILE. DEPARTMENTS NOT IN ATTENDANCE CAN MAKE REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION FROM PRES. JURRENS VIA AN E-MAIL (JURRENS.STEVEN@MAYO.EDU)

11. MISC

- VENDORS IN ATTENDANCE PROVIDED A NUMBER OF DOOR PRIZES. TICKET NUMBERS WERE DRAWN AND DOOR PRIZES WERE DISTRIBUTED

12. RECOGNITION / THANKS

- PRES. JURRENS THANKED ALL IN ATTENDANCE FOR MAKING THE TRIP TO STEWARTVILLE. THE VENDORS FOR BRINGING THEIR WARES AND SPEAKING WITH THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. THANKS TO STEWARTVILLE FIRE AND THE STEWARTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION FOR HOSTING THE REGION. AND SPECIAL THANKS TO FIRE SAFETY USA FOR ASSISTING WITH EXPENSES OF THE EVENT.

13. **MEETING ADJOURNED** - 21:00