

NORTH IDAHO FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATION PREVENTION INVESTIGATION

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Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2011

PRESENT:

Lynn Borders	KCEMSS	Ralph Kramer	Northern Lakes Fire
Bob Crawford	MKI Fire	Robert Weber	Sagle Fire
Larry Simms	Hauser Lake Fire	Kenny Gabriel	CdA Fire
Ron Sampert	KCFR	Bob Wathen	Sam Owen Fire
James Walton	Eastside Fire	Glen Lauper	CdA Fire
James Cleveland	Prichard Murray Fire	Peggy Smith	Coolin/Cavanaugh Bay
Robert Tyler	Sandpoint Fire	Tom Greif	CdA Fire
Dean Marcus	Northern Lakes Fire	Jim Washko	CdA Fire
Dale Costa	Shoshone County 2		
Len Young	IDL		

The regular meeting of the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association was called to order at 10:09 on 17 February 2011, at Northern Lakes Fire.

- A. **Minutes** – Motion by Chief Borders, seconded by Chief Lauper, to accept the minutes of the January Meeting, motion passed.
- B. **Treasurer's Report** – Chief Borders gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Chief Gabriel, seconded by Chief Sampert, to accept the Treasurer's Report, motion passed.
- C. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Training Committee: At this time there are 60 registrations for FODA. Support people are needed for registration. The Chiefs requested an email to know what is needed.
 - b. North Idaho Emergency Services Academy is receiving registrations and again the chiefs wanted to know what support is needed and when.
- D. **Legislative Update**
 - a. EMS SB1021 was before committee on Wednesday, no one knew what

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had occurred at the committee hearing. Senator Lodge will be working to get some type of legislation introduced. There is a meeting next week to explore whether or not something can be moved forward. It appears that the intent, partially, is for the EMS Bureau to license by county rather than by agency and then to have the counties handle the agency level. There are openings on the EMS committee. Chief Tyler may have two applying for the EMT-A position. The members voted to nominate Chief Borders for the position of county administrator and to provide a letter of support.

- b. Urban Renewal there are six bills pending which address urban renewal in the hopes that one of them will pass. The bills address many facets from abolishing urban renewal to several modifications of current law. Chief Gabriel is going to a meeting later today to discuss these issues.

E. DIGBI

- a. Chiefs Tyler and Simms discussed the District Interoperability Governance Board for Region 1 (5 northern counties). A study has been produced to analyze how interoperability can be improved between counties, state and federal agencies. Grant applications that refer to that study and the SIEC plan can use the analysis to provide support for the grant application.

F. CISD

- a. : Discussion on how to move forward, as a result Chief Simms will schedule a meeting of interested participants to try and form a structure for that effort.

G. Association Dinner

- a. Discussion on how to increase participation and attendance at the association dinner. There were a couple of ideas presented and Chief Tyler will explore and set something up. It was agreed by all that we need to keep our momentum and strength as an organization moving.

H. Miscellaneous

- a. Chief Simms reported on the process of updating agreements with Avista for Fire District levys.
- b. If any of the counties have a fire prevention coop that they would like a link to on the NIFCA homepage were encouraged to pass that along to Chief Simms.
- c. Chief Gabriel expressed his appreciation for the association and those that participate and make the association an effective and recognized group in Idaho.

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- d. Chief Sampert advised that Larry Boatwright and Greg Wetzel would be retiring. With Greg's retirement we will need someone to step up to continue the work he has done with training.
- e. All members were encouraged to support northern representation in the Idaho Fire Chief's Association.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be at Coeur d'Alene Fire Station #3 on 15th Street in Coeur d'Alene.

Meeting adjourned

Thank you to Northern Lakes for hosting the meeting.