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North Suburban Fire Marshals Association Ramsey Fire Department February 24, 2004

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

President Ralph Messer called the regular meeting to order at 9:25am. Twenty inspectors, marshals, chiefs and educators were present representing 16 different fire agencies.

B. Welcome by Host Department

Jerry Streich welcomed everyone to the City of Ramsey. Over 300 acres are currently being developed in the city, which will include a new city hall, several large office buildings and a 75,000 square foot school. Ramsey Fire Department has a full-time chief, Dean Kapler, a full-time inspector, Jerry Streich, and 40 paid-on-call firefighters.

C. Educational Session

None.

D. Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Keith Flermoen and seconded by Bill Calder to approve the last meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried and President Messer accepted the minutes dated December 9, 2003.

E. Fire Safety House Report

Larry Trapp of Advance Co. in Fridley received a plaque for providing new carpeting in the house. Thanks Larry! A few minor repairs have been made and the house is ready to go for the summer. Please be sure to complete the inspection forms when using the house. If you wish to reserve the house contact Charlie Thompson at St. Michael Fire Dept.

F. State Fire Marshals Office Report

Pat Sheehan informed the group that next year will be the 100th anniversary of the State Fire Marshals Office. He also informed everyone that the SFM Office continues to face severe budget cuts. With severe staffing shortages services are being cut back and some requests are being turned down. The SFM Office is committed to responding to the needs of fire departments, but there may be significant delays in responding to inquiries. Please support the SFM by attending budget hearings at the state legislature in uniform. You're encouraged to testify about services your department needs from the SFM Office.

G. Code Committee Report

Jon Nisja is the Code Development coordinator. He is currently working with the State Building Codes Division. They are hoping for a March 5th adoption of both codes and aiming for code training courses around July 5th.

H. New Inspectors or Marshals

None.

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

New Brighton Fire Department has joined the North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association. Welcome New Brighton!

There was discussion about the establishment of a public fire education sub group. West Metro, Maple Grove, Brooklyn Park, and SBM Fire all support this. FMAM and MSFCA have public educator groups. Is there enough interest to support a local NSRMAA public educator group? Should public education and fire investigation be part of the existing fire marshal group or be separate groups? Connie Forster, public educator with SBM Fire, offered to arrange a round table discussion with educators from other departments and associations to determine if enough interest exists to pursue this. They will hold this meeting 9:30am - 11:00am on March 30th at New Brighton Fire. President Messer will contact Dan Bernardy and have him sit in, also. One of the many topics discussed will be identifying resources other than the National Fire Council for obtaining good public fire education materials.

Harlan Lundstrom, phone 763-786-4436, is teaching Fire & Life Safety Educator 1 & 2 classes starting March 9th. The cost is \$250.

Aero-K would like to do an educational session on new chemical extinguishing systems. Vice President LaMotte will contact them and have them make a presentation 9:00am - 9:30am on March 30th at New Brighton Fire.

Randy Kurtz informed the group about a problem they are seeing in Plymouth. A multi-housing coalition group that does residential inspection for crime free certification has been making recommendations to residents that violate the fire and building codes. Their home survey recommendations include adding double-keyed deadbolts, bars on egress windows, etc. No one knows what kind of training these home survey people are getting. He encourages you to identify who is

doing the crime free certification inspections in your community and to educate them on the code requirements. President Messer will contact whoever is training these people and set up a meeting to discuss code requirements.

K. Good of the Association

Shelby Wolf from West Metro had a baby on Jan 25th. Emma Marie arrived around 12:15am. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!!

L. Adjournment

No further business appearing, a motion was made by Jerry Streich and seconded by Randy Kurtz to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and President Messer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NEXT MEETING

Rogers Fire Department
9:00am on Tuesday May 25th

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

To Be Announced