

North Idaho Fire Chief's Association

Meeting Summary

March 15, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chief Merritt at 1010 hours at South Boundary Fire, Fall Creek Station 3 located at 4391 MacArthur Lake Road. In attendance were:

Chief Wilkerson, SBFPD

Chief Sheppard, KCFR

Chief Rohrwasser, SBFPD

Chief Stocking, Selkirk Fire

Chief Jackson Nbfd

Cole Schiermeister, IDL –KV

Scott Hayes, IDL – Mica

Chief Mitton, Northside Fire

Jason Blubaum, State Fire Marshal.TLFPD

Chief Steele, Timberlake Fire

Tim Whit – no agency listed

Pledge

Approval of February meeting summary; Motion to approve by Chief Steel, Second by Jason Blubaum – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Total Liabilities & Equity: \$28,190.77, two (2) outstanding bills from previous conference activity, revenue starting to come in from NIESA (\$5,802). Motion to approve by Chief Steel, Second by Jason Blubaum – motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Chief Rohrwasser reported that he attended the Boundary County Fire Chiefs and received six (6) applications and is scheduled to meet with the Bonner County Fire Chiefs soon.

By-Laws: Chief Merritt brought forward language to clarify action taken by the Association in May 2016; **Dues:** Any Department with two (2) more paid members the cost is \$50 per person/per year; \$150 maximum dues per year per agency. Paid to the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association.

When members or agencies join the North Idaho Fire Chiefs Association for the first time, their first year dues are waived for the first year of membership and prorated accordingly at the end of 12 months for the subsequent year.

Associate Member

Dues: \$25.00 per year

Paid to the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association

Dues: \$50 per year for private corporations/businesses with two (2) or more employees/associates. Membership includes their logo on the North Idaho Fire Chiefs Association website.

Legislative Report: (email from Jason Blubaum)

House Bills:

H0388 Motor Vehicles: Signed by Governor: Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency or police vehicles

H0499 Records, law enforcement recording: Passed House and Senate: Amends existing law to provide for the classification, retention and destruction of law enforcement media recordings.

H0524 Fire Protection Districts: Passed House and Senate: Amends existing law to provide that real property may be exchanged for other real property.

H0547 Building Codes: Passed House 52-16-2, filed for second reading in Senate: Amends existing law to revise provisions governing the ability of a local government to adopt certain codes or parts of codes that have not been adopted by the Idaho Building Code Board.

H0606 Open Meeting Law: Delivered to Governor: Amends, adds to and repeals existing law to revise the definition of "public agency" and to provide a sunset clause.

H0611 Transparent and Ethical Government: Passed House and Senate Unanimously, waiting to be delivered to Governor: Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding open meeting notices and agendas. Interesting provisions on adding items to an agenda.

H0620 Elections: Passed House sent to Senate: Adds to existing law to prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or against a candidate or certain ballot measures.

H0632 Idaho Administrative Procedure Act: Passed House 47-23 Sent to Senate: Repeals, amends and adds to existing law to revise procedures for contested cases and hearing officers. I believe this is the bill Chief Simms was talking about.

Senate Bills:

S1215 Fire Protection Districts: Signed by Governor: Amends existing law to revise a notice provision for holding an election in a fire protection district.

S1216 Fire Protection Districts: Signed by Governor: Amends existing law to revise the maximum amount of compensation for performing fire district business by fire protection district commissioners and to provide for special compensation upon a declaration of emergency or disaster within the fire protection district.

S1274 Public Records: Delivered to Governor: Amends existing law to revise a definition, to provide that bonuses, severance packages, other compensation, or vouchered and unvouchered expenses for which reimbursement was paid to a public official are not exempt from disclosure, to provide that social security numbers and driver's license numbers shall be exempt from disclosure, and to provide that public agencies shall designate one person as custodian to receive public records requests and shall provide an alternate custodian or alternate custodians for contingencies.

S1309 Fire Districts: Ordered delivered to Governor: Amends and repeals existing law to clarify that certain notice shall be required for temporary vacancy of a commissioner; to revise provisions regarding filling a vacancy; to provide a procedure if available seats on a fire protection board become vacant; and to authorize the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to make grants to fire districts.

S1310 Emergency Medical Services: Signed by Governor: Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding minimum standards for EMS agencies.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law proposal: above and for review by membership. Attendees supported bringing the language back for the April meeting for a vote.

NIESA Update: Chief Sheppard, Chief Simms and Chief Merritt provided an update on NIESA that included information about FF and EMS Provider of the Year, available scholarships and shirts. The venue is the same and the flyer is on the website.

INLAND NW SIDS FOUNDATION: Elizabeth Montgomery wanted an opportunity to meet with the NIFC's to potentially partner with us on identifying homes that may be at risk. Elizabeth has already been confirmed to provide a presentation at the April meeting.

Fall FODA: The body approved the Training Officers to move forward planning a November 3, 2018 class by Captain Jarod Sergi with Norfolk, VA. The cost for instruction is \$1,500 and a cost per person will be brought back to the April meeting.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2018 @ Northern Lakes Station 1 – 125 W. Hayden Avenue, Hayden, ID.

Roundtable:

Schweitzer Fire – Supreme Court refused to hear the case because the fire code addresses buildings and not private water systems. This is a case to watch as our community grows and may impact current developments.

Public School hardening: Jason Blubaum encourages Chiefs to contact their local school districts and become familiar with their lock down procedures for active shooters. Funding has been made available to harden the schools for such events and could impact our egress.

IDL/Kootenai County Training scheduled for April 9, 11 & 13. Flyer attached.

Radio Interoperability Exercise/discussion: There was a very good discussion about the needs for the development of a Communications Plan for the North Idaho Fire Chiefs; North and South of I-90. The 'solar bank' of channels would be the same for all users and immediately available to the Incident Commander. Resource ordering would be through the 'host' Comm Center. Many shared the radios they have which included: ICOMF3001, NX5200 (Kenwood) and King Radios. Scott Hayes shared his cloning kit and cache. The group agreed to a Communications Plan Subcommittee:

Chief Stocking – Chair
Scott Hayes
IDA CDA Dispatch Rep
Chief Rohrwasser

USFS rep (Scott Hayes to contact)
Collin McRoy, KC 911 (Ch. Merritt to contact)
Chief Marcus Richel

Resources: Cache of Bendix Kings (30) at the IDL cache and the cache could be used for other situations like Hazardous Materials events.

Meeting summary taken by Chief Merritt