

Nevada Fire Chiefs Association

Roundtable Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Location: Downtown Reno Ballroom – Room 8
Reno, Nevada

Board Members Present: Steve Smith; Stacey Giomi; Mike Myers; Al Gillespie; Jay Wittwer; Gary Neilson; Ross Rivera; Ken Riddle

Board Members Absent: None

Welcome: Chief Steve Smith, President of the NFCA, welcomed everyone to the Fall 2009 Roundtable meeting. He then asked those in attendance to introduce their selves.

Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2009 (Elko) – Chief Smith asked and received a motion and a second to approve the minutes, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Jay Wittwer, NFCA Treasurer, explained that NFCA has three (3) bank accounts and reported on the balances in each of the accounts. As of today, the combined accounts total is \$393.42. He explained that because of the FireShowsReno conference the NFCA has provided start-up funds that should be returned in the form of profits from the conference. He then reminded everyone that the membership drive for 2010 will begin in December. Chief Smith asked if there were any questions and then asked for and received a motion and a second to accept the Treasurer's report, the report was accepted.

President's Report: Chief Smith thanked everyone for the success of FireShowsReno 2009 and he is looking forward to the 2010 conference.

First Vice-President's Report: Chief Giomi had two things to report on later in the agenda and will report on them then.

Second Vice-President's Report: This was Chief Myers' first NFCA meeting as Second-Vice President and he had nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Chief Wittwer reported on his meeting the NFCA CPA, Pat Brioady, in Reno and the development of future financial reports.

Past President 's Report: Chief Gillespie spoke about maintain an active role in the NFCA as the Past President. He also reminded everyone that the Executive Board has decided to add membership categories that would include fire department administrative assistants, fire mechanics, and increasing the involvement of retired Life Members.

Northwest Representative's Report: Chief Gary Neilson reported that has retired and that several retirees are in the area and he would like to look into the bylaws to keep them involved.

Southern Representative's Report: Chief Morgan reported that the southern Nevada Fire Chiefs are working on contingency planning and concerned on how it will integrate with the State Mutual-Aid plan.

Northeast Representative's Report: Chief Ross Rivera reported on EMS issues in his region.

Western Fire Chiefs Association Representative's Report: Chief Stevens reported on the activities of the WFCA including his participation with the WFCA meetings and conference calls. He provided an overview on several of the WFCA activities including, the Fire Service Bookstore, legislative activities, Fire Rescue GPO program. He introduced Crosby Grindle, Executive Officer for the WFCA who elaborated on three of the WFCA programs, Fire Service Bookstore, Fire Rescue GPO, and The Daily Dispatch. He provided printed materials to those in attendance. Ken Riddle reminded the members to use the Fire Service Bookstore since a small amount of the profits from book sales is returned to the NFCA. Chief Stevens also talked about a project where the ISO criteria is being reviewed. A report on the ISO review will be made available.

Executive Director's Report: Ken Riddle reported on the activities for FireShowsReno over the past 8 months with the Fire Service Vendors and Manufacturers Association and Jo Anne Hill. he is involved in the day-to-day business for the NFCA including updating the NFCA website on a regular basis with information and fire service articles that may be beneficial to the Nevada fire service. Several documents, reports and jobs are also posted on the website. He continues to manage the SAFER grant program for the Association.

Chief Smith asked the members present if there were any questions for any of the Board members regarding their reports. There were no questions asked.

Nevada State Fire Marshal/Board of Fire Services Report: Chief Jim Wright, State Fire Marshal, talked about recent fire deaths in the state and where they are occurring. He then talked about changes with the Fire Marshal's Office, including enforcement activities. He reviewed upcoming training and certification activities of the Office. He also reviewed legislative issues including fire safe cigarettes and new code adoptions

Northern Nevada Fire Chiefs Association: Chief Giomi reported that the NNFCA is reviewing their regional mutual-aid system.

Southern Nevada Fire Chiefs Association: Chief Morgan reported that the SNFCA is attempting to get better participation of members and have regular meetings.

Nevada State Firefighters Association: Report provided by Mike Heidemann, Executive Director for NSFA. Mike talked about NSFA's involvement in 9 successful bills in the legislature. He then outlined what NSFA is considering for the next legislative session, including increasing workers compensation for volunteer firefighters, a portion of the fire insurance premium tax distributed back to Nevada fire service, and a \$100,000 LODD payout to any firefighter killed in the line of duty. He also talked about distributing the Firefighter Autopsy Protocol to help departments seek benefits for their fallen members. Discussion ensued on distributing the protocols to local coroner's offices. He then talked about the 1-800-FIRELINE and the NFCA SAFER grant for recruitment and retention for Nevada volunteer firefighters. He then spoke about the development of PSA's promoting the 1-800-FIRELINE.

He concluded his report mentioning the NSFA travel service available on their website and the flag store that is also on their website.

Professional Firefighters of Nevada: No report.

Fire Prevention Association of Nevada: No report.

Permanent Committee Reports: No reports.

Old Business:

- **Nevada State Mutual Aid Plan** – Chief Mike Brown reported on his participation and meeting attendance on behalf of the NFCA with the IAFC Intra-State Mutual-Aid program. He reviewed Nevada's state mutual-aid plan and contrasted with other model plans. There has been a lot of discussion on resource typing for all disciplines as well as deployment and resource tracking. The overall Nevada mutual-aid plan is a good one and only needs minor adjustments. The NFCA needs to have a tabletop exercise before the end of 2010. He also reviewed the move of the State Fire Mutual-Aid Coordinator to the Department of Emergency Management and the statewide initiative to use an all-hazards approach. Kelli Baratti also clarified some of the mutual-aid activities.

Mike Warren, the IAFC Technical Advisor for the IMAS project reviewed the purpose of the IAFC grant to NFCA and the IAMS project. Kelli Baratti talked about the tabletop exercise being part of the NLE 2010 exercise. There has been some discussion about the NLE 2010 exercise being canceled. She also talked about both the Federal ROSS and the Nevada ROSS systems. The NFCA has a Mutual-Aid Task Force that will continue to work on this issue. Chief Smith asked Chief Brown to report back to the membership at the June Roundtable meeting in Winnemucca. There was a motion and a second to make the Mutual-Aid Task Force a permanent committee of the NFCA with Chief Mike Brown as the chairperson. The motion passed. Chief Giomi mentioned the importance of having representation from all of the stakeholders

- **SAFER Grant** – Ken Riddle reported that 2006 NFCA SAFER grant has concluded its third year. The four year goal is to recruit 105 volunteer firefighters statewide, currently we have recruited 86 statewide. The marketing of the 1-800-FIRELINE continues as well as the distribution of marketing materials. Recruitment materials were provided to in attendance on request. Mike Heidemann commented on the success of the current grant. Ken and Mike will be meeting to talk about a second SAFER grant when the current one terminates.
- **NFCA Annual Conference – FireShowsReno** – Ken Riddle talked about the beginning of the FireShowsReno and acknowledged those individuals that helped get the conference started. For a start-up conference in a bad economy, it appears as though the conference is a success. There are approximately 400 individuals in attendance and over 200 exhibit hall passes issued. Paid attendance is at about 250. Based on the partnership with the Fire Service Vendors and Manufacturers Association the conference should be financially profitable. Next year the conference may include the SERC hazardous materials which will be addressed by Chief Giomi.

New Business:

- **2010 FireShowsReno & HazMat Explo** – Chief Giomi stated that there has been discussions with the SERC to have the HazMat Explo become part of FireShowsReno. The conference was cancelled for this year. There is an opportunity to provide quality training to fire departments throughout the state. There are also grant funds that may be available to offset costs as well as pay for the registration and travel expenses for Nevada LEPC members to attend. Chief Giomi will continue to work on this issue.
- **NFCA Officer Elections** – Chief Gillespie reviewed the delay of the election process at the June meeting in Elko because the nominated officers were not present. Today there is no opposition to the officer positions. There was a motion to accept the nominated officers in their current positions for the next two-years.

Good for the Order & Adjournment:

- Chief Smith thanked everyone for attending and expressed his gratitude to all involved in FireShowsReno 2009 and the success of FireShowsReno 2010. He then recognized Ken Riddle for the success of FireShowsReno.
- Kurt Latipow mentioned the upcoming IAFC Wildland Conference in Reno in March. He also talked about other current national wildland fire issues and their impact in Washoe County and Nevada.
- Steve Conney from Masimo Corporation provided a short overview of their company's carbon monoxide monitors and their NFPA 1584 Fire Incident Rehab training program. Masimo will provide this training at no cost to departments requesting.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Roundtable – June 2010 at 2:00 pm in Winnemucca, Nevada at the NSFA Annual Training Conference