

2015 SDFCA Meeting @ SD Municipal League meeting

October 8, 2015 – Watertown, SD

Agenda and Minutes

1. Welcome and Fire Chief introductions
 - a. 1st VP Koopman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
2. Fire Marshal Office – Steve Harford
 - a. Action Training Systems – available through SD Redbook fund - \$50 per department per year. Go to <http://sdredbook.org/>
 - b. Smoke Detectors available to SD departments through SDFMO – 50 detectors per department – more available upon request as supplies last.
http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/state_fire_marshall/contact.aspx
3. SD EMS – Tyler M. – Watertown FD
 - a. Legislation –
 1. Remove hardship clause option
 2. Eliminate requirement for two EMT's for BLS ambulance. New requirement would be one EMT and one certified ambulance driver.
4. Guest introductions
5. Financial report
 - a. \$20,808.88 in account.
 - b. 2016 budget being prepared for presentation and vote at annual meeting in Aberdeen
 - c. Only 15 departments have paid 2015 annual SDFCA dues. Can pay dues via ABC site or mail. See SDFCA website for instructions/information.
6. Old Business
 - a. Constitution & By-laws review
7. Review of SDFCA activities
 - a. Website (www.SDFCA.com)
8. 2015 Annual SDFCA Scholarship(s) review and approval
 - a. SDFCA 2015 scholarship applications to be sent to officers soon. Decision and announcement at annual meeting in Aberdeen.
9. 2015 SDFCA Annual Conference – Aberdeen
10. 2016 SD State Fire School June 2-4, Minnehaha Co. Fire Chief's/Sioux Falls, SD

11. New Business

- a. Groton billing update – survey on SDDFA website to complete for gathering information on SD fire departments processes for billing. More information is needed in order to develop processes, options, and compliance with rules related to billing.
- b. Update and discussion of Spearfish FD news and updates.
- c. Chief Kranz – Watertown – discussed direct payment discussions for EMS billing
- d. Chief Darrell Hartmann – Brookings – A volunteer FF hurt knee at fire and filed a work comp claim for injury. He was disabled from regular job. Benefits being paid to the injured firefighter stopped by work comp until they investigated. Work restrictions did not allow FF to return to work but allowed minor tasks and work comp related that being the cause for pay stoppage. Situation rectified after State official involvement and many phone calls and appeals.
 - i. Departments need to make sure they have workers compensation insurance for their members. Discussion about adding it to the requirements to certify a fire department.
 - ii. Chief Gustad -Platte FD pays approx. \$2,500 annually for 34 members to cover the organization for workers compensation insurance.
- e. Chief Kurtenbach – Yankton FD - Volunteer firefighter EAP options? NVFC has options and Provident who has association insurance has EAP options for organizations and firefighters who need it.
- f. Chief Kurtenbach – Yankton FD- discussed the need for trained prosecutors to handle or help local prosecutors with arson prosecution. He will contact SD Attorney General's office for guidance and assistance.

Adjourn motion by Gustad

2nd by Kurtenbach

Adjourn – 2:40 pm