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**North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association
Big Lake Fire Department
October 30, 2007**

Meeting Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by President Berg at 7:30 PM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL 32 members present.
- D. WELCOME BY HOST CHIEF Chief Tony Eisinger made welcoming remarks.
- E. PROGRAM Fire Education/Fire Prevention by Shelby Wolf, West Metro Fire District. The Minnesota Fire Prevention Group was organized to help with fire prevention ideas. They meet quarterly (1st Monday of the month) at 10:30. They go over fire prevention ideas, school programs, safety camp ideas, and provide a better guideline for educational programs. For more information on meeting location and dates you can contact Shelby at swolf@westmetrofire.com.
- F. AWARDS The Mike Ackerman Award is being dropped due to lack of interest. In the future a member can be nominated at anytime for service deserving recognition.
- G. WELCOME NEW CHIEFS & GUESTS None
- H. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST BUSINESS MINUTES AS E-MAILED Made by Elk River and seconded by Andover. Motion carried.
- I. TREASURER'S REPORT See Attached.
- J. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT AS E-MAILED Made by Columbia Heights and second by Anoka/Champlin.

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Berg reported that the Executive Board met on October 4th and discussed various things on the agenda for this meeting. One idea is to have politicians for legislative information come in at the January meeting to go over different items coming up in this years legislation.

L. SECTION REPORTS:

1. TRAINING The NSRMAA School will be Sunday, February 17, 2008. Billy Goldfeder will talk about Firefighters Scared Straight! Not Everyone Goes Home.... This is rumored to be Sarah's last school. We need someone to step up and take over for her soon as we need to start thinking about reservations for FDIC for training ideas. Please contact John Berg at bergj@ci.fridley.mn.us if interested.
2. WEB SITE Joel Ostmoie from the Columbia Heights Fire Department will be taking over the web site.
3. FIRE MARSHAL The use of the Safe Escape House is being coordinated by Ralph Messer in Fridley. You may call Ralph (763/572-3621) or use the NSMAA website to make reservations for its use. He is currently looking for a winter home to store it – let him know if you have any ideas. Various repairs have been made to it, if you encounter any problems when using it please let him know. The Fire Marshal's holiday party will be at Champs in New Brighton on December 11th at 11:00 am. Poster Winners will be presented at the Anoka/Champlin Fire Department. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm with the program starting at 6:00 pm.
4. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Haz-Mat trailers in quarantine. Status should be on the Minnesota Fire Chief's web site by mid week. CAT Teams have been funded for 2 more years.
5. TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATES M-STEP will be held November 13 and 14 in Brooklyn Park. For further information: www.m-step.com. The spring schedule is posted on the website. Mailings will go out within the next couple of weeks.
6. LEGISLATION Looking for Top Priority Items. Sheets were passed around to get the top priority ideas for this legislative session.

M. REGION 8 BOARD REPORTS:

1. State Fire Chiefs Association – Bruce West thanked everyone in attendance. Board meeting with Dept. of Public Safety is looking at training local, regional, and state-wide and want a regional training center. Camp Ripley was toured for this purpose. They can house over 250 people, have plenty of support staff, and centrally located. We have a 20 million dollar grant for infrastructure for hydrants and possibly a burn tower, and items for collapse rescue. They would also like to put together a mock disaster drill like a train derailment. The goal is to be free (except for paying wages). They would cover room, board, mileage, and classes. The magazine is looking for ideas for their upcoming issues. Dues will stay the

same and finances are doing well. Next board meeting is Jan. 20th. Bruce will end his run as President and Bob Brown of Chisholm will take over with Marty Scheerer of Edina as Vice-President.

2. State Fire Departments Association –Charlie Thompson and Dan Winkel shared the floor for this report. March 6, 2008 is Fire Service Day at the Capitol, June 5-7th is the Firefighter’s Conference in Alexandria. Dan presented the MSFDA stance at the National Volunteer Fire Council. They faced a challenge by another organization and gave a 15 minute presentation to the committee. The NVFC recommended to keep the MSFDA as the representative. The other organization can again challenge in 3 years. The financials are doing better and the fiscal year will now follow the calendar year. Bruce thanked Dan on behalf of the MSFCA for all his hard work at the NVFC.

N. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT None.
O. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES None.

P. OLD BUSINESS None.

Q. NEW BUSINESS Need to update the calling tree. Please get officer information you want posted on the web to Tim Snyder at tsnyder17@yahoo.com as soon as you can after things are set for 2008.

R. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION John Piper stepped down as the Chair of the Fire Marshals Assn. and Dave Brueder is the new Chair. Anyone interested in a skid mount unit or a walk in rescue, contact John Berg at bergj@ci.fridley.mn.us.

S. ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Columbia Heights and seconded by West Metro to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Submitted by:

Tim Snyder
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Anoka/Champlin Fire Department
Poster Awards