KOOTENAI COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

**March 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Officers:** President Pat Riley, Vice President Dan Currie, Recording Secretary Craig Etherton

**Present:**

Larry Simms, HLFD Jessie Morrow, KCFR Tyler Dreschel, NLFD

Pat Riley, NLFD Dan Ryan, KCFR Craig Etherton CDAFD/COOP

Sandy VonBehren, KCOEM Shane O’Shea, IDL Mica Dan Currie, ESFD

Mike Mather, NLFD Brandon Hermenet, TLFD Steve Isaacson, KCFR

Collin McRoy, KCSO 911 Charlotte Pegoraro, ESFD Ward Crawford, KC911

Tom Greif, CDAFD Chris Way, KCEMSS Bill Keeley, KCEMSS

Rick Clutter, KCFR Ben Wolfinger, KCSO

Thomas Maddalone, Kootenai Electric

**Meeting Called to Order:** Riley called to order at 0730

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion made to approve – Simms, second – Currie, motion passed.

**Introduction and recognition of guests:** none

**KCOEM** – Sandy VonBehren-

* April 10 – Wildland plan meeting at OEM
* The Employee/volunteer banquet will be cancelled, LEPC may also be cancelled
* OEM is in daily communications with PHD
* OEM will use Web EOC as the main hub of information going forward. If you need access contact OEM to get set up.
* Sandy is encouraging everyone to document the time spent on COVID 19 as it could be reimbursable in the future.

**KCEMSS** – Chris Way

* KCEMSS has updated their access protocols for their building
* Current supply of EMS stock is low but they are trying to get equipment as it becomes available.
* KCEMSS will release a situation report each day around 1500
* Currently 0 cases in ID of COVID 19 with 93 tested in the state
* Check your back up rigs for additional isolation equipment
* CDC is expected to release a procedure for decon of N95 masks with no droplet contamination
* All pt families that arrive at KH with the ambulance must enter the ED through the main entrance, not the ambulance bay.
* Make sure pts have masks or NRB masks when going through the ED.

**KCSO** – Ben Wolfinger

* A big thank you to KCFR for use of their fire station during the officer involved shooting. The sheriff is very pleased to have such good working relations with FD counterparts.

**KC911** – Collin

* There will be an upcoming programmers’ course. This course has an online component and then Collin will conduct the hands-on portion. Notify Collin if you have people signed up for the class so he can determine the needs of the hands-on training.
* Collin will email Motorola’s recommendation for decon of portable radios.
* Permanent training channels have been created. 1K event 4 and 5 have been created for fire use. 1 K event ??? is for LE use. If you have a planned training event please call to reserve but on the fly training can just use these channels without reservation

Ward Crawford

* National telecommunicators week is April 12-18 stand by for appreciation events
* Protocols for screening of potential COVID 19 have been placed into effect. Currently on 4 run cards (sick, unk medical, breathing difficulty, fever) This may change as needed.
* Meeting next week with PFPD dispatch to plan for joint dispatching if dispatchers become effected by COVID 19

**KCGIS** – None

**Battalion Chief Workgroup** –

* Nothing to report Meet next month

**Deputy State Fire Marshal –** None

**IDL** – Mica: Shane O’Shea –

* Let Shane know if anyone needs chainsaw refresher or NWCG 212 by the end of day. Class will coincide with Tubbs Hill burn.
* Shane needs to know of any training needs for refresher courses by the end of the month of March
* Burn permits during the off season will be redirected to the individual departments. The online program will still work during the IDL off season Nov-April
* The new area manager will start March 23 Eric Sowquest? Interviews will be the first week of April for the Warden position.
* If you need the field day for S130/190 let Shane know by the end of March as we will use the Tubbs Hill burn for this as well.

**IDL Cataldo:**– not present

**Kootenai County Prevention CO Op:**

* None.

**Committees:**

1. Mutual Aid – None
2. Communication – None
3. DIGB - None
4. Model Procedures – None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

* Sandy-the May exercise dates are May 19-20 Please let Sandy know if you intend to participate

Thomas Maddalone – Safety Director for Kootenai electric. Information on what they do with regards to Wildland fires. Monitoring fire danger ratings, Red flag warnings crew are placed on call using 1 shot procedures, Basic wildland firefighting training with their crews and ICS training so they can place a liaison in the CP.

He is requesting that local fire agencies include them in their all hazard mitigation plans and projects. They would like to get some lines placed underground and if they could be included in our plans that would make it easier for those projects to occur. 3 areas they are looking at are spirit lake, Farragut park to Bayview and Dodd rd. to the back side of Hayden lake.

Pat- IChiefs may cancel -This happened March 13, 2020, discussion on the Chiefs thoughts on NIESA chiefs are in favor of cancellation. This happened on march 13, 2020.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: April 10, 2020 at the OEM.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 0825.