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**North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association
Maple Grove Fire Department
27 April 04**

Meeting Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Thompson at 7:35 PM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL 37 members present.
- D. WELCOME BY HOST CHIEF Chief Scott Anderson made welcoming remarks.
- E. PROGRAM President Thompson reported that the original program was the MPCA but they were unable to attend so then he attempted to get Casey Statz from the State Fire Marshal's Office to discuss investigations but at the last minute he was not able to attend so there will be no program this evening.
- F. AWARDS Presentation of the Mike Ackerman award was made to Kathryn Grove, Fire Marshal, SBM for her efforts in Fire Prevention and Code Development and Rick Pfeiffer, Asst. Chief, St. Anthony Fire for having been the coordinator of the Fire Safety House while it was housed in St. Anthony for 10 years.
- G. WELCOME NEW CHIEFS & GUESTS Tim Farmer introduced Tom Smith, Vice President of the MSFDA. President Thompson introduced Terry Schultz, District Chief from St. Michael and Tom Brace, Executive Secretary of the MSFCA.
- H. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST BUSINESS MINUTES AS MAILED Made by Coon Rapids and seconded by Elk River. Motion carried.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT Bill Calder handed out copies of the Financial Statement as of March 31, 2004.

J. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORTS Made by Golden Valley and seconded by West Metro. Motion carried.

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Thompson reported that the Executive Board did meet on April 7, 2004 and discussed many of the items that are on the agenda this evening.

L. SECTION REPORTS:

1. TRAINING Sarah Larson reported that this year's North Suburban School 31 Jan - 1 Feb 2004 cost the NSRMAA \$2,744.55. 47 students attended. Only 4 Departments from NSRMAA sent students. There was a long discussion of what might have gone wrong and what should be done in the future. The weekend was Super Bowl weekend, which could have affected the low attendance. The topic might not have been a high draw. Cuts in Dept. training budgets could also have been a reason. Also competing against other schools and improved individual Dept. training. Might want to look at 8-hour format rather than 12 hours.

President Thompson explained that the Executive Board redirected the focus of the TO group should be on putting together a high quality North Suburban School.

2. FIRE MARSHAL Ralph Messer handed out copies of Policies and Procedures for the use of the Fire Safety House. Ralph reported that the Anoka County Fair will be July 27 – August 1st. Looking for volunteers to man the Fire Safety House. See Ralph if you are available. Ralph also reported that a group of the Fire Marshal Division has been formed to look at Fire Safety Education. The next Fire Marshal's meeting will be 9 AM on May 25th at Rogers Fire.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Don Krueger reported that the CAT team equipment will be moving from Coon Rapids Fire to Fridley Fire on May 1st. The new equipment will not be available for a couple of years.

4. TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATES No report.

5. LEGISLATION Nyle Zikmund gave a Legislative update. (See attached.) Nyle introduced Tom Brace who attended a meeting in the Governor's office on Friday 23 April 2004 to talk about Legislative initiatives as well as a possible replacement for the Commissioner of Public Safety. Hoping to have a new Commissioner within 30 days. Names banning about are Michael Campion, Deputy Commissioner, Sheriff McGowan, and Michael Stockstead, Executive Director, MPFF. Tom also got a chance to try and support passage of the State Fire Marshal Budget in this meeting. Tom gave a plug for everyone to pay their dues to the MSFCA.

M. REGION 8 BOARD REPORTS:

1. State Fire Chiefs Association – Jim Hansen handed out a copy of his MSFCA report as well as minutes of the Joint Board Meeting of MSFDA and MSFCA that

was held in St. Cloud on Feb. 28th, 2004. (See attached.) He has been appointed to represent MSFCA on the Fire Service Foundation Board. They are trying to raise 2.5 million dollars to move the Firefighter Memorial to the State Capital grounds. The fire service needs to come up with the first \$200,000. Posters and donation cards were distributed. Bruce West announced that the 2004 Terrorism Conference would be Nov 4-5 at the Northland Inn. Reminder of the 2004 Conference in Rochester 21-24 October.

2. State Fire Departments Association – Tim Farmer introduced Thomas Smith, Vice President of MSFDA who handed out some information on Fire Grants for 2003 as well as a Report from Tom Pressler, President MSFDA. Tim Farmer handed out a copy of his Region 8 report (See attached). Tim Farmer discussed a couple of issues. One has to do with voting. Currently you have to attend the conference and pay full registration before you can vote. The consensus was that you should not have to pay a conference registration to vote. The other issue has to do with what share should the MSFDA pay for the contract lobbyist. The consensus was that MSFDA and MSFCA should pay equally. Tim Farmer has expressed his candidacy for the position of MSFDA President and would appreciate the support and vote of the NSRMAA.

- N. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT Ron Rahman, Fire/Arson Investigator reported that Nathan Kreye has left the SFM office to take a job at MAC Fire Dept. Ron will be taking over the Hennepin County area. He can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Home/Office	(507) 645-7888
Work	(651) 215-0500
Pager	(612) 539-3520
Cell	(612) 716-1654

Casey Stotts in Hutchinson will cover Wright County and Bruce McLaughlin will cover Sherburne County.

So far this year there have been 17 fatalities in the state.

- O. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES Art Widerstrom reported that George Meadows would like to make a presentation at our next meeting on burning restrictions. This spring has been a busy one with grass fires.

- P. SALVATION ARMY No report.

- Q. OLD BUSINESS Secretary Calder listed the Departments that still have not returned their signed Mutual Aid Agreements. Blank agreements will be resent to these Depts. via email.
Secretary Calder explained that we needed to vote on By Law changes allowing MSFDA and MSFCA representatives to make necessary expenditures to attend meetings within limits of their annual budgets. Motion by the Executive Board and seconded by Andover to make changes to the By Laws. Motion carried.

- R. NEW BUSINESS Election of Vice President. The Executive Board nominated John Berg. Motion made by Coon Rapids and seconded by Elk River to close nominations and cast a white ballot for John Berg. Motion carried.

- S. **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION** Announcement was made that Chief Joel Hewitt will be leaving St. Anthony to take become Fire Chief in Morehead on 1 July. Chief Anderson wondered why there was no mention of our Mutual Aid Agreement in the By Laws. President Thompson will bring this up at the next Executive Board meeting. Chief Alexon announced that there is an opening for a Fire Inspector at West Metro fire. Chief Gasaway announced that he has been surveying metro fire depts. for the past 3 years and if anyone is interested in a copy of the survey email him at rich.gasaway@ci.roseville.mn.us
- Announcement was made that Bert Emerson, age 57, a member of the New Brighton Fire Dept. passed away on 25 April.
- Secretary Calder announced that NSRMAA had 3 winners in the MSFCA Poster contest. Coon Rapids Fire Dept. had a Grade 4-5 winner and Maple Grove and West Metro had honorable mentions.
- Chief Zikmund reported that the State Fire Marshal Division is in the process of adopting the 2003 IFC. The MSFCA Code Committee will be giving feedback to the State Fire Marshal as well as reviewing NFPA 1. A big issue is what to do about sprinklering R3s. The next meeting will be June 17th. Nyle would like to see another Chief replace retired Kevin McGinty who used to serve on that committee.
- Tom Brace announced that Saturday, 1 May from 8AM-4PM there would be a swap meet at the new Fire Museum at 664 22nd Ave NE.
- Secretary Calder reported that our website has been deactivated and our webmaster is nowhere to be found. Looking for a new webmaster as well as a new website.
- T. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion was made by Golden Valley and seconded by Elk River to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by:

Bill Calder
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 27 July 2004
Medicine Lake Fire Department