

Governor's Council on Fire Prevention & Control

Meeting held January 26, 2011

Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 9:07am by Chairperson Tom Brace.

Roll call was taken showing every organization in attendance except MN Professional Firefighters, National Fire Sprinkler Association MN Chapter, and Hennepin County Burn Center – each who notified leadership and are excused.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved on a motion by Ted Zweg and second by Jim Fisher.

The meeting of the Council Executive Committee with Commissioner Michael Campion to review the Council 2010 Annual Report and 2 White Papers went very well.

Chairperson Brace noted that Mona Dohman has been appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. He received a phone call from Mona – indicating her intention to work with the fire service.

Mark Kulda reported on the status of the Council's Executive Order that establishes the council – we have 90 days of operation before any issue. The Executive Committee will work hard to achieve renewed status.

Mark then provided a legislative overview of first 3 weeks. Several issues of interest to the fire service were mentioned.

Fire Chief Nyle Zikmund arrived and gave a "welcome" to the Council.

SBM FD Public Educator/Home Safety Inspector Becky Booker gave a presentation about her trip to England to learn more about their home safety inspection program. She discussed Community Firefighters, integrated risk management planning, diverse languages and ages, NFPA 1452, 2004 Fire Safety Act (federal law), SBM FD survey examples. The presentation was very informative and Council members thanked Becky for her work on fire prevention.

Dan Bernardy was present and gave an update on Governor's Fire Prevention Day at the State Fair. He discussed the Facebook site, moving data to 2011 version, watched video which is on Facebook, Feb 17th is next committee meeting, State Fair indicated we are welcome to come back to Fair, 850 volunteers, suggestions come from evaluation forms, no major changes expected for 2011, Tom attends meetings or his back-up.

Our March meeting will again be held at the MN Chapter IAAI conference in St. Cloud. Mark Kulda indicated that he has contact for discounted rooms. All Council members are urged to show up for 8am opening session of IAAI if possible. ****Please wear your GCFPC shirts to this meeting for a picture.**

Association comments: HSEM preparation for flooding in spring is huge; Bill Chandler is now assigned as Operations Branch Director. MSFDA June conference is in Detroit Lakes. Alexandria had a huge warehouse fire. Department of Labor & Industry also has new commissioners. Scott Futrell suggested the GCFPC meet with Commissioner Peterson. Builders Association of MN is probably working on pre-emptive legislation on sprinklers. March 10 is Fire Service Day at Capitol. Possibly we could hold the May meeting in St. Paul and get the new DPS Commissioner to attend.

Discussion was held on the "official" meeting time of the Council. Everyone concurred with a meeting schedule of 9:00am – 11:30am.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Rupp and seconded by Jim Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jerry Rosendahl, Secretary