FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

| P | Bob Johnson  
Chair 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) |
| A | Sue Iverson  
League of Cities (arrived around noon) |
| P | BJ Jungmann  
Vice Chair MN State Fire Chief's Assoc. (MSFCA) |
| P | William Goede  
League of Cities |
| P | Ed Hoffman  
MN State Fire Department Assoc. (MSFDA) |
| A | Jim Fisher  
MN Assoc. of Townships |
| P | Robert Hawkins  
Commissioner Designee |

GUESTS: Bruce West (MN State Fire Marshal), Larry Freund (DPS Chief Financial Officer), Marv Calvin (MNSCU), Joe Kelly (HSEM), Steve Flaherty (MBFTE), Margaret Koele (Admin Staff), Craig Benz (MN State Patrol), Todd Manley (MNDNR) Rick Luth (HSEM), Peter Fisher (MN Task Force 1), Steve Sampson (SPFD-MART)
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Call to order – Chair Bob Johnson
(Lunch will be provided after the meeting)
Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

• Recognition of the new member
  o Kip Lamotte representing IAAI/FMAM
• Acceptance or additions to today’s agenda
  o Agenda accepted as written.
• Approval of March 1, 2017 minutes as written
  o Motion to approve minutes made by Don Smiley, second Ed Hoffman, motion carried.
• Presentations - 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions
  o MART (MN Aviation Rescue Team) St Paul Fire
    ▪ Not requesting a budget increase just presenting a follow up of how funding is used and future plans.
    • They would like to keep sustained funding of $250,000 each year, which listed out below, is how the funds are used.
      o Provide helicopter rescue service to the state of MN
      o Two year altering curriculum (short haul/water based operations)
        ▪ $8000 to equip one rescue person
        ▪ Base budget $250,000 from FSAC funding
        ▪ $100,000 air rescue systems course
        ▪ $70,000 consumables (helicopter fuel/maintenance)
        ▪ 6.5 hours per month training $69,675.60 (580.63/hr x 10 hrs/month x 12) 3.5 missions
        ▪ $25,000 personal protective equipment rescuers
        ▪ $25,000 team rescue equipment replacement
        ▪ $30,000 program management/competency testing/continuing ed
  • Bruce West commented he will meet with MART and educate the duty officer David Kravitzas as to what MART is all about and has to offer the state. We will also promote around the state, through the State Fire Marshal Division, MART’s capabilities.
HSEM CAT/ERT 10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. – Joe Kelly and Rick Luth
  ▪ $663,038 funding request to continue working on the capital equipment priority list.
    • Replacement of radios for all 11 teams at a cost of $249,739.00
    • Completion of the monitor replacements started 2 years ago at a cost of $413,299.00
      o BJ Jungmann requested HSEM to provide the committee with a capital equipment plan so they can get an idea of the future funding that will be needed to sustain these teams.
      o The committee would like better group planning and communication for the next legislative session with a financial plan to hand the legislators regarding the funding of HazMat teams around the state.

MBFTE 10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
  ▪ DNR Funding Request Todd Manley and Steve Flaherty
    • Virtual props request through ADMS-Command
      o Funding request $385,450
        ▪ Urban Interface Scenario Simulator
          • The funding includes training, updates, licensing and maintenance of the equipment.
          • The DNR trainers would provide training and no fee would be charged for this training, at this time.
          • This program will be taken to regional events around the state.

SFM 10:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
  ▪ Services Planning Grant Program
    • Funding request $250,000
      o The grant will be broken down into three categories:
        ▪ Exploratory – up to $20,000 max 5% match
        ▪ Planning – up to $40,000 max 10% match
        ▪ Implementation – up to $60,000 max 10% match
  ▪ Recruitment & Retention Study (MADD)
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- $32,670 Funding request
  - The legislation requested a report after the trial period has been completed. MADD will do a more thorough report to provide the legislation regarding how this program went during the trial period for the pilot and comparison counties that were involved in this program.
  - Task Force 1 – Pete Fisher  11:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
    - Increase of base funding in even years $752,500 to total $1,252,500
    - Increase of base funding in odd years $832,500 to total $1,332,500
      - The increase in funding will help Task Force 1 maintain operational readiness, on-going training, new member training, maintaining equipment, capital equipment replacement planning and support it’s urban & rescue mission.

Old Business
- Rail & Pipeline Safety Law Update – Joe Kelly (HSEM)
  - $6.6 million dollars is in the account at this time and no further funding was put into legislation for this purpose
    - $1.2 million over the biennium will go to the department of transportation
    - $1.5 million a year to go forward with training
- MAD Study Updates
  - Statewide Response Teams – Joe Kelly (HSEM)
    - A list of “next steps” has been given to the Commissioner from discussion during the legislative session which included:
      - Dealing with non-capitol items
      - Equipment replacement plan
  - Fire Marshal Division Fire Service Study – Bruce West, Fire Marshal
    - The report should be released June 28th to SFM and it will be sent out to everyone immediately upon receipt.
- Arson Dog – request has been withdrawn
- 2017 Legislative Session Update on Recommendations on Fire Safety Account – BJ Jungmann
  - MBFTE
    - Base budget increase request was to be at $4.263 million
  - CAT/ERT
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- Base budget request to be at $850,000
  - SFM
  - Base budget request $7.097 million
    - The request for funding to inspect private and parochial schools was not carried forward in legislation.
  - Task Force 1
    - Base budget request for $500,000
  - MART
    - Base budget request $250,000

New Business
- FSA Balance - Bruce West, Fire Marshal
  - $13,306,019.45
    - Larry Freund gave an estimate of future balances, which was handed out to the committee.
      - It is written in statute that anything extra left in the account can be allocated out by the committee, with commissioner approval, for FY17 & FY18. It is being recommended to always keep $2 million in for operation.

Public Comment
- No public comment

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:57 a.m.