

MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Location: LVFR Training Center (Las Vegas)

Attendees: Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 13:01 by FPAN President Reggie McCollins. Visitor present was Kris Darnell from American Red Cross. She was promoting their “Fire Hurts – Red Cross Helps” campaign. They are low on funds due to amount of recent fires including the Rainwalk Apt fire. The Red Cross assisted a fire casualty victim on average every 29 hours. The average family receives \$610 in assistance from the Red Cross. All donations made to this campaign go directly to the victims. Their website is redcrosslasvegas.org

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting by Nikki Whelan. (does anyone know who seconded it?)

TREASURER REPORT

As Tawni is still out, Reggie gave a brief treasurer’s report. The bank account has \$14,850 in it. There are a few pay outs that need to be made such as website domain, James Snelling for web maintenance and for the taping of the LVVWD class. We have received a few member’s dues. We’re alright now.

MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

Reggie mentioned that he screens e-mails from IFSTA and ICC and forwards only the ones he deems pertinent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fireworks (Dennis Bergquist)

Last week they had a committee meeting in preparation for tomorrow’s meeting at Sands Expo with the fireworks industry. It is expected that they will try and convince us to accept their testing methods. Dennis spoke with the manager of TNT stating he had a lot of concerns. Testing should be starting soon.

Training (Ed Kaminski)

Ed is working on an April class with Desert Fire. It will be a “hands-on” style and split in two groups. It will be similar to last year’s training and will be on pumps and how they work. The format Ed is following started with water supply, now it will be on pumps, after that is sprinkler /

storage systems and then special systems. He is trying to build a base for all inspectors, firefighters, industry representatives, etc. We are trying to use FPAN as an avenue for training since some may not be able to get training from their departments due to the economic times. FPAN is still growing and we are trying to make the association better. We are a chapter under ICC so we can give CEUs and they can be retroactive for previous classes. It is expected that all valley fire departments are going to the IFC this year. Steve mentioned that most departments are "on the same page" with adopting the IFC and select amendments. Our training counts toward certification renewal. We can give .1 CEU for each hour of training. The "Coffee Break" e-mails Reggie forwards also give credit as well. Educode is coming and since not everyone can go, it was asked that if you do go, please bring information back so FPAN can share it with those who cannot attend. Doug applauded Ed for the LVVWD class. Ed added that most 2010 classes will be geared towards fire suppression while the 2011 classes will be on fire detection.

Public Education (Steve Shacklett)

The Forums are up and running. Steve, Sherry, Fred and Ralph have tested them and they seem to be running as expected. This can be used to talk amongst ourselves outside the FPAN meetings. They can be used for ideas, questions, or something you see.

Rebecca White (MN State Fire Marshal) will be sharing the Public Education newsletter. Sherry is the Public Education Officer for NV and FPAN.

NFPA is coming to Mandalay Bay in June. Sherry, Terry and Megan will be giving a presentation called "A Perfect Storm" that will show how the current economy is affecting public safety.

We will be sending out e-mails directing members to the website to get information shared. This will prevent attachments that may overload member's inboxes due to their size.

Golf Tournament (Doug Sartain)

The 2009 golf tournament was a good event considering the struggling economy. We made just over \$3,000. This year we will be starting earlier and will ask for specific prizes. The comments received back have all been good; there have been no negative comments. We have locked in Saturday October 9th and again Siena is the course. Desert will be sponsoring the cars. The pictures are on the website. Please contact Starr or Doug if you would like to be on the committee. Please send Starr an e-mail if you want to play so she can start working on the teams.

ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDCE

Skipped

OLD BUSINESS

Training and CEUs – already covered

Website update – already covered

Bylaws – Our bylaws need to be updated. We need someone (or a few) to review them and help update them. Please e-mail Reggie if you would like to help.

Membership Dues – Invoices have not gone out yet. We are anticipating getting them out in the next week. If member's agencies are not paying, we do not want to cancel the member. We are asking if you can pay your membership dues, please do but if you can't and your agency will not, we will keep you as a member. An open discussion was held and it was noted that per the bylaws, you will become a "member in poor standing" and you cannot vote or run for an office, but you are not thrown out of the Association. Reggie will make a decision and advise.

Meeting Schedule – The members were asked how they wanted to conduct the meetings. After some brief discussion, Steve made a motion to change the current meeting schedule to monthly and Ed seconded it. The meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the next meeting will be March 17th. Reggie has been having problems coordinating the video conference meetings with the north. This is an ongoing issue.

NEW BUSINESS

NFPA Conference

FPAN is an IFMA chapter and we are tasked with doing certain things for the conference. We need volunteers for committee to assist with setting up for the conference.

Natural Gas & Propane Class

The Nevada Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and FPAN are in partnership with Southwest Gas and Amerigas to sponsor a training class on the uses of natural gas and propane. Course includes use and installation requirements and failure issues associated with them. The training covers code requirements and failure issues associated with them. The training covers code requirements, leak detection, and demonstrations on the properties of the fuels. This course includes a field live exercise at Henderson Fire Department Training Center and practical "hands on" activities at the Southwest Gas field training lab in Henderson. The course is ideal for Fire Investigators, Building and Fire Inspectors, Hotel Maintenance and Engineering personnel, and Insurance Adjusters.

WHEN: March 8 and 9, 2010. 8am-5pm

WHERE: Henderson Fire Dept Training Center, 401 Parkson St
Southwest Gas Field Training Lab

COST: \$50 for FPAN/NVIAAI/ICC/IAAI members
\$100 for all others

GOOD AND WELFARE FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Safety Village Update (Cedric Williams)

The program is moving forward. 10 acres have approved through BLM and Parks/Recreation. They are looking for \$2million from Washington and also looking for grants. On a side note, they are looking for a grant-writing specialist and the pay is \$120/hour. The facility will be located at Centennial and Statz, just west of the new Veteran's Hospital. Conceptual drawings on more information can be found at cnlvfd.com.

FPAN is looking for ways to improve and we are looking for your help in doing this. Please give any ideas you have to your e-board. We want to keep the association moving forward.

Ralph mentioned he had the burn trailer recently at the International Home Builder Show and had a lot of interest. There were 70,000 in attendance so that might be a good avenue to promote home sprinklers.

At 2:20, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug and seconded by Dennis.

Meeting adjourned.