

## North Idaho Fire Chief's Association

### Meeting Minutes

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chief Richel at 1000 hrs at the Tensed Ambulance Building hosted by Chief Richel, Tensed Fire District. In attendance were,

Casey Strong, Idaho State Fire Marshal  
Chief Mike Decker, Pritchard-Murray Fire  
Chief Tony Rohrwasser, South Boundary Fire  
Chief Steve Isaacson, KCFR  
Chief Marcus Richel, Tensed Fire

Chief Jason Bowlby, Tensed Fire  
Chief Jody Cuthbert, Plummer-Gateway Fire  
Chief Brad Van Ert, Northern Lakes Fire  
Chief Larry Simms, Hauser Fire  
Chief Bill Swam, Emida Fire

Attending Online were,

Chief Devon Riske, MKI Fire  
Chief Pat Riley, Northern Lakes Fire

Kjell Truesdell, Idaho Department of Lands  
Chief Stu Eigler, Kellogg Fire

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Richel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### July 2017 Meeting Minutes Approval

Chief Decker asked if there was any update on the fireworks ban at the state level. Nobody in the audience had heard any more. Chief Richel asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2017 minutes. Chief Van Ert moved, Chief Decker seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **MOTION PASSED**

### Treasurer's Report

Chief Simms presented to treasurer's report. Chief Richel asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Chief Rohrwasser moved, Chief Decker seconded to approve the treasurer's report. **MOTION PASSED**

### Committee Reports

#### A. Membership- Chief Rohrwasser

1. Chief Rohrwasser stated he is working with Chief Merritt on getting a list of agencies and drafting a letter for new members. Chief Richel stated that Emida Fire has a new Chief and he is interested in joining the association. Chief Richel asked with it being late in the year, would the Emida Chief have to pay for a new

membership in January, or would his membership be good for next year too.  
Chief Rohrwasser stated that it would be good for next year too.

**B. Legislative Report- Chief Gabriel**

1. Not Present, nothing at this time.

**Old Business**

**A. Constitution & Bylaws- Chief Riley & Chief Merritt**

1. Nothing at this point, Chief Merritt on vacation.

**New Business**

**A. Educational Topic for November**

1. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the October meeting to determine an educational topic for November. October's topic will be use of NARCAN by law enforcement. Chief Cuthbert suggested Civilian response to active shooter training.

**Roundtable**

- Chief Rohrwasser- IDL visited his county. There was a question on the validity of the Mechanic's shop at the Fire Cache. Boundary County Fire Chief's are sending IDL a letter. The board was in favor of supporting Boundary County.
- Casey- Fire Marshal's Office is finalizing the plans examiner position. This position will examine all state sprinklers and building plans and will be based in Boise. His office is also working and finding a replacement for a Deputy Fire Marshall in Region III. He also stated that all fires in state facilities need to be reported to NFIRS.
- Chief Cuthbert- Having problems with access roads on homes being built in rural portions of his district. No support from the county. His agency is also looking for a reasonably priced used 4x4 ambulance.
- Chief Richel- Chief Richel introduced Jason Bowlby as the New Deputy Chief for his department.
- Chief Decker- His department is getting ready to sell their old engine for free with no equipment on it. His department has been busy with calls.

Chief Swam- Chief Richel introduced Bill Swam as the Chief for the Emida Fire District. Chief Swam stated his department had 3 suspicious fires in 5 days and it was unlikely the suspect was going to do any time.

Chief Isaacson- Chief Merritt is on vacation.

Chief Van Ert- His department just purchased a new Rosenbauer engine from General Fire.

### **Next Meeting (October)**

Chief Richel reminded everyone the October meeting will be held at KCFR Station # 1 in Post Falls.

### **September Chief's Training**

Chief Richel gave the floor to Chief Simms to conduct the September training (Interface with Type I or II strike teams)

### **Appendix D Review (Chief Riley)**

Needs to confirm with Chief Merritt

### **Good of the Order**

Chief Isaacson unavailable for the October meeting. He has a paramedic that can teach the class. Chief Riley suggested seeing if the 101<sup>st</sup> support team could do the training. Chief Rohrwasser suggested hazmat. After discussion held, it was decided that the board see if they could determine a topic for October.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Chief Richel adjourned the meeting at 1112 hrs.