

North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association

January 25, 2011 Lexington FD

Anoka County Fire Protection Council

January 27, 2011 SBM FD

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1. **Thank You!** All Fire Departments in Region 8, NSRMAA and Anoka County have reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office. It is Fire Marshal Jerry Rosendahl's goal to get 100% participation. We are very close.

2. **MSFCA Board Meeting**

The MSFCA Board met Saturday, January 22, 2011.

The following subjects are being studied by different committees. Act me if you would like more information on any of them.

- Fire/EMS/Safety Center information is attached.
- There will be a new Commissioner of Public Safety
- We are working on a Employer Recognition Program
- No new information on the restructuring of the board.
- We will be working on using Webinars an Video conferencing
- Continuing Education Programs for Chief Officers
- More training from Statewide Mutual aid and FAST teams
- Public Relations for the Fire Service

3. **MnFAC Already Hard at Work.**

The MnFAC Joint Legislative Committee is already hard a work trying to educate our newest Legislators and the Governor. We have a meeting with the Governors Public Safety Staff this week. Sherry Munyon and Bill Stusinski, our favorite lobbyists, are visiting all of our legislators. There will be some *action items* that will require us to contact our Senators and Representatives. Watch the Home page of the MSFCA website regularly for these calls for help. These contacts won't take much of your time and we will provide sample letters/e-mails for you to use. The MnFAC Committee meets weekly during the legislative session.

MnFAC has enjoyed the support of most of the fifteen regions over the last several years. If our organization can show some support with a cash donation it would be appreciated. Your opinion counts. Attached to my last report was an opinion sheet. I hope you filled it out and sent it back to us.

4. *MnFAC Legislative Platform*

I have attached this form to this report. It is important that this gets in the hands of every firefighter. A full color version is available at MSFCA.org. On the home page look for the legislative report dated December 21, 2010. You can download this report from there.

5. *Fire Service Day at the Capitol*

Fire Service Day at the Capitol is Thursday March 10, 2011. Registration information is also available attached to this report or on the MSFCA website.

6. *MSFCA Mutual Aid and F.A.S.T. Team*

Have you heard the news? There is going to be a flood. The Minnesota Fire Service is ready. Several of you were asked to participate last year and then got cancelled because the waters receded quicker than expected.

What will happen again this year is the command center will call the regional directors and tell them what their personell and equipment needs are. They will also give us exact dates. The region director will then call our departments and fill these needs and report back to the command center. The command center will then contact the resource direct and give them a response number and contact. They will send you home if you respond without this response number.

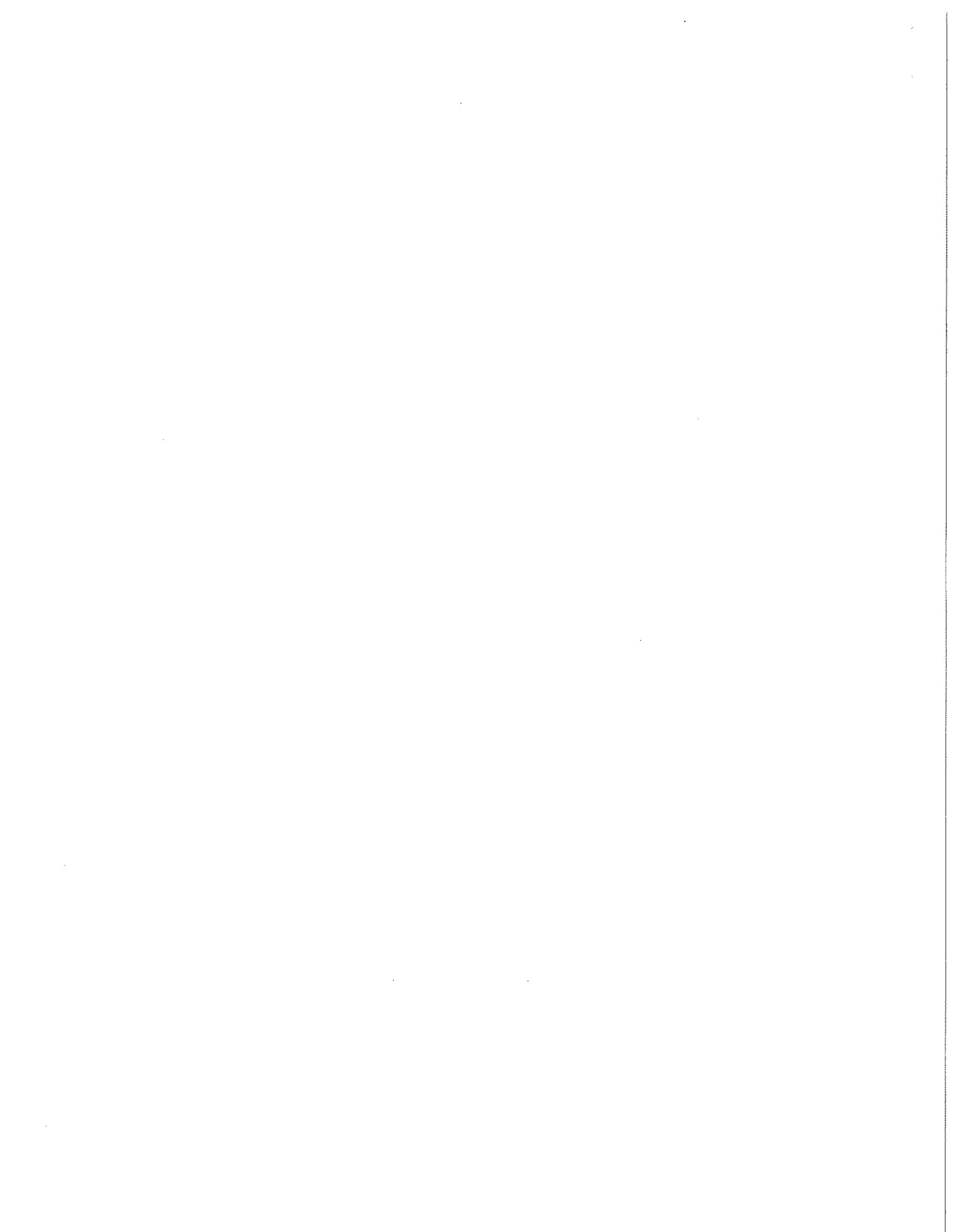
If you are interested in a deployment for your department, let me know by e-mailing me your departments contact information (name, phone, & email address). My contact information is listed above.

7. *Kitchen Fire Training Trailers*

Over the next two years there will be two more kitchen fire demonstration trailers available for use in our communities. The first one should be available in about 6 months. These are being donated by the Minnesota Insurance Fair Plan. There will be a cost to rent these and you will have to attend a Train the Trainer program to learn to operate them safely. The cost will cover the cost of updates, maintenance and insurance. Watch the website.

8. *Minnesota Fire Service Foundation Scholarship*

I have attached a copy of the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation Scholarship Application. These scholarships are for \$1,000 each. Winners are chosen by lottery.



Fire/EMS/Safety Center

What we do, Provide and Serve on List

Fire and Emergency Medical Services:

ACTIVITIES:

To be continued at the Center:

- Working with College Fire Program Managers:
 - *Assist with regional weekend fire schools when required or requested
 - *Provide emergency instructor support
 - *Assist Fire Program Managers with bi-monthly meetings
- Manage Fire Department Voucher program.
 - *Receive, process, enter and approve college invoices
 - *Work with business office on resolving questions
 - *Work with college accounting officers in resolving payment issues
 - *Answer voucher questions by mail and email from Fire departments on a daily basis
 - *Keep managers and public updated on expiration of training vouchers
 - *Manage the entry of earned vouchers by clerical staff
 - *Coordinate the printing and mailing of vouchers each year

EMS work will be done by the MRTC Staff:

- Plan Winter EMS conference
 - *Secure location
 - *Develop agenda
 - * Arrange speakers
 - *Arrange food
- Work with EMS Managers at quarterly meetings regarding ongoing EMS issues
- New EMS standards planning:
 - *Implementation into current curriculum,
 - *Introduce New Standards to Legislature in 2011,
 - *Work towards internal changes (i.e. curriculum modifications)
- Develop a referral service for our colleges with community at large for EMS programs
- Assist in OOC staff training with AED and CPR

Fire and EMS Staff-Agencies and associations work:

Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association:

- State Director is a voting member of the State Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors
- Member of the State Fire Chiefs Association's Emergency Management, Fire Codes, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Prevention / Public Education Committees

Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control:

- Member of Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control dealing with state wide issues such as residential fire sprinklers, rural fire code and enforcement issues.

- *Member of the Council's planning committee for MN State Fair Gov's Fire Prevention Day
- * Coordinated the antique apparatus section
- *Coordinate judging for Explorer scout competition and work with Explorer scouts on event

Serve as the federal point of contact and provide statewide services:

- United State Fire Administration/National Fire Academy (USFA/NFA)
 - *Apply for and coordinate the delivery of the 9 MN Direct Delivery Courses (federally funded)
 - *Apply for, fiscally manage, do required reporting and coordinate the delivery for the State Fire Training Grant (\$28,000)
 - NFA registration forms and reports
 - *Member of NFA Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) Region V-work with representatives from Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana on training issues, sharing of curriculum, curriculum development, etc.
 - *Member of the NFA Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Committee-The U. S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) has established the FESHE network of emergency services-related education and training providers to provide coordination of two- and four-year academic fire and emergency medical services (EMS) degree programs nationwide.

Part of compliance mission already:

- Campus Fire Safety Compliance Survey Visits
 - *Conduct a wall to wall walkthrough in the identified campuses,
 - *Record potential code violations,
 - *Generate compliance report with findings and recommendations.
- Advise campuses and provide recommendation on fire code issues
- Conduct NIMS Compliance training on various system campuses and the University of MN
 - *Modified curriculum to fit into the higher education setting

Department of Administration's Risk Management Division:

- Assist with annual COPE reviews of system colleges and universities (usually 13 annually)

State Fire Marshal's Campus Fire Safety Committee:

- Serve as a member of the committee
- Assist in the development of a campus fire safety brochure that will be used throughout the state's higher ed. community
- Organized the distribution of Campus Fire Safety brochures at National College Fair
- Assist in the development of a student fire safety power point for campus use

MN Incident Management Team:

- Team members

ACTIVITIES:

To be continued by Program Managers:

-College Fire Program Managers:

- *Staff issues
- *Instructor development
- *Research and develop new curriculum to be handed off to our campus fire programs (ex; Alternative Fuels, Hospital Decontamination Training)
- *M-STEP Conference and planning committee
- *MERIT Center - Commissioner on the MERIT Commission for the City of Marshall
 - representing system
- *Assist with summer fire camps
- * Developing a Fire Inspectors AA/AAS degree

-Work as liaison for vendors and instructors and college staff, bringing people with common needs/services together

-Align credits to First Responder (EMR), EMT Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic

-Research program insurance/liability coverage regarding EMS course work, students, instructor coverage

-Monitor quality of programs, pass rates in National Registry tests

-Locate continuing education opportunities for our EMS instructors

-Work with Mesabi Range and Ridgewater Colleges on paramedic accreditation process

-Work with OOC staff about military integration, program development 60/120 degree caps

Minnesota State Fire Department Association:

-Attend and present at all 15 Regional Fire Department Association Meetings at least once each year

-Member of the Education Committee for the State Fire Chiefs Association Conference

- *Attend and present at the annual conference

- *Manage the registration process

- *Provide multimedia technical support

- *Provide access to the Fire Tuition Subsidy for all conference training

Minnesota Firefighter Certification Board:

-Member of the Board

-Serve on Board Executive Committee

Minnesota Grain and Feed Association:

- Assist and instruct at annual conferences

MN Association of Townships:

-Assist with annual training

MN League of Cities:

-Attend regional meetings and assist in the development of training programs

Fire Instructors and Training Officers Assn. of MN:

- Created and used as a forum for our system instructors and fire department training officers

Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education:

- Represent the system training programs at their meetings
- Serve as the communication link between the Board and our programs

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board:

- Attend EMSRB general meetings and sub committee meetings regarding change in National Education standards
- Serve as the communication link between the Board and campus programs
- Work with training coordinator regarding colleges' accreditation progress and EMS program probationary status

Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST):

- Point of contact
- Work with the Board regarding EMS approved classes and other EMS issues

ACTIVITIES:

With no home:

- Answer emails and phone calls from both internal and external customers and find appropriate research and information
- Assist when requested for department issues such as management, budgeting, mutual aid agreements, service contracts, training, etc.
- Function as mediator for cities and township regarding fire department issues
- Assist fire departments that are involved with Charitable Gambling Rules
- Provide information from meetings of the Statewide Pension Working Group representing small volunteer Defined Contribution plans
- Work with individual fire departments and county fire department associations on various issues such as, NIMS Compliance, Burn Permit process, etc.
- Work on and update publications such as Fire Department Contracts etc.
- Attend MN Emergency Planning Committee utilizing GIS in emergency planning and act as liaison for classes in same at colleges
- Assist various counties with their tabletop and full scale exercises
- Assist ARMER Radio Board Regional Members by providing information.
- Assist the International Fire Relief Mission by provided assistance both logistically and contacts
- Assist the North Dakota Firemen's Association set up their State Fire School and State Certification System

-FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

- *Provide annual program training and assistance to communities
- *Conducted grant writing workshops to small fire departments including Web Ex presentations
- *FEMA Region V - Contact person in state for AFG

MINNESOTA FIRE SERVICE FOUNDATION

Scholarship Application

School Year 2011-2012

All sections of the application **MUST** be filled out completely

APPLICANT

Applicant's Name		Applicant's Date of Birth	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

FIREFIGHTER - (APPLICANT'S PARENT OR SPOUSE)

Firefighter's Name		Relationship to Applicant	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

Firefighter is Living
or Deceased

Date of Death if Applicant is Spouse

Firefighter is an Active - , Retired - , or Deceased - member

of which fire department: _____

SIGNATURE

I hereby state that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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The Minnesota Fire Service Foundation will award a minimum of two scholarships of \$1,000 each. One will be awarded to the child/spouse of a living firefighter and one to the child/spouse of a deceased firefighter. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available. One one application is allowed per school year.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:
Minnesota Fire Service Foundation Scholarship
1710 County Highway 10
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432



APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The **Minnesota Fire Service Foundation**, incorporated in 1985, is administered by a Board of nine people. The main purpose of this **Foundation** is to raise funds for educational scholarships.

Any year in which the fund balance of the **Minnesota Fire Service Foundation** exceeds \$3,000.00, a minimum of two scholarships of \$1000.00 each shall be awarded for college or post secondary education. One scholarship shall be awarded to a child of a deceased firefighter and a minimum of one to a child of an active or retired firefighter.

The **Foundation** may at its discretion award additional scholarships if the financial condition of the **Foundation** can support the awards. Two additional alternates will be drawn in case scholarships are not accepted by any of the original recipients.

ELIGIBILITY

Children and stepchildren of active, retired or deceased Minnesota firefighters are eligible for Foundation scholarships through the entire calendar year of reaching age twenty-eight (28).

The spouse of a deceased firefighter is eligible for a **Foundation** scholarship for a period of up to five (5) years following the death of the firefighter, starting with the calendar year following the death of the firefighter. These applicants shall be included with those applicants received from children of deceased firefighters.

APPLICATIONS

Applications may be obtained from the Secretary of the **Foundation** or from the following websites: www.msfc.org, www.msfd.org or www.mpff.org. All complete applications shall be postmarked no later than April 15 of the year it is to be awarded.

SELECTION

Selection shall be at the April Board meeting of the **Foundation**. If no applicant names have been submitted, no awards will be made that year. If more than one applicant for either of the scholarships, selection shall be made by a lottery drawing with no consideration of need. One scholarship to a child of a deceased firefighter shall be selected first. The remaining applicants of a child of a deceased firefighter shall be combined with those of a child of an active or retired firefighter to complete the selection of the scholarships to be awarded that year. Applicants selected shall be required to provide the Foundation with confirmation of their enrollment as a full time student in a college or post secondary educational institution prior to September 1 of the year awarded.

RECIPIENTS

Upon receipt of the **Recipient Form and an official document from the Registrar's Office** certifying the applicant's enrollment as a full-time student from the school they will be attending, usually in August, the scholarship check will be forwarded to the recipient's school upon Board approval. If any recipient is not eligible, refuses the scholarship or has not provided certification of enrollment prior to September 1 of the year awarded, the alternate shall be notified and given until December 1 of the year awarded, to provide certification.

THE DAILY DISPATCH

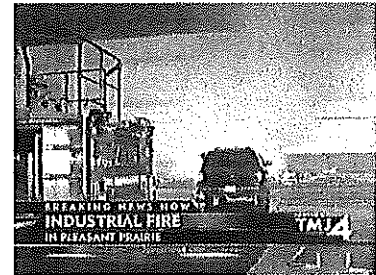
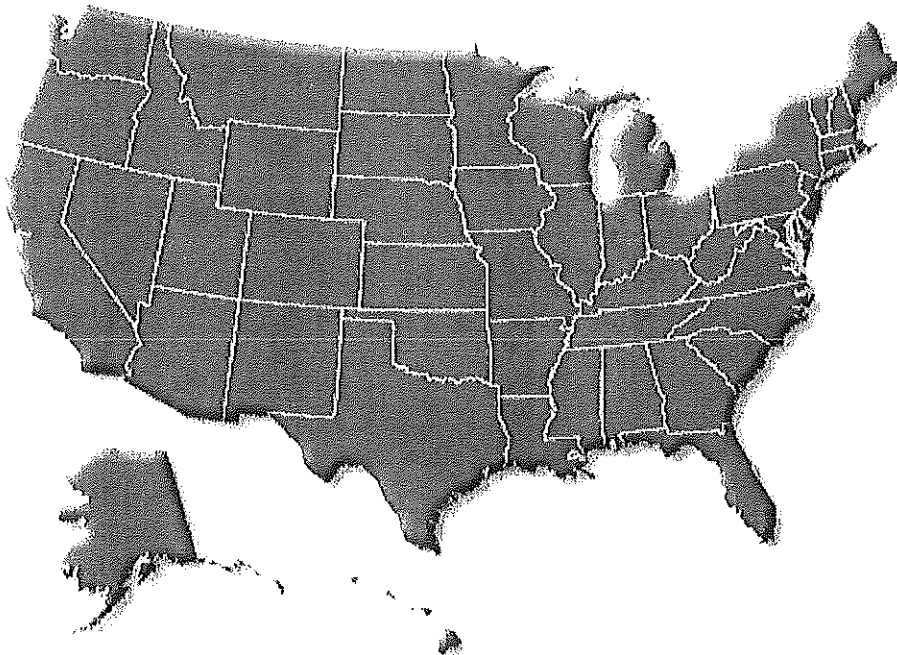
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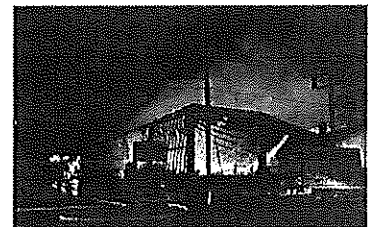
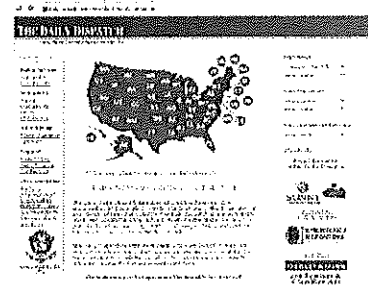


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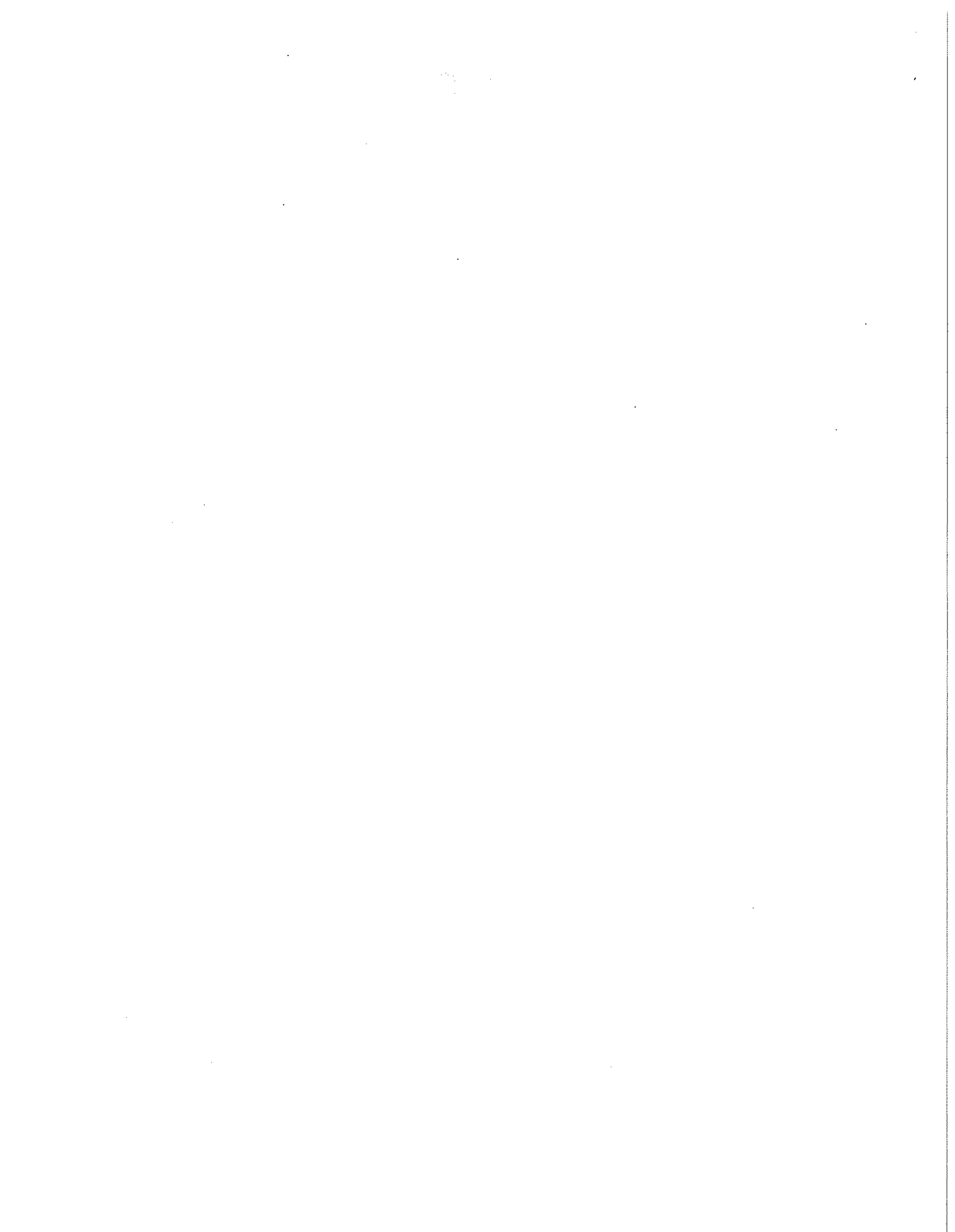


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 1433 Idaho Avenue W.
 St. Paul, MN 55108

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INVOICE



1-800-743-0911

NAME OF DEPARTMENT _____
 COUNTY _____ REGIONAL ASSOCIATION _____

FIRE CHIEF PHONE/DAY _____ PHONE/NIGHT _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

\$65.00

OTHER OFFICERS

NAME _____ RANK _____
 ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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RETIRED CHIEF or other RETIRED OFFICERS

NAME _____ RANK _____
 ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

\$40.00

USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR TITLE AND ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AT \$40.00 EACH.
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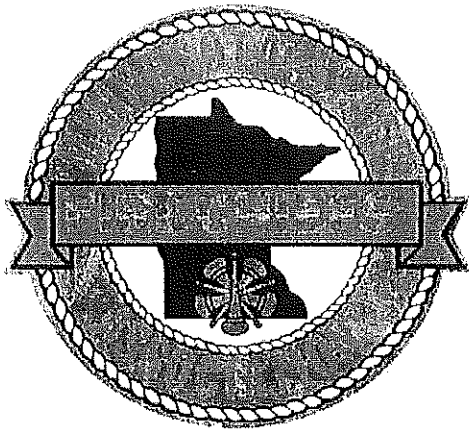
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GRAND TOTAL \$ _____



THE MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Vision, Mission and Values

MSFCA VISION

We envision a fire service focused on the safety of its members and those they serve. We envision a fire service based on innovation, cooperation and mutual respect. We strive to create a fire service that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve and exceeds the expectations of the citizens who depend on us.

MSFCA MISSION

To make this vision a reality, the MSFCA's mission is to provide proactive leadership and innovative, comprehensive continuing education while supporting current leaders and mentoring aspiring leaders of the Minnesota fire service.

MSFCA VALUES

- Proactive leadership carried out in a cooperative, informed and progressive manner.
- Supportive relationships that foster honesty and trust among current and potential members.
- Positive, productive relationships with allied agencies and associations.
- Exemplary ethical and professional standards in everyday performance.
- Using new technology, safe work practices and proper codes and standards to increase the safety of our members and the citizens they serve.
- Effective public education on what to do before, during and after an emergency in order to protect lives, homes and businesses from fire.
- Positive relationships with executive and legislative branches of government; providing information and recommendations to shape public policy.
- Diversity among our membership and the fire service throughout Minnesota.

