



NORTH IDAHO FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATION

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Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2004

Present:

President – Chief Kenny Gabriel, Coeur d'Alene Fire
Secretary - Chief Larry Simms, Hauser Fire

Chief Lynn Borders, KCEMSS
Chief Ron Sampert, Kootenai Fire
Chief Dan Cochran, Coeur d'Alene Fire
Chief Ken Goode, MKI Fire
Chief Jim Walton, Eastside Fire
Chief Lane Wintermute, Northern Lakes Fire
Chief Marion Blackwell, Northern Lakes Fire

Chief Barnard Phillips, Sagle Fire
Chief Robert Tyler, Sandpoint Fire
Chief John DeBernardi, Spirit Lake Fire
Chief Rich Graeber, Timberlake Fire
Chief Bob Maines, Northern Lakes Fire
Mark Grant, USFS

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association was called to order at 19:05 on 17 March 2005 at Northern Lakes Fire Station 1.

A. Chief Graeber led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes

Chief Simms read the minutes of the February 2005 meeting. Motion by Chief Cochran, seconded by Chief Blackwell to accept the minutes as read, motion passed.

C. Treasurer's Report NONE

D. Correspondence - NONE

E. Committee Reports

- a. North Idaho Emergency Services Academy – Chief Maines reported that everything has been finalized and we are on IEST's web site. Chief Walton showed us the shirts with the new art work.
- b. Idaho Fire Chiefs Conference – Chief Sampert showed the knives that will be given out. Chiefs Maines and DeBernardi have the program, which went out to the board today. The program is set; speakers are scheduled except that we still need a guest speaker for the installation banquet. A possibility suggested was Brian Shiplett. There was some discussion as to whether or not we are responsible for that speaker. The Honor Guard will do the opening ceremony. The registration fee will be about \$155-170 for members. The Partners program is ready; Mrs. Walton has set up information packets for participants. A request was received from Kim Wendlesdorf to have a discussion group concerning setting up an auxiliary as Caldwell Fire has requested help, several members offered to help. Boise can't host the labor/management workshop this year, we will host it this year, cost will be about \$800, and then poll attendees to determine if it something we want to continue with the program. If so it could be made a pre-conference workshop funded through the Idaho Fire Chiefs.

- c. Fire Officer Development Academy – The academy was well attended with about 100 participants. The program was well received and finances look good. NIC did good job and the consensus was to use NIC again next year. Chief Sampert agreed to head up the planning for next year and start now. Chief Gabriel wondered if we need to look at other funding sources, maybe grants or some other possibility, which the members agreed was a good idea.
- d. Training Officers – So far they have been working on the academy.

F. Old Business

- a. Arson van - Chief Graeber's people are working with IDL and will have a needs list soon.

G. New Business

Not a lot going on, the contractor's license bill passed the legislature and is now at the governor's office. We were successful with legislative issues this year. Ron Anderson testified for the chiefs and did an excellent job. Chief Gabriel will send a letter to Ron & Bruce Alcott thanking them for their efforts.

H. Open Forum

- We need to review our committees at the next meeting, Chief Simms will send out the list of committee members with the minutes.
- Chief Borders reported on the EMSAC meeting. EMS certification by the National Registry may undergo some major changes. Nation Registry is establishing a nationwide set of specific test sites and candidates will be required to go to a specific test site. Coeur d'Alene will be a site but the rest of state will have to go to Boise or come to Coeur d'Alene. Dia will be meeting with NAREMT to request portable test sites. EMSAC wants no more than a one hour drive for candidates. There is a chance that Idaho will pull out of NAREMT and other alternatives are being discussed
- ID Chiefs are still working on air transport dispatch rules. So far we have been successful in removing the mandatory language regarding dispatch criteria. Current language is for a qualified responder on scene to make the decision. Dia wants to retain the mandatory language. This is still an ongoing issue. If members have any input they need to respond to Chief Tyler or Chief Estes ASAP.
- Chief Graeber brought up the issue that Chief Borders' travel to the Idaho Chiefs might not continue to be fully funded by the Joint Powers Board. It was suggested that NICA possibly help in that funding. It was agreed that that is a good idea, plus we should first petition the Joint Powers to provide that funding. Members should attend the next meeting and Chief Gabriel will draft a letter of support.
- Mark Grant, the USFS fire manager introduced himself and reported that the USFS only has about 40-50% of its firefighters this year. The prediction is for a dryer than normal spring.
- Chief Gabriel brought up the fire officer program for discussion. Asking if we need to reevaluate and possibly go forward on our own. The suggestion was made to look at different curriculums, pick one, and then go to IEM. Motion by Chief Tyler, seconded by Chief Phillips, for chiefs Gabriel & Graeber, to bring recommendations for a workup program. The motion was amended to include bringing the results to the training officers committee. Motion passed.
- Chief Tyler asked if we want to maintain our representation to IEST and was answered with a resounding YES.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 20:15.

Thank you to Northern Lakes Fire for hosting the meeting. Next month we will meet at in Bonner County at a location to be determined.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Larry Simms