

WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2010

WHEATLAND TRAINING FACILITY – WHEATLAND WYOMING

- A regular scheduled meeting of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association, (Chiefs') was held on the above date, at the Wheatland Training Center. First Vice President Donny Munger called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM, there were 13 members and guests present.
- The meeting was opened by honoring our flag, and reciting the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- Roll Call was obtained by signing the tablet being circulated.
- A motion was made by Lanny Applegate and seconded by Eric Duncan to approve the meeting minutes that were sent out via e-mail of the April 14, 2012 meeting as sent. Motion was approved.
- A treasurer's report was presented to the membership by treasurer Gene Diedtrich for the period April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012 as follows: Beginning cash \$154,228.61, deposits of \$3,238.61, disbursements totaling \$71,233.25, leaving ending cash of \$86,233.97. The ending cash balance is partially restricted as follows: \$72,230.30 for the 2009 and 2011 Safer grants, leaving \$14,003.67 unrestricted Chiefs' funds. Motion to approve the treasurers report made by Kris Kocher and was seconded by Scott Scheller, Motion carried.
- Treasurer Diedtrich reported that there were no current bills outstanding that he was aware of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

- Mike Carlson reported on behalf of the Wyoming State Fire Council, he stated that at the last meeting, the council had a appeal of a ruling against a restaurant/bar from the Baggs area. The council did come up with a alternate way for the restaurant/bar to meet the provisions of the Code. Mike also stated that the State is now under the 2012 codes, local jurisdictions will have until October 1, 2012 to adopt the Codes.
- Membership information on the VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION PLAN was presented to the group by Allen Sessions, his report indicated the following: Total number of active participants at May 31, 2012 was 2,222, the plan currently is paying 167 survivor pensions, 886 retiree pensions, with the monthly pension cost being \$293,463.53, the smallest payment being \$38.40 and the largest being \$689.62. The Pension Plan's fund balance as of April 30, 2012 was \$62,039,633.45.
- A by-law report was given by Chief Munger, he stated that there were changes recently made and there was nothing new to report on the Constitution and By-laws.
- A report on Nominations and Elections was given by Gene Diedtrich, he indicated there was nothing to report at this time.
- Chief Munger gave a report on the membership, indicating the need of the group to follow the things that past president Armstrong has started, he indicated there is a large number of people in the leadership of a lot of the departments that do not belong to the Chiefs'.
- A brief legislation report was given by Lanny Applegate, indicating the Revenue committee met this week at Cheyenne, there was a concern by this group about the committee meeting and acting on Fire Districts, Lanny was assured that nothing concrete would come out of the committee hearing.

- Under membership communication, Gene Diedtrich noted that the Chiefs' website was up and running, and that he paid the initial cost and a 1 year subscription.
- The WFCFA logo has been completed, Gene Diedtrich indicated he would send the logo out over e-mail.
- A note from Carl Blanksvard indicating the Wyoming Sprinkler Coalition will be holding its first meeting on June 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Fort Casper Museum in Casper.
- The only comment from Jerry Munger who was reporting on the Wyoming State Firemen's Association, is "THE CONVENTION IS HERE". It starts today.
- Lanny Applegate reported that he had spoken with Steve Haines and Ray Weidenhaft recently and indicated the only report right now for the Wyoming State Rural Firemen's Association was to encourage everyone to attend their convention in Jackson, November 28 to December 1, 2012.
- Lanny Applegate reported for the Wyoming State Forestry indicating that he had talked to State Forester Bill Crapser this AM, He nor Ron Graham could not be present today due to the current heavy fire season, Bill thanked everyone for their help in fighting the recent fires, the main ones being the Cow Camp and Guernsey blazes.
- Director Applegate with the Fire Marshall's Office reported that his office is currently doing various things to meet the budget reduction requirements of State Government, basically by voluntary staff reduction , and combination of positions and the spreading of duties, Bruce Trembath has taken over the position as Chief Electrical Inspector, Bruce was formerly stationed at the FMO office in Worland. Lanny reported that the Training Division held 346 classes in the period January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012, taught 3,774 students, had 2,102 of classroom hours, had total vehicle mileage of 34,970 miles driven, issued 461 certificates, of which, 120 were accredited, and done 16 fire investigations. The State is in the process of doing major renovations at the Wyoming Fire Academy. The antique Fire Truck that was in the Academy, has been given back to the family of the original donor.
- Operations Chief Kim Lee with the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security gave a report for that Agency. He passed out a summary of all the Mission's handled by the Regional Emergency Response Teams totaling 318, currently getting a couple a week. The Arson K-9 unit is very successful. The agency has been involved with and supported 3 major fires this year. Kim feels their office, which is adjacent to Wyoming State Forestry is better located to communicate and support State Forestry. Kim has put together a Operations Asset Inventory, which is a detail of resource support items available to us by his office. Kim distributed brochures of the Communication Capabilities available through his office and a list of some of the equipment. Kim talked about the 2 Disaster Portable Morgue Units available for a mass fatality response, he also passed out brochures describing the units.
- Gene Diedtrich gave to the group a report by Ian Kraft regarding the 2011 Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Grant. The initial award of the Grant was \$997,850, there remains to disburse \$741,554.57. The grant will cover qualified training, physicals and college scholarships for volunteers.
- Under New Business, a short discussion was held regarding being a member and belonging to the Chiefs', the secretary does send out invitations to join to all departments annually, so each department not only has the association with fellow members, but the personal invite. There was no other new business.
 - FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE;
 - In conjunction with Wyoming Rural Firefighters Association convention in Jackson, November 28 to December 1, 2012.
 - In conjunction with Mid Winter Fire School in Riverton on January 11, 2013 at 12:30 pm.
 - Annual meeting in conjunction with the Wyoming Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Riverton on April 6, 2013 at 9:00 am.

- In conjunction with the Wyoming State Firemen's Association convention in Newcastle, June 12, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

■ Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Estes and seconded by Scott Scheller. Motion Carried. 4:00 PM