

**FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes**

**June 17, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

League of Minnesota Cities  
145 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55103

<b>P</b>	Bob Johnson <i>Chair</i> Insurance Federation of MN	<b>P</b>	Don Smiley MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA)
<b>P</b>	Steve Zaccard Fire Marshals Assoc. of MN / International Assoc. of Arson Investigators-MN Chapter	<b>P</b>	Chris Parsons MN Professional Firefighters Assoc. (MPFF)
<b>P</b>	Rick Loveland MN Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. (MPFF)	<b>A</b>	Mark Rosenblum MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA)
<b>A</b>	Sue Iverson League of Cities	<b>P</b>	Mark Dunaski MN Department of Public Safety - Commissioner Designee
<b>P</b>	William Goede League of Cities	<b>P</b>	Mark Kulda Alternate Member
<b>P</b>	Jim Fisher MN Assoc. of Townships	<b>P</b>	George Esbensen MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA)

Guests:

Marv Calvin – MNSCU  
Bruce West – MN State Fire Marshal  
Steve Flaherty – Director MBFTE  
Kevin Sedivy - MBFTE  
Larry Freund – DPS Chief Financial Officer  
Sherry Munyon – Fire Service Lobbyist  
Kevin Reed – HSEM  
Margaret Koele – FSAC Committee Staff Administrator  
Kathryn Weeks – Director of Legislative Affairs  
David Schlieck – Certification Board Chair  
Ulie Seal – Bloomington Fire Chief  
Craig Essig – Task Force One Representative

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**Call to order**

- Meeting called to order 9:57 a.m.

**Acceptance of today's agenda**

- Agenda was accepted as written.

**Approval of March 18, 2015 minutes as written**

- Minutes accepted as written.

**New Business**

- FSA Balance
  - Total collected balance through May 2015 is \$12,622,900.79
- 2014 and 2015 are the first two years of the .50 factor for collection. The original collection starting the Fire Service Advisory account was .65, which was changed July 1, 2013.
- 2015 Legislative Session
  - Chapter 65 (S.F.878) Courts, Public Safety Funding Bill
    - Sherry Munyan replied funding had been adjusted and was reduced on salary benefits from the State Fire Marshal Division. There was a short fall in appropriation that was for the Fire Marshal Division to hire additional staff. The language was changed to allow the Commissioner to change the base.
    - Bob Johnson replied that decisions for appropriation of funds can now be made without waiting for the Legislator approval.
    - Mark Dunaski asked if that could be open-ended on the language to appropriate the funds. Sherry Munyan replied there are three different policies within the omnibus bill. The language was specific to the 2.5 million dollars and there is additional language for the future appropriations.
  - Chapter 62 (S.F. 1215) Prohibit use Certain Flame Retardant Chemicals
    - Chris Parsons reported the flame retardant bill has passed for four chemicals, along with two applications on upholstery furniture and children products. This bill starts on July 1, 2019 which means businesses cannot manufacture or sell products with these chemicals. Department of Health will be doing a study regarding the cancer research. Dr. Shaw has a more intensive study that will take about 2 ½ million dollars. Chris Parsons will continue to keep the committee updated on any further issues.
- The Minnesota Certification Board presentation (David Schliek)
  - Davie Schliek, Certification Board Chair, made a presentation regarding a request on behalf of the Certification Board.

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- The Certification Board would like to request an annual appropriation of \$100,000 - \$200,000 to help with operation costs. This would help reduce the test fee base.
  - Mark Dunaski wanted to clarify if there are 1800 tests then \$180,000 of the Fire Service Advisory account appropriated to MBFTE is going toward the Certification Board for certification FF1 & FF2. The departments can use their training award dollars toward fees that are not budgeted in the NFPA funding allotment. George Esbensen commented that their department covers the fees for the certification, which the cost increase affects their budgets. David Schliek commented approximately \$30,000 had come in from recertification. Approximately 70% of what comes from MBFTE funds the certification board.
  - Bob Johnson would like this moved for discussion at the next meeting.
- St Paul Fire Presentation for Water Rescue Training Discussion on last meeting presentation
  - Bob Johnson moved to discuss this at the next meeting
- August FSAC Meeting (next scheduled is September 9 and December 9)

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- Rick Loveland would like to have the needs assessment information presented at the next meeting to discuss where are all the funds going and is it benefiting the state
- Mark Dunaski mentioned having a strategic plan and make sure that the requests for funding fall within that plan
- Discuss funding requests that were presented
- FY16 allocations
- August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. special meeting

**Old Business**

- Rail & Pipeline Safety Law Update
  - Mark Dunaski commented Ethanol would be included to the training
  - Kevin Reed commented that they have gotten 1/3 identified departments trained in this three year project. Will make it to 300 trained departments within the three years.
    - HSEM has two full time people in the field training

**Other Business**

- No other business

**Adjourn**

- 11:09 a.m. adjourned meeting