

MSFCA Regional Report

Report Date: June 14 2011

Region # 11 - United

Director: Dale Specken

Regional Meeting Date: Dec 14 2010

Meeting Location: Hopkins

Number of attendees: 61

Special Guests: Nyle Zikmund

Welcome: Chief Dale Specken welcomed everyone. Hopkins moved into the station in 2004. The FD covers 4.50 square miles with a population of 18,000. Day time population is about 36,000. Hopkins FD has 36 members. They have a day duty crew from 0800 – 1600 and a weekend duty crew. Mayor Gene Maxwell was not able to attend the meeting.

Program: Featured: Hopkins Asst. Chief Curt Mackey gave an overview of the Hopkins Chemical Assessment Team. They are one of the 11 teams in the State along with one ERT based in St. Paul. The incident in Bhopal India in 1984 changed the way Haz-mat incidents were handled. The teams saved FD's money by not everyone having training in Haz-mat incidents.

The team covers Hennepin, Carver, Scott, McLeod, and Renville counties. The team has to be out of the door within 15 minutes after being contacted by the State Duty Officer. They respond with a truck and trailer with 5 personnel, 2 specialist and 3 technicians. The team gathers info while reroute to the scene.

The team gathers info on the products, what are the effects, the area of concern and what needs to be done. They have various types of equipment needed for the incident. They only assist and do not take over command. The team is covered by the State's liability. There is no cost to the requesting FD.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$4,650.04. The Training brought in \$1,240. Expenses were \$859.55 with a profit of \$380.45. All dues have been paid. Waconia made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mayer, *Motion Carried.*

Reports: MSFDA Dave Esinger:

Director Esinger stated that 356 members attended the June conference. The classes were well attended as was the symposium. The new VP is Mark Rosenbloom, Secretary is Ed Hoffman. Please contact Director Esinger for any input on why you did not attend the conference or what you feel would make a better conference. The Fire Safety Account had 17 million in it. Now their might be 8 million left. Contact your legislators and advised them that the funds come from home insurance and are not tax dollars.

Dave did give a legislative update. I sent out the current report so I will not repeat this info. Dave has life time awards for 3 fire departments that will be handed out at the September meeting.

Nyle Zikmund gave a report on the IRS 990 form you filled out for non-profit status for your Relief organization. If your 501 (c) 3 status is revoked you will have to pay taxes on your income from your relief investments. So far 5,200 letters were sent out with more to be sent out. You either are a governmental unit or a non-profit but you cannot be both. If you have questions contact Dave Esinger at dlzinger@frontiernet.net or look at the MSFDA website for his contact information.

VFBA Ray Carlson: No report

State Fire Marshal: Jerry Rosendahl:

Ron Rahman stated that so far there have been 20 fire deaths. At the end of May 2010 there were 21 deaths. Ron had to investigate 16 of those deaths. Of the deaths that were not reported right away Ron had 6 of the 7. Please contact the SFM anytime you hear of a burn victim that went to a hospital. It is easier to follow up right away instead of later. Pass this info on to your ambulance service. A new fire investigator has been hired for the NE area.

Fire Marshall Rosendahl plans on doing some road trips to visit the other regions this year. The State Patrol has a new Chief Kevin Daily. The new Superintendent of the BCA is Wade Setter. 2010 Fire Minnesota is now out. Certification Board: Mark Morse is the Region 11 contact for the Certification Board. 2580 FF's took tests in 2010, 2% more than 2009. The 2012 IFSAC conference will be held in MN.

Certification Board Mark Morse:

The Certification Board has 23,000 names in their Data base. There are about 10,000 active firefighters. If you have retired or inactive firefighters please contact Teresa to have their names removed. The 2012 IFSAC conference will be held at the Crown Plaza from April 11 to 14th. 140 tests have been done so far this year compared to 100 tests in 2010. The Rescue Tech pilot test was done.

MNSCU Dan Roeglin: No report. Any questions you can contact Dan at dan.roeglin@so.mnscu.edu.

HSEM: Bruce West:

Bruce was just appointed as Executive Director of the Fire Training Board. No replacement has been named for his HSEN position. Fire Fighter license is moving ahead. You have until June 30th to be grandfathered in and pay your \$75.00 which is good for 3 years. Round 3 reimbursements process is in progress. You have until August to send in your requests. Round 4 funding will be at least 1.2 million but they are working on getting more. Nyle stated that the FSA needs all of the 17 million that is in the fund. Bruce West's e-mail and cell phone will be the same. Unknown what his office number will be. Any questions contact bruce.west@state.mn.us.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Joel McColl stated that he would work on setting up another training class for next year. No one objected

New Business:

Nyle Zikmund representing the Fire Certification Board presented an award to Greg Hayes for his 13 years of service to the Board. Greg was surprised by the award as he thought he was to present a program on the 16 Initiatives for Fire Fighter Safety.

No other info on the June conference.

Dues: Motion made by Waconia, seconded by New Germany to keep the dues the same, *Passed*

Chief George Esbensen gave an information report on the proposed Firefighter Memorial that is planned near the State Capital. The Board has the support of the MSFFA, MSFCA, and the MPFFA for the memorial. There are approximately 20,000 firefighters in Minnesota. If each FF would give a minimum of \$30 to the memorial that would give \$600,000. This would be enough to build the memorial. They will be collecting the funds until December 31, 2011. If they do not received that amount they will return all of the money to the firefighters.

The Leo A Daily firm is donating all of their time in designing the memorial. The Foundation Board will be going to all of the Regional meetings and the County Chief's meetings to present this program. A brochure will be mailed to all of the FD's in the State to get info out and the funds in. Eden Prairie FD members have donated \$60 each for \$6,000. Weekly updates will be on Facebook.

Maple Plain made a motion to give \$500 to the Foundation. Savage seconded, *Passed*.

MAJOR INCIDENTS:

Chaska FD had a deck fire along with the side of the house. Good save. St. Boni FD has had some house fires caused by low voltage transformers. People are putting higher watt light bulbs in the system. Hopkins FD assisted St. Louis Park on a 6 alarm apartment fire. Temps were in the 100 degrees. Rehab was vital and firefighters only could use one SCBA bottle and they were done. Henn. Co. Life Safety Trailer was a great asset.

INFO:

Excelsior FD Street Dance on July 15th.

St. Boni will have a Summerfest on July 23rd.

New Germany Firefighter Ball Tourney, July 29th to 31st.

NYA FD will host their 150th Stiftungsfest, last weekend in August, Parade on Sunday.

Next meeting: Jordan

Date September 13, 2011, Old Timers night.