



Minnesota Fire Chiefs Assistance and Support Team - FAST

These teams have been developed by MSFCA to help the Minnesota fire service. Train derailments, floods, tornadoes, or any event that affects your fire department's ability to sustain pre-event fire protection levels may be the time to call for assistance. The FAST Team can provide an assessment of your capabilities, make recommendations, and find resources to provide pre-event service levels. Sometimes our firefighters need time to recuperate and rebuild their lives as well. The FAST Team is the tool to find the people to sustain day-to-day activities, while allowing your people time off to deal with their personal lives.

The MSFCA FAST Teams goal is to support fire department operations. For large or complex incident management, there are highly trained, nationally recognized incident management teams available through the Minnesota Duty Officer. These include the Dakota County Type 4 Team, Minnesota Type 3 All-hazard Team and three MNICS Type 2 Incident Management Teams.

The team is made up of highly trained and experienced fire department Chief Officers. They are from active fire departments in Minnesota and provide a wide variety of skilled backgrounds. The team is a supporting organization that can expand or contract its resources and staffing based on the request of the local fire chief.

The team is under the direction and control of the local fire chief that requests the team. The team works for local authorities and assists by providing a management structure to help coordinate resources needed to regulate a situation.

It is the intent of the MSFCA that cost should not deter activation of a FAST Team. The requesting agency should arrange meals and lodging for the Team. The requesting organization will be responsible for all cost of the FAST Teams deployment. However, the FAST Team members' home unit may choose to assume all or part of the deployment costs.

The MSFCA Emergency Management Committee is working to re-invigorate the FAST team program that has been ably served by Fire Chiefs of our Association. If you are interested in belonging to the MSFCA FAST Chief Officer cadre please fill out the form available on the web site and at the fall conference registration table.

Please drop the form off at the State Fire Marshal booth at the conference or email the completed form back to Fire Chief Scott Gerber or Ulie Seal at:

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