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**North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association
Medicine Lake Fire Department
27 July 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 25 members present.
- D. WELCOME BY HOST CHIEF Chief Jack Garberg made welcoming remarks.
- E. PROGRAM President Thompson introduced George Meadows, Information/Prevention Officer, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources Forestry who spoke on Open Burning Permits and the fact that a new electronic permit is being designed. George also handed out a Fire Permitting Survey form (See attached) for Depts. to complete and fax back to him at 651-215-1221 or 651-196-5954.
- F. AWARDS None.
- G. WELCOME NEW CHIEFS & GUESTS Dave Ganfield, Secretary, Minnesota State Fire Dept. Association was introduced. Dave Gustafson, Golden Valley Fire Dept. introduced himself. Bonnie Bleskachek, interim Chief, Minneapolis Fire Dept. was introduced.
- H. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST BUSINESS MINUTES AS MAILED Made by West Metro and seconded by Columbia Heights. Motion carried.
- I. TREASURER'S REPORT Bill Calder explained that the Financial Statement as of 6/30/04 would be mailed with the meeting minutes.

J. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORTS NA.

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Thompson reported that the Executive Board did meet on July 7, 2004 and discussed many of the items that are on the agenda this evening. President Thompson also reported that there was another meeting on June 27th to discuss the North Suburban School.

L. SECTION REPORTS:

1. TRAINING Sarah Larson reported that next year's North Suburban School on Developing Fireground Expertise will be on Saturday, Feb 19th. (See attached brochure and registration form.) The school will be limited to 200 attendees.

2. FIRE MARSHAL President Thompson reported that Ralph Messer was unable to attend the meeting but he did want to mention that there is still one slot (Sat. July 31 5-9PM) available for the Anoka County Fair running the Fire Safety House. The next Fire Marshal's meeting will be 9 AM on August 31st at Roseville Fire. Governor's Fire Safety Day at the Minnesota Fair will be August 27th.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS No report.

4. TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATES No report.

5. LEGISLATION Jim Hansen handed out a listing of the Minnesota Joint Fire Legislative Committee Potential Initiatives for 2005 (See attached.)

M. REGION 8 BOARD REPORTS:

1. State Fire Chiefs Association – Jim Hansen handed out a copy of his MSFCA report (See attached.) The 2004 Terrorism Conference will be Nov 4-5 at the Northland Inn. Reminder of the 2004 MSFCA Conference in Rochester 20-23 October. Gordon Graham will be the featured speaker. MSFCA is looking for a new webmaster for their website. The Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board has a website at www.msfc.org.

2. State Fire Departments Association – Jim Hansen handed out a copy of Tim Farmer's Region 8 report (See attached). President Thompson shared a concern that Tim Farmer had with the MSFDA President Pressler about not being appointed to the Legislative Committee and the Training Committee. MSFDA President Pressler was invited to this meeting but was out of town so Dave Ganfield is in attendance. According to Dave this is an issue between Tim and Tom and they need to sit down and work it out. If Tim has any training ideas he can still share them with the committee even though he is not on the committee.

N. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT No report.

O. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES Art Widerstrom reported that this is the 60th anniversary of Smokey the Bear. The DNR would be available for Fire Dept. Open Houses.

- P. OLD BUSINESS Secretary Calder listed the Departments that still have not returned their signed Mutual Aid Agreements. Some Depts. belong to more than one Mutual Aid group and they don't know which fee agreement to follow. There is a push on to come up with a statewide mutual aid agreement. It is one of the Initiatives for 2005. Secretary Calder reported that he has gotten a proposal for development of a new professional site for the North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association. It is from MLT Group out of Rochester, MN. They have programmed and designed the MN Crime Prevention Association website www.mncpa.net. The total cost to set it up would be \$2,300.00 that would include training us to keep it updated. The Executive Board will review the proposal and report back to the membership in Oct.
- Q. NEW BUSINESS Dick Phinney reported that Anoka/Champlin has received the Region 8 Decon Trailer. He is working out all of the procedural bugs. He will contact Mpls Fire about being on the program for the October meeting.
- R. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION Judy Thill reported that Maple Grove Fire is hiring a Fire Inspector/Fire Inspector Trainee. Judy also reported that the State Fire Marshal has been meeting with the State Patrol on Highway Safety issues. There will be a Highway Coordination meeting on August 5th, 1PM at MNDOT Roseville.
- S. ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Golden Valley and seconded by Columbia Heights to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Bill Calder
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 26 October 2004
Minneapolis Fire Department