



NORTH IDAHO FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATION

PREVENTION

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Meeting with Legislators
November 16, 2006

The annual meeting with the legislators opened at 19:00 hrs with Chief Gabriel presiding. The following topics were discussed:

- **Impact fees for fire districts:** There was lengthy discussion with the legislator present with their suggestion being that a joint powers board consisting of county, city and fire districts would be needed to implement any progress along this line. The primary concern of the legislature is that if the door was opened for fire districts then every entity would be requesting the same.
- **Statewide Communications Funding.** General ideas were discussed as to how to fund communications improvements in order to meet interoperability goals.
- **Fire District Ordinance Authority.** Expansion of the ordinance authority of fire districts would be very difficult to get approved as, with impact fees, that would open the door for other agencies/departments.
- **Fire Code Issues.** There was some discussion regarding the International Fire Code while most of the discussion centered on urban interface issues and the possibility of adopting a wildland fire code.
- **EMS Commission.** General discussion regarding the current status of EMS.
- **Tax Reform.** There was discussion on the various plans for changes in the property tax structure of the state and implications regarding fire districts.