

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	

**North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association  
Plymouth Fire Department  
26 April 05**

Meeting Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Thompson at 7:30 PM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL 30 members present.
- D. WELCOME BY HOST CHIEF Chief Rick Kline made welcoming remarks.
- E. PROGRAM Capts. Tom Evanson and Dave Dreeland, Plymouth Fire Dept. shared some of the lessons they have learned about firefighter safety and survival and Rapid Intervention.
- F. AWARDS Vice President Berg announced that the recipient of the 2004 Mike Ackerman award is Chief Charlie Thompson for all of his contributions to the Fire Service and NSRMAA.
- G. WELCOME NEW CHIEFS & GUESTS Gary Gorman, recently appointed Chief of Columbia Heights Fire was introduced.
- H. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST BUSINESS MINUTES AS MAILED Made by Fridley and seconded by Elk River. Motion carried.
- I. TREASURER'S REPORT Secretary/Treasurer Calder handed out copies of a listing of check written in 2004 as well as the financial statement as of 31 Dec 2004. He also handed out copies of the 2005 Operating Budget and the financial statement as of 31 Mar 2005. The total worth of NSRMAA as of 31 Mar 2005 should have read \$33,091.54 Big Lake, Brooklyn Center, Oak Grove, Osseo, Plymouth, and St. Michael have yet to pay their 2005 Dues.

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

Made by Coon Rapids

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Thompson reported that the Executive Board did meet on April 6, 2005 and discussed many of the items that are on the agenda this evening.

L. SECTION REPORTS:

1. TRAINING Sarah Larson gave a report on the North Suburban School. 117 evaluations were completed and they were all very positive. 144 students attended. 27 Fire Depts. sent students. 13 of these Depts. belonged to NSRMAA and sent 95 students. The school cost the Association \$300. Sarah reported that Gordon Graham is being considered for next year's North Suburban School. His presentation on Risk Management will be geared to the firefighter level.

Sarah Larson has been working on setting up a new NSRMAA website. We now have a mock up and will be having a meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> to finalize what it will look like. Sarah handed out here business card with her email address and asked that Depts. send her information such as training schedules, lesson plans etc. to be included on the website. Her email address is [slarson@cigolden-valley.mn.us](mailto:slarson@cigolden-valley.mn.us).

2. FIRE MARSHAL Ralph Messer reported that he would be sending out information and reservation packets for the Fire Safety House. It will be going out beginning in May.

Ralph reported that the next NSRMAA Fire Marshal Division meeting will be May 31<sup>st</sup> at West Metro Fire Rescue District.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Tim Farmer reported that the Hopkins and North Metro trailers are in.

4. TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATES No report.

5. LEGISLATION Jim Hansen reported that the Fire Service Surcharge bill has died for this year. The pension study is still alive. Highway Safety programs are doing well however there is no monies for them. The check off bill for the Memorial is not looking good.

M. REGION 8 BOARD REPORTS:

1. State Fire Chiefs Association – Jim Hansen handed out a copy of his report (See attached.) Jim announced the Safe Escape House is for sale. New website is up and running thanks to Tim Farmer and others. Tim gave a short video presentation on the website. Bruce West explained why the State Fire Chief's Association decided to break away from the Joint Council. There is a philosophical difference between MPFF, MSFDA and MSFCA on how they see the Joint Council. MSFCA sees it as being informational, whereas MPFF and MSFDA see it as drafting language for bills etc.
2. State Fire Departments Association – Tim Farmer handed out a copy of his report (See attached). Tim also reported on the problems he has been having being the Region 8 Rep to MSFDA. He explained that if need be he would step down and

someone else could be elected to be the Region 8 Rep, Motion made by Maple Grove and seconded by Elk River to support Tim Farmer as Region 8 Rep to MSFDA. Motion carried unanimously.  
Tim reminded everyone that the MSFDA Conference would be in Grand Rapids, June 8-11.

- N. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT No report.
- O. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES No report.
- P. OLD BUSINESS
1. MABAS - President Thompson asked that Dana Alexon get a committee together to carry on with the work already done when Dick Phinney, Mark Munson, Richard Gasaway and Dana were a committee.
  2. Mike Ackerman award. Vice President Berg reported that he is looking for some history on the early beginnings of the Mike Ackerman award. Mark Kuhnley gave a little history of how the award came about but suggested that someone try to get hold of Tom Sipe, Jim Driste, Doug Freeby or Bill Reimer.
- Q. NEW BUSINESS
1. Call Tree/Staff Directories - Secretary Calder mention that in order to get ready for putting information on the new website it would be important to get current up to date information from each member Dept. He will email everyone with what information is available on his or her Dept. and ask that it be updated and emailed back.
  2. Resource Survey - Secretary Calder reported that the same holds true for the resource survey that Dick Phinney had been working on. A copy of the survey will be emailed to each Dept. to update and email back.
  3. By Laws - President Thompson reported that there were some changes to the By Laws allowing alternate reps to the MSFCA and MSFDA as well as budgeting for expenses reps incur representing Region 8. A vote on these changes will be held in July.
- R. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION Gary Hendrickson, Plymouth Fire introduced himself. He is employed with the State of Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management. He has met with President Thompson about putting together some SOGs, baseline-training videos having to do with the Region 8 Decon trailer which is being house at Anoka/Champlin Fire Dept. Suggestion was made that the Decon trailer as well as the North Metro Haz Mat trailer should be shown at our next meeting in Ramsey.
- S. ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Golden Valley and seconded by Fridley to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Bill Calder  
Secretary/Treasurer

# **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, 26 July 2005  
Ramsey Fire Department