

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

Elk River Fire Department Station #2
 13073 Orono Parkway
 Elk River, MN 55330

P	Bob Johnson <i>Chair</i> Insurance Federation of MN	P	Don Smiley MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA)
P	Kip LaMotte Fire Marshals Assoc. of MN / International Assoc. of Arson Investigators-MN Chapter	P	Chris Parsons MN Professional Firefighters Assoc. (MPFF)
P	Rick Loveland MN Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. (MPFF)	P	Mark Rosenblum MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA)
P	Mark Windschitl League of MN Cities	P	BJ Jungmann <i>Vice Chair</i> MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA)
P	Lisa Laliberte League of MN Cities	P	Ed Hoffman MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA)
P	Jim Fisher MN Assoc. of Townships	P	Robert Hawkins Commissioner Designee

Guests: Dave Schliek (MFSCB), Jon Nisja (SFMD), Steve Flaherty (MBFTE), Tim Oland (DNR), Kevin Reed (HSEM), Mike Dobesh (MnFire), Paul Seleski (MFSCB), Don Smiley (MCFCA), Larry Freund (MN DPS), Maddison Zikmund (SBM Fire/NMCAT), Tom Schmitz (Edina Fire/MN-TF 1), Mark DuCharme (East Bethel/MnFire), Margaret Koele (FSAC Admin) and Sherry Munyon (MnFAC)

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Call to order – Chair Bob Johnson - 10:03 called to order

- Acceptance of agenda
 - Agenda approved as written
- Approval of June 6, 2018 minutes as written
 - Minutes approved as written

New Business

- FSA & Firework Balance - State Fire Marshal Bruce West
 - \$13,722,744.84 FSA balance
 - \$30,174.53 Fireworks balance
 - FY18 \$7.6 million above budget in the account
 - Larry Freund (MN DPS) recommends to keep \$2 million in the account leaving \$5.6 million available for one time reallocation
- One time appropriation requests discussion
 - Budget discussion
 - HSEM – answer if a risk assessment has been done (MAD study reducing the number of teams)
 - Is there any reduction of teams being discussed, per the MAD Study
 - Response from HSEM is to stay with 11 teams, there is a plan to reduce ERT, but not for another 4 years
 - SFMD – why include paper exam reports vs all software request
 - No further changes to the request for funding, using paper as a backup to online if ever an issue with software
 - MBFTE will pull mental health request, if MnFire request approved
 - MBFTE - Basic Firefighter funding request to possibly mandate that certification exams be passed for funding to be reimbursed
 - Per Steve Flaherty, Executive Director commented that the Training Committee meets tomorrow and if this committee puts a mandate for the pass of certification the board would support it
 - The MSFDA has reached out to their members and they feel it is important that the test should be passed for reimbursement
 - The question arose if someone fails what are the steps
 - Theresa Zikmund, (MFSCB) commented individuals can retest as many times as they need, but there is a \$25 fee after a second

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test. They do not need to take the course again

- MBFTE – FFI & FFII Instructor training not sure it meets the mission of the committee by funding private instructors, possibly on board with only offering within a department
 - Rick Loveland commented that we should hold off on this and the departments use their award dollars and possibly use the funding toward the leadership or conferences in the board budget
- ***Rick Loveland motioned to approve the two line items for the SFMD to meet statutory requirements, motioned had a second, Motion carried***
- DNR Virtual Reality Simulator Training
 - Tim Oland explained that there is more complexity in the program for urban areas, as well as rural areas, for wild land fire scenarios
 - Bob Johnson asked how does this fit in for the future for the fire service
 - Rick Loveland commented it was originally presented that it would be three systems with different locations around the state and this sounds like one system and not training as many people as thought originally. Big investment for small return
 - The committee asked if they get certified after taking this training
 - Tim Oland said it gives them training not increased certification. The fire study referenced the request for virtual reality training, which this would address the need for in Minnesota. This is one portable unit that can be transported around the state similar to the Fire Marshal Division training trailers
 - The committee asked about how many can be trained at one time
 - Tim Oland responded that it is portable and it can do 2-3 people per scenario but you need to have increased internet connections
 - The committee asked if Minneapolis and St Paul would use this

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- Tim Oland said Minneapolis and Task Force One have worked with DNR on this and it could be used for their training. This type of scenario simulator is being used at the airport. This is more of an urban interface module with new scenarios coming out each year
 - The committee asked about the subsequent software year costs
- Tim Oland does not have that information, but thinks that is part of the cost of the initial proposal
 - The committee asked if they could buy with just wild land and then purchase the other stuff at another date
- Tim Oland personally has not asked the company and assumes they could, but there is many structural firefighters helping on wild land fires that it is a way to train them so they are skilled to fight these type of fires
 - BJ Jungmann said when the presentation was done it was suggested for the sectional schools not going around to departments
- Tim Oland said the original presentation was for a stand-alone unit and this is more for a portable unit. It would be tailored to meet the customer needs
 - Kip LaMotte asked how many modules does it have right now for purchase today
- Tim Oland replied three portable units, software and the plan. Modules are active shooter, car accident, single family structural fire, high rise fire, hazmat and urban interface modules
 - BJ Jungmann asked about \$35000 annual maintenance is this a request that will be asked of this committee each year or will DNR be picking that up
- Tim Oland has no answer to that question
 - BJ Jungmann asked if there is a cost to departments to ask for this training to come to their department
- Tim Oland replied that this is a partnership and there should not be a cost and we will do what is best for the fire service, but cannot answer directly on the question

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- BJ asked if SFMD has the band width to take this training out. Bruce West replied that SFMD is not going to take this on, may have a fire service specialist help, out but not take it on
- Tim Oland replied they will have 6 specialists to take the training out as needed and will lean on SFMD if needed
 - BJ Jungmann is concerned we are doing this prematurely if we do not have the structural piece and how to get across the state for training if the questions cannot be answered right now
 - Mark Rosenblum asked what is in place right now for training
- Tim Oland replied whatever is offered through providers and sectional schools. There is not a lot of scenario based training out there for departments. The fire service is tired of power points and would like to see more quick decision in a timely manner training scenarios such as virtual reality training
- ***Rick Loveland motioned to approve MBFTE \$315000 basic firefighter training and \$2118500 to reach \$200 per firefighter, motion carried, and motion had a second; motion amended to include certification exams must be passed with the funding to get reimbursed. Motion carried***
- ***Rick Loveland motioned to approve \$300000 gear washers and \$300000 dryers, this will go through SFMD to manage the grant, motion had a second, Motion carried***
- ***Rick Loveland motioned for \$75000 training for MART, motion had a second, Motion carried***
- ***Rick Loveland motioned for \$435000 for training and \$29000 for medical equipment to Task Force One, motion had a second, Motion carried***
- ***Rick Loveland motioned for \$1,000,000 to HSEM for 2 trucks to purchase, motion had a second, Motion carried***
 - Ed Hoffman asked if they can spend the funds before the end of the fiscal. Kevin Reed said yes as admin is finalizing the RFP bid and we are confident it can be done. Larry Freund said as long as we get the funds encumbered it can go beyond to spend it

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- ***Rick Loveland motion \$450000 to MnFire and \$450000 to DNR, motion had a second***
 - The committee asked if \$450000 would work for MnFire and which would have a bigger impact across the state
 - BJ Jungmann is concerned there is not enough information regarding support side funding and where that will come from, also where is the expertise on the structural side being employed
 - Mark Rosenblum asked if this virtual reality program is strictly for MN or sold around the country
 - DNR does not impact as many across the state and not sure about the answer to the question, but will ask the company as that is a valid concern
 - Rick Loveland commented that there were 2-3 state wide agencies that took a few years to complete specific training initiatives across the whole state. This is a big initiative within one fiscal year to get completed
 - Mike Dobesh (MnFire) commented they would be able to do their best to train every firefighter on every shift around the state. They were going to use funds to train instructors
 - Bob Johnson asked how long does it take to train
 - Mike Dobesh commented it is a full day training (8 hr. curriculum)
 - Mark Rosenblum has an issue with paying for something that could go nationwide
 - Rick Loveland commented can we make decisions throughout the year
 - Larry Freund answered yes
 - Rick Loveland and Kip LaMotte withdrew the motion on the table
 - Rick Loveland would like to table the DNR request until we have the right information for the questions that have arrived
 - ***Rick Loveland motion \$500000 for MnFire proposal, motion had a second, Motion carried***

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- Questions from the committee regarding DNR proposal should be emailed to Margaret Koele and then will be passed onto DNR for answers
- Approve 2019 calendar
 - *Bob Hawkins made a motion to approve the 2019 calendar, motion had a second, Motion carried*
 - Sept meeting will take place with more discussion on DNR to be added on the agenda

Public Comment

- No public comment

Adjourn 11:22 a.m.