

NORTH IDAHO FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATION PREVENTION INVESTIGATION

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Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2011

PRESENT:

Larry Simms	Hauser Lake Fire	Len Young	IDL
Ken Capaul	Spokane Valley Fire	Jim Walton	Eastside Fire
Jason Blubaum	MKI Fire	Bob Maines	NLFD
Don Strong	State Fire Marshal	John DeBernardi	SLFD
James Neils	Hauser Lake Fire	James Cleveland	Prichard/Murray FD
Mark Aamodt	State Fire Marshal	Bob Weber	Sagle Fire
Tom Barrett	KCFR	Robert Tyler	Sandpoint Fire
Dean Marcus	NLFD		
Glen Potter	Inland Insurance		

The regular meeting of the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association was called to order by President Tyler 10:04 on 20 October 2011, at MKI Fire.

A. **Minutes** – Motion by Chief Blubaum seconded by Chief Cleveland, to accept the minutes of the September meeting, motion passed.

B. **Treasurer's Report** – None

C. **Committee Reports**

a. Training Committee:

- i. Lengthy discussion was held concerning EST under the topic of the meeting with the legislators (see below).
- ii. A brief report on the academy for April, the training committee is working on the list of classes.
- iii. Discussion regarding the Spring FODA (March 3 & 4, 2012), the fall FODA is ready to go.

D. **Legislative Update** – November meeting will be the annual meeting with the legislators. The date is November 17, 2011. This is an important year with the primary concern for the North Idaho Chiefs being the future of EST. Our

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Association is strongly advocating legislation that is specific in addressing Fire Service Training. We would like to impress on the legislators the importance of this topic and have this as the only issue in the forefront for our meeting. At this time the best option that we have is to move EST to the Bureau of Homeland Security whose mission is more in line with our own and mirrors the federal direction. Chief Tyler will contact Katie at CdA Fire regarding the list of legislators and Chief Barrett will pursue finding a venue for the meeting. There was lengthy discussion concerning EST and this association needs to work with the Idaho Chiefs to have a unified position. Chief Tyler has not yet sent a letter to legislators due to the importance of working with the Idaho Chiefs. We also discussed the idea of the North Idaho Chiefs applying for grants to fund firefighter education. There was also continuing discussion concerning Pro Board and the need for more regional control. Chief Weber expressed the desire to see us produce a white paper for distribution so that all can put forward the same message when speaking to the subject of firefighter education. All members are encouraged to contact their legislators and ask them to attend the meeting in November.

E. Other Items -

- a.** Chief Capaul advised that an unanticipated LODD service has been planned for October 29 which will conflict with the FODA. It was agreed that the FODA should be rescheduled and Chief Capaul will contact Dee Hicks to find out what dates are available and we will go from there.
- b.** Chief Barrett advised that IVESA is looking for a new date for the volunteer recruitment and retention seminar. It was suggested that we look at January as the rest of the year would be difficult.
- c.** Chief Simms reported that the CISD group is making progress and should have something for the association shortly. They are working on getting tax exempt status and Helca Mining has expressed an interest in helping. They approached the training committee regarding the possibility of hold a class at the spring academy.
- d.** The Association banquet was discussed and January 21 was selected as a date with the dinner held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino. Door prizes with a value of around \$15.00 were suggested with one door prize per person attending.

NEXT MEETING – Thank you to MKI Fire for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be the meeting with the legislators, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned