

ALBERTVILLE	ELK RIVER	OSSEO
ANDOVER	FRIDLEY	PLYMOUTH
ANOKA/CHAMPLIN	GOLDEN VALLEY	RAMSEY
BIG LAKE	HAMEL	ROBBINSDALE
BROOKLYN CENTER	HANOVER	ROGERS
BROOKLYN PARK	HAM LAKE	ROSEVILLE
CENTENNIAL	MAPLE GROVE	ST. ANTHONY
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	MEDICINE LAKE	ST. MICHAEL
COON RAPIDS	MINNEAPOLIS	SBM
DAYTON	NEW BRIGHTON	WEST METRO
EAST BETHEL	OAK GROVE	

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**North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association
Minneapolis Fire Department
26 October 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 31 members present.
- D. WELCOME BY HOST CHIEF Asst. Chiefs Ulie Seal and Jim Clack made welcoming remarks.
- E. PROGRAM Mpls Fire Dept. showed off their new apparatus.
- F. AWARDS None.
- G. WELCOME NEW CHIEFS & GUESTS Mick Niess, Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator, Anoka Technical College
- H. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST BUSINESS MINUTES AS MAILED Made by Fridley and seconded by West Metro. Motion carried.
- I. TREASURER'S REPORT Pete Jaroscak handed out the Financial Statement as of 9/30/04.
- J. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORTS Made by Coon Rapids and seconded by Elk River. Motion carried.

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Thompson reported that the Executive Board did meet on October 6, 2004 and discussed many of the items that are on the agenda this evening.

L. SECTION REPORTS:

1. TRAINING Sarah Larson reported that next year's North Suburban School on Developing Fireground Expertise is going okay. So far there are 25 applicants. (See attached brochure and registration form.) The school will be limited to 200 attendees.

2. FIRE MARSHAL Ralph Messer reported that the Fire Safety House has seen a lot of activity this year. Any ideas for improvement of the Fire Safety House will be greatly appreciated.

Mick Niess reported that the MSFCA Pub Ed Committee has purchased a 15x15x20 ft Fire Safety Jumper in the shape of a Dalmation. Motion made by Elk River and seconded by West Metro to donate \$500 to fund the Safety Jumper. Motion carried. Check should be made to the MN State Fire Chief's Association.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS No report.

4. TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATES Mick Niess reported that Anoka Technical College is working with MSFCA, MARAC and the League of Minnesota Cities to offer a course on Relief Associations and benefits.

Mick also reported on the upcoming Terrorism Symposium Nov. 4-5. There will be a Thursday evening presentation on the Chechnya Rebels School takeover in Beslan, Russia. Nextel has agreed to fund a dinner that evening.

Anoka and Hennepin Technical Colleges have invited Chief Alan Brunacini to speak at the 2005 Minnesota State Fire School April 29, 30 and May 1st .

5. LEGISLATION No report.

M. REGION 8 BOARD REPORTS:

1. State Fire Chiefs Association – Jim Hansen handed out a copy of his MSFCA report (See attached.) Jim reported that dues for Chief Officers is going up \$10 per year. All others will increase \$5 per year.
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