



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

November 2011 MCFPA Meeting Summary

MCFPA General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 - 7:00 PM
Clinton Rural Fire District
Hwy 10 E, Clinton - (406) 825-6260

In Attendance: Sarah Coefield - MCCHD Air Quality; Jim Carlson - MCCHD Environmental Health; Bill Colwell - Missoula Rural Fire; Brent Christopherson - Missoula Rural Fire; Matthew Hall - Missoula Unit, DNRC; Cindy Super - SWLO, DNRC; Adriane Beck - Frenchtown Fire; Bill Tucker - Clinton Fire; Susan Bomstad - Missoula County 9-1-1; Craig Jeppson - Montana FSTS; Michael Painter - Missoula City Fire.

MCFPA Vice-Chair Brent Christopherson called the November meeting to order. MCFPA representatives thanked Chief Tucker for Clinton Fire's hospitality in hosting & for providing food & beverage for the meeting.

MCFPA agency representatives in attendance introduced themselves.

Painter presented MCFPA's November meeting packet:

- MCFPA November Meeting Agenda
- MCFPA September 2011 Meeting Summary. On a voice vote the minutes were approved.
- MCFPA 2011 Financial Report - account balances as of Oct.31.2011:
 - Savings: \$23,076.67, Checking: \$2,724.73
 - Copies of MCFPA's Sep.2011 & Oct.2011 MFCU Statements
 - 2011 Financial Report (Unencumbered Association Funds: \$21,064.39)On a voice vote the financial report was approved.
- Correspondence
 - E-Mail / picture from Mark Springer (Dayspring Restoration) regarding Dayspring presentation of \$1,000 to MCFPA @ halftime of Oct.15.2011 UM Grizzly football game.
 - E-Mail from MFD Fire Inspector Adam Sebastian reporting on MCFPA's October puppet show programs given to Missoula County Kindergarten Classes.
 - 26 schools / 61 classes attended 46 presentations given
 - Approximately 1,500 students & 116 teachers / adults attended

OLD BUSINESS

- 2012 Fire Prevention / Public Education Events.

Painter reminded those in attendance of the Association's fire prevention & public education programs tentatively scheduled for 2012.

 - MCFPA Match Safety (Missoula County 1st Grade Classes) tentatively scheduled to be held in April 2012.
 - MCFPA Puppet Shows (Missoula County Kindergarten Classes) tentatively scheduled to be held in October in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week 2012.
 - Fire Prevention Bobblehead Event @ Missoula Osprey Game - TBA
 - Fuel Mitigation Public Education Program - TBA

- **MCFPA Scholarship Committee Report**
Brent Christopherson gave a brief report on the status of MCFPA's scholarship - scholarship applications will be due by March 1st, 2012. MCFPA's Board of directors will evaluate all applications, with the assistance of any other MCFPA members interested in participating.
- **2011 Outdoor Burning Permits**
Sarah Coefield & Jim Carlson led a discussion on the progress of developing a contract with Montana Interactive for transitioning burn permits in Missoula County to the on-line burn permit system. Changes will need to be made to address the specific requirements in the City ordinance. The Health Department would like MCFPA's assistance in publicizing the advantages of the new system and in training both agency representatives and the public in its use. MCCHD will be working to update the Interlocal Agreement addressing the current county-wide burn permit program. There was some discussion regarding which agencies can or cannot accept money and possible options for the public to obtain permits without a computer or internet access via their respective fire agencies. Bill Colwell suggested that all fire agencies contact the county commissioners to express their support for the on-line system and to discuss the advantages to our respective departments in better tracking permits issued and the opening & closing of burning.
- **Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants**
Chief Maradeo was not in attendance due to a family emergency – Painter reported that Frank was coordinating MCFPA's applications for VFA / RFA funds.
- **2012 DNRC / MCFPA Agency Wildland Fire Training Exercise**
Matt Hall asked if Clinton Fire might be interested in participating in 2012's wildland fire exercise along with DNRC, USFS & other cooperator agencies in the area east of Missoula. The exercise has been scheduled usually in April or May. Bill Tucker will follow up with Matt Hall & Cindy Super to discuss specifics and look at possible dates.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DaySpring Restoration MCFPA Donation**
Brent Christopherson, Bill Colwell & Cindy Super gave a report on the public fire safety presentation made during the Grizzly game in October. In addition to DaySpring's gracious donation toward MCFPA's public education programs, there were tables set up to allow for the public to receive some fire safety education. The interview during the game was broadcast across 3 states. DaySpring indicated that they might be interested in assisting MCFPA with its public education efforts on a regular basis.
- **Agency Reports**
MCFPA members gave a round table report on changes / activities currently under way at their respective agencies.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 18, 2012 - 7:00 PM (food served at 6:30 p.m.)
Missoula Rural Fire Station #1
2521 South Ave W, Missoula - (406) 549-6172

Summary by Painter.

