



Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday September 13, 2017
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT
St Joseph's Indian School
Chamberlain, SD

Board Members present: Rick Gustad, Mike Harstad, Brian Bowker, Jim Strain (conference line), Mike Roemmich (conference line).

Department of Public Safety Staff Present: Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman, Glenda Marks

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM CST by Paul Merriman, roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from November 15, 2017 meeting.

Moved by: Mike Harstad

Seconded: Brian Bowker

Discussion: None

Minutes approved unanimously.

Welcome Brian Bowker:

Brian Bowker with Northwest GF Mutual Insurance Company, was welcomed to the board. Board members and State Fire Marshal Staff introduced themselves and provided Brian a detailed introduction about themselves and the position they fill on the FMAB.

Guest Speakers:

Paul Merriman advised the board that both presenters had called unable to attend the meeting as both were assigned and called out to fight wildland fires.

Fire Marshal Updates:

The DPS/SFMO website has been updated in an effort to make more user friendly and mobile friendly.

This years IAAI conference will be held September 19, 20 in Mitchell. Expecting a good turnout with the selection of courses this year.

A copy of the letter from Bishop Swain and the Catholic Dioceses of Sioux Falls was provided to board members. The letter asked for our assistance in getting the word out that a Blue Mass in honor of all first responders would be held on September 29th at noon, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls.

A copy of the proclamation from Governor Daugaard declaring September Campus Fire Safety Month was provided to the board.

The date for this years South Dakota Firefighters Memorial Service is October 1. The service will be held at 2 PM CDT at the site of the Firefighters Memorial in Pierre.

Fire Prevention week will be observed this year from October 8th to 14th. The Fire Marshal's Office has fire prevention materials and resources available to Fire Departments at no cost. There is still plenty of time to call and order.

The SFMO is looking at expansion of the current Action Training Systems/web-based programs to include General Aviation and Fire Officer curriculums. The members of the board were in favor of adding General Aviation, more discussions will take place in regard to the Fire Officer program.

The Firefighter Essentials Grant - \$750 is available to Fire Departments wishing to host a Certified Firefighter Course, to help offset the cost of putting on the class.

The office has a new supply of smoke alarms for the SD Smoke Alarm Grant Program – Fire Departments can request up to 50 smoke alarms for distribution and installation in homes that do not have working smoke alarms. Fire Departments are required to do tracking and reporting to satisfy the conditions of the grant award. Smoke alarms are paid for with a portion of the fire safe cigarette fund. The Fire Marshal's Office will again be applying for the State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant to help support the program.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board will be scheduled for December. The date, time, and location of the meeting will be announced.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.