

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Elk River Fire Department
 13073 Orono Parkway
 Elk River, MN

P	Mark Kulda Insurance Federation of MN	A	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	Jon Kahnke MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA)
P	Mark Windschitl <i>Vice Chair</i> League of MN Cities	P	BJ Jungmann <i>Chair</i> MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA)
A	Lisa Laliberte League of MN Cities	P	Ed Hoffman MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA)
A	Jim Fisher MN Assoc. of Townships	A	Robert Hawkins Commissioner Designee

Guests: Steve Flaherty (MBFTE), Margaret Koele (FSAC Admin), DeeDee Jankovich (MnFIRE/MSFDA), Mike Dobesh (MnFIRE), and Pete Knaeble (MN TF1), Roxanne Altmeyer, Pete Fisher (MN TF1), Mike Aspnes (MART), John Wolff (MnFIRE), Steve Sampson (SPFD), Paul Seleski (MFSCB), Mark Dickinson (Elk River FD), Tate Mills (SFMD), David Schliek (MFSCB), Todd Manley (DNR), Ron Stoffel (DNR), and Zeke McKinney (Health Partners)

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Call to order – Chair BJ Jungmann (please note lunch will be served)

- Transition of Insurance Federation representative from Bob Johnson to Mark Kulda as a committee member
 - Committee presented Bob Johnson with a certificate for 13 years of volunteer service as Chair of the FSAC
- Acceptance or additions to agenda
 - Chris Parsons would like to ask the committee to modify the presentation policy rules and have the washer - dryer grant program request added to the agenda as a presentation for funding, as he missed the deadline
 - Chris Parsons also asking the committee add a second presentation proposal for a Sauna hot room study to the agenda for funding request
 - **Rick Loveland motioned to add the proposals by Chris Parsons to the agenda, Mark Windschitl second the motion, motion carried by unanimous decision**
 - Marshal West would like to remove the State Response teams request
 - This was included in the public safety bill and passed legislation
- Approval of March minutes
 - **Rick Loveland motioned to approve, Ed Hoffman second the motion, motion carried to accept the minutes**

New Business

- FSA & Firework balance - State Fire Marshal Bruce West
 - \$14,182,772.37
 - \$13,043,000 now the fiscal budget
 - Due to the increase from fireworks sales
 - Having a gain needed to add to the base budget
 - Available for one time funding \$1,139,772.37 at this time
 - Will have a final number at the August meeting
 - Funding that was allocated out this fiscal year and returned to the Fire Safety account cannot be appropriated until the FY20-21 time frame, this is state law

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- Everything above \$2 million in the balance can be appropriated in one time funding that is available
- Presentations
 - MART (thank you presentation)
 - The funding has helped keep up with training and equipment needs for the rescue team
 - The tower and wind turbine training has been completed
 - Search and rescue is a need all the time throughout the State of Minnesota
 - Service Planning Grant – Marshal West
 - \$150,000
 - Two years to complete the grant has been very beneficial to complete the grant program process
 - Non responsible party fund – Marshal West
 - \$100,000
 - To cover expenses for a non-responsible issue from an incident
 - Task Force One – Pete Knaeble
 - \$755,000 (\$80,000 trench rescue/ \$75,000 quarterly training / \$500,000 operational readiness exercise / \$75,000 unified quarterly training / \$25,000 FEMA manager shadow)
 - State urban rescue team with 180 members
 - Had a successful training year 2019 with the help of the FSAC funding with a little over \$1 million
 - Funding helped provide equipment upgrades, purchase needed equipment, training, bring on 18 new members, partnership with mounted police and MN K-9 unit
 - Have not been able to fund some aging equipment, expand training capabilities and have an operational readiness exercise
 - Rick Loveland asked if there is redundancy with MART rescues
 - Pete Knaeble commented they are a partnership and some of the training is different between the two groups. If one cannot make a rescue call the other group would
 - MNFIRE – Mike Dobesh
 - \$790,000
 - 483 awareness trainings completed by end of fiscal year
 - 6800 students so far have been through the training
 - 386 departments
 - 53 calls on the MnFIRE call line (9 in crisis)
 - 2019 had 14 calls the the MnFIRE call line (11 in crisis)

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- 71 instructors training around the state
 - Proposal for:
 - Awareness training
 - Expand offerings for cardiac, cancer and mental health
 - Curriculum
 - Provide education
 - Conference
 - \$64,000 Program management
 - \$15,000 Admin and oversight
 - \$7,500 Website development
 - \$7,500 Promotion
 - \$70,000 Instructor/Training
 - \$155,000 Training Materials
 - \$331,000 Instructor Expenses
 - \$50,000 Curriculum Development
 - \$50,000 Provider Training
 - \$40,000 Conference
 - Total request \$790,000
 - \$303,000 is remaining from the budget this fiscal year
 - They assume will spend about \$250,000 from last years funded amount and return the remainder to FSA
 - Rick Loveland asked if any other funding other than FSAC funds
 - \$50,000 from a golf fund raiser for the crisis line and other budget items for running the group
 - They do have other funding coming into the group to help support the call line
- Wildland and Structural Fire Training Simulator (DNR) – Todd Manley and Ron Stoffel
 - \$467,427
 - When they were awarded the original funds and got through the state RFP process the delivery could not happen by the end of the fiscal year
 - The program is ready to go now if awarded the funds again

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- BJ Jungmann asked if other agencies were interested in this type of module for programs
 - Ron Stoffel commented HSEM was interested in the program
 - Flood scenario, tornado scenario, etc, would be available for the simulator
 - Set one simulator up at Willow River and two portable to move around the state
 - Once the Wildland program scenario is developed it could be sold to other states by the company
- Washer Dryer Grant – Chris Parsons
 - \$600,000
 - \$300,000 for turnout gear washer extractor grant
 - \$300,000 for the dryer extractor grant
 - 140 departments have received a washer, dryer or both through this grant program
 - We have had \$1.8 million in requests
 - Ed Hoffman asked how many stations do not have a washer/dryer extractor
 - Marshal West commented they are working on gathering that information
- Sauna Study – Zeke McKinney (Health Partners)
 - \$60,000
 - The study is to help identify the elevated risks of cancer and using sauna's to detoxify after exposures
 - No research about sauna's enhancing excretion of toxins have been done using firefighters
 - Sauna's known for benefit of cardiovascular health
 - The study to find out if this would cause more harm going in after fighting a fire
 - Study hypotheses to measure:
 - Sauna use immediately after active-duty firefighting will result in measureable PH biomarkers in sweat

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- Sauna use immediately after active-duty firefighting will result significantly different PH biomarkers in urine compared to no use of sauna
- Anticipated six months maximum for the study
 - Cost estimate \$120,000
 - Currently St Paul Fire Department is allotting \$30,000 and City of St Paul \$30,000
 - Request from FSAC \$60,000
 - If do not get the funding, the study would still go on, but several would not be paid for their part of doing the study
 - After study would like to publish in a journal
 - Would like to expand research study on other toxin exposures through blood samples, sweat and urine
 - Mark Windschitl asked if a fire fighter is already worked up from an incident being hot and sweaty the impact of going into a sauna reflects on their health
 - That is a concern and health risks will be taken into concern during the study

Public Comment

- No public comment

Old Business

- Legislative update
 - No changes for this committee during legislation this year
 - MBFTE clean-up bill was finalized this session
- Funding Appropriation
 - The committee cannot re-appropriate any of the funding returned (by any organization) to the account until June 2020 presentations, for FY21
 - Any funding over the \$13 million, which will not be known until August, can be one time appropriated for presentation June 2019 requests for FY20
 - Per state law for the Fire Safety Account

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- MnFire funding
 - Portion of funding returned to FSA
 - Approximately half their funded amount will be returned to the account
- DNR funding
 - Returned all funds due to the amount of time needed by the vendor to bring the project to fruition
- The committee would like sent to all committee members the following
 - Presentation policy
 - Spreadsheet of requests
 - MnFIRE information on the breakdown of the request for funding
 - Legislation information on quorum and open meeting law regarding roll call votes to be taken for all action items
 - Presentation information for the two that were added to the agenda
 - Washer & Dryer Extractor Grant Program
 - Sauna study request

Adjourn 11:40 a.m.