

**North Idaho Fire Chiefs' Association**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**August 16, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chief Merritt at 1000 hours at Eastside Fire.

In attendance were:

Chief Merritt, KCFR  
Chief Steele, Timberlake Fire  
Chief VanErt, KCFR  
Chief Simms, Hauser Lake Fire  
Chief Currie, Eastside Fire  
Chief Deruyter, NLF  
Kjtell Truesdell, IDL  
Chief Aamodt, Shoshone FD 2

Chief Pegoraro, Eastside Fire  
chief Whitehurst, Timberlake Fire  
Pat Latham, IDL  
Chief Isaacson, KCFR  
Destry Scheel, USFS  
Marie Price, NIC  
Mitzi Michand, NIC  
Chief Cagle, Shoshone FD1

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the June minutes by Chief VanErt, seconded by Chief Steele -Passed

Treasurer's Report: Chief Simms gave the Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Chief Steele, second by Chief Currie, motion Passed.
- Chief Simms will review how CISM funds are tracked.

Committee Reports:

- Membership: No report
- Legislative Report: No report.
- By-Laws: No report
- Idaho Fire Chief's update.
  - Chief Merritt gave an update on the Idaho Fire Chief's Association.
    - License plate grant is in the process.
    - Update on task force responses
    - IChiefs are working with law enforcement regarding school responses for fire and active shooter incidents. All agencies should meet with their local school districts to discuss and plan for those responses
    - Reported on UAS usage. Chief Hannaman, Idaho Falls, has taken the lead on this. UAS as a tool will becoming more prevalent in the future.
    - Chief Isaacson reported on EMSAC. A state standard for ambulance specifications is being worked on to have a full day at the meeting in November devoted to that topic. More information will be coming. The EMS Bureau is working on recognition for long term EMS providers.
    - Reminder of the Fallen Firefighter Ceremony and Medal of Honor presentation in Boise on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fall FODA: Date is November 3, 2018, location will be the KCFR training center, the flyer is out, and registrations are starting to come in.

#### New Business:

- A. Presentation by Chief Bryan Pearson on Pro Board Certification and what would be entailed in becoming an accredited entity. He discussed costs and the process to be recognized by Pro Board based on his experience in Washington. Partnering with NIC was discussed as a viable possibility. Motion by Chief Aamodt, second by Chief Deruyter, for the formation of a working group, led by Chief Deruyter, to research the process and specific costs related to becoming Pro Board accredited. A report and/or proposal from the North Idaho Fire Chief's Training Officers subcommittee to be presented in 60 days.

Chief Richel has resigned as the Association vice-president. Chief Cagle was nominated to fill the position of vice-president. Motion by Chief Whitehurst, second by Chief Van Ert, to elect Chief Cagle, motion passed. The next meeting will be at Shoshone County Fire District 1 (exact location TBD). IDL will present information on response plans for the educational topic.

#### Round the Room

- Chief Simms advised that if anyone is having issues with having the pre-requisites for ICS 300 or 400 not showing up causing them to be placed on the wait list they should send copies to Natalie Lahti at Idaho OEM.
- Chief Simms asked if anyone is sending personnel to the TIM train-the-trainer. Chief Merritt responded that the Idaho Chiefs will be asked to possibly bring that class to the conference in April.
- Chief Simms reported on a meeting with the Sheriff to plan a public notification message in the event of multiple incidents or a large incident that would be generic in nature until ICs could have a more specific notification. This is something other counties may want to consider.
- Chief Merritt advised that there will be an open house/dedication of KCFR's new training facility on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Chief Merritt has received an invitation for four people to attend the Montana Fire Chief's Conference in Missoula in October. Chief Cagle and Chief Simms expressed an interest. Others suggested were Chief Rohrwasser and Chief Stocking.

Next Meeting: Shoshone County Fire District 1.

Thank you to Eastside fire for hosting today.

Meeting adjourned.