

**MINUTES OF THE  
WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION MEETING  
September 28, 2001  
Held at Long Creek Cabin on the Graham Ranch**

Association President, Brad Sarff, called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

• A roster was passed around for signatures of those attending today's meeting. There were 17 in attendance.

• Jim Noel made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2001, meeting as written and mailed. Speed Hartbank seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION #1**

• Gene Diedtrich gave the Treasurer's Report for the period June 2, 2001 through August 31, 2001, as follows:

Beginning cash balance	\$ 8,652.10
Deposits	103.97
Expenditures	<u>( 1,023.41)</u>
Ending balance	\$ <u>7,732.66</u>

There is a balance of \$ 2,456.43 in the Recruitment and Retention grant and a balance of \$ 1,222.12 in the website grant. There are unrestricted funds of \$ 4,054.11. Jim Wingert made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bob Symons seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION #2**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**State Fire Council:** Mark Young stated the Council met on Friday, September 21, 2001. The Council business consisted of adopting rules, filling a vacant position on the Council with someone from the southwest part of Wyoming, and reviewing proposed code changes.

**Missouri Valley:** Mark Young reported that the conference held in Casper during July was a success. He gave a big thank you to the Wyoming Fire Chiefs for their assistance and reported that they were able to send \$ 15,000 to Missouri Valley. Steve Westerman wants to meet with all the divisions and wants to come to our April 6, 2002, meeting for a visit. Maybe he could be contacted to speak at the Firefighter Memorial Service.

**Certification:** Bob Symons reported that the committee is correcting the Cause and Origin Certification. The committee has accepted the new Firefighter II test. Those taking the Firefighter II test have until March 1, 2002, to complete it. At that time the new test will be mandatory. Bob gave a presentation for a \$ 10,000 budget item, to be incorporated into the Fire Marshal's budget, requesting basic education manuals, CDs, and supplies for all departments.

The Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association is to write a letter to the Wyoming State Fire Marshal in support of this request.

**Legislation:** Ken Sutton reported that the committee has agreed to put any Hazmat legislation off until the 2003 session. Bills to be supported in the 2002 session are the firefighter license plate and the Fire Marshal's budget, which includes the additional training money. Ken indicated that one way to be successful with our bills is to get the leadership of the state legislature to back our bills. The more the merrier.

**Wyoming Fire Academy:** Larry David reported that there have been over 700 students since January 1, 2001. He reported that the plaque for Larry Lee is just about done. Carl Jungck thanked Larry David for his work at the Academy. Planning on a banner year for training at the Academy.

**Fire Investigation:** Jim Wingert reported that 7 students showed up the weekend of September 22 for Train the Trainer class. That has been worked out. The investigator course is the next project.

**State Fire Marshal's Office:** Jim Noel reported that Mike Sextant has been hired as another inspector/investigator. He is to work in the southern part of Wyoming. The department has been working on the budget by having town meetings in all 23 counties. Jim indicated that the members of the fire service needed to lobby their legislators to support fire service legislation. Jim said his department is asking for 2 additional positions (trainers) for additional staff at the Academy and monies for formalization and financial support for the foundation board. Jim reported that Wyoming applicants for grants under the Fire Act were successful. Various applicants received fifteen grants totaling over one million dollars.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Carl Jungck reported that he is to attend a council meeting in a couple of weeks at Albany, New York. Carl reported that the Volunteer Fire Council is working for us and that he serves on the Wildland Committee of the Council. If anyone has questions let him know.

**Recruiting and Retention:** Jim Wingert reported that there is \$ 2,400 in an unexpended grant for recruiting and retention. Anyone with ideas relevant to the committee or how to spend the money is urged to contact the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion was held regarding the fund that was set up for donations to the *Widows and Children* of the New York Fire Department.
2. Discussion was held regarding anyone killed in the line of duty. It is very important to make the notifications early and to do it right. Chief Mark Young and the State Fire Marshal have the information and offer their assistance.

3. Discussion was held on the upcoming retirement of Jerry Fox from the directorship of the Wyoming Retirement System on January 4, 2002. Gene Diedtrich is to send a thank you to Jerry for his support over the years, and is to send a letter to Governor Geringer supporting Harry Wales as Jerry Fox's replacement.
4. It is noted herein that Chief Jim Wingert hand made a beautiful gavel, which was presented to President Sarff for use at the Fire Chiefs' meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association will be at the Wyoming Fire Academy, January 4, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. The E-Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. the same day at the Academy.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Duane Stolns moved for adjournment at 5:20 p.m. Jim Noel seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION #3**

Respectfully submitted.

*Gene R. Diedtrich*  
Gene R. Diedtrich, Secretary

**PS:** Meeting Schedule for Mid-Winter Fire School week at Riverton, Wyoming

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee or Association</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jan 3	Noon	Legislation	Bull Supper Club
Jan 3	3:00 PM	Academy Foundation Board	Fire Academy
Jan 3	7:00 PM	Volunteer Pension Board	Svilar's @ Hudson
Jan 4	8:00 AM	Fire Investigation	Fire Academy
Jan 4	9:00 AM	WIFRS	Fire Academy
Jan 4	9:00 AM	Public Fire Educators	Fire Academy
Jan 4	10:00 AM	Certification	Fire Academy
Jan 4	12:30 PM	Fire Chiefs' E-Board	Fire Academy
Jan 4	1:00 PM	Fire Chiefs	Fire Academy
Jan 4	3:00 PM	Wyoming Firemen's Association	Fire Academy

# Agenda September 28<sup>th</sup>

@ Buffalo Hunt

Call to order & Pledge

Roll Call (Sign in sheet)

Minutes of Last Meeting in Lander - Noel, Hartbank

Treasurer's Report - Wingert, Symons

## Committee Reports

1. State Fire Council - Young - in Casper, adopted rules  
vacancy on council need  
from Southwest  
Codes in Legislation  
still an issue.
  2. Missouri Valley
  3. Certification
  4. Legislative
  5. Fire Academy
  6. Fire Investigation Task Force
  7. Fire Marshal
- Old Business
- New Business

~~2~~ Young

Conference was a success & thank you ~~made~~ \$15,000  
sent to Missouri Valley. Steve Westerman  
wants to meet all the divisions and wants to be  
at the April Meeting. Would he speak at the Memorial?

3 Certification - Symons - problem with Cause & Origin  
Certification - Accepted the <sup>new</sup> FF-II (March 1 on old)  
test

Presentation on Fire Marshal budget request.

Looking at the Delman Test - Looking for letter  
of support from chiefs

3. Certification - Letter of support to Fire Marshal in support of Delmar program, \$10,000  
Carl - Delmar is a CD and could be used around the State on a check-out basis.  
Ken asked about new answer sheets - Bob said there are new sheets.

4. Legislative - Ken - Budget session - License Plate Support Fire Marshal Budget  
Taylor commented that this may be a good time for recognition of Fire Service in light of recent tragedy.  
Abel - says Bezdek wants haz mat to be ready - the Membership agrees with me that this is not the time.

5. Fire Academy - Larry David - everything is going good.  
His year for students (over 700) Carl thanked Larry David for his work at Academy. Larry Lee plaque will be done

6. Fire Investigation Task Force - Train the trainer was last week and has 7 students. Had been having some problems with the Certification that appears to have now been worked out. Investigator course is next project.

7. Jim - has hired another Inspector/Investigator - would like to get him more experience. Have been working on the budget by visiting all 23 Counties - Asking for 2 positions (Trainers) for additional staff at Academy.  
includes formalization of Foundation Board and financial support for the Board.

Fire ACT - 14 grants total over \$800,000  
one more grant that will take it over \$1 million.

Mark Yoc - Celebrate in the success of those departments that got grants.