

## 2016 SDFCA Meeting @ SDML Conference – Rapid City, SD

Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

SDFCA Officers Attending: Sec/Treas.-Mark Bukovich (Sioux Falls), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.-Michael Koopman (Baltic), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Tom Kurtenbach (Yankton), East River Rep.- Rick Gustad (Platte).  
We had 14 guests from various departments and agencies in the State.

1. Welcome and review of SDFCA activities – meeting called in by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Koopman
  - a. Website ([www.SDFCA.com](http://www.SDFCA.com))
  - b. Annual Dues Payments (ABC Site for CC) – 24 departments as of 10-6-16
  - c. Annual Conference Registration (ABC Site) – update to come!
2. Annual SDFCA Scholarship(s) – Requested all required documents from one applicant.
3. Review of Current Officers
  - a. Election of vacating position(s) in December (All two-year terms)
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP vacancy
    - ii. West River Rep.
    - iii. At-Large Rep.
4. Financial
  - a. Audit to be sent out for review – Cain Ellsworth
5. 2016 SDFCA Annual Conference - Brookings
  - a. 2016 Location – Eastside Brookings FD station
  - b. 2017 Location – West River!!!!
6. 2017 Missouri Valley International Association of Fire Chiefs Conf. – Breckenridge, CO June 28-30, 2017 – the resort is allowing conference rates for attendees and families 6 days prior and 6 days after in order to facilitate family vacations.
7. 2017 SD State Fire School June 8-10 @ Mitchell, SD. (3 years; 2017-2019) – Chief Gustad and Chief Overweg gave an overview and MTI facilities and overall thought process on hosting at one location for 3 years.
8. 2017 Joint Council Meeting – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Pierre, SD FD Station 1
9. New Business

1. SD Radio system is looking to request 21 million in next budget to make SD Radio System P25 compliant. This would allow more brands of radios to be used on system and meet federal standards.

Also it would provide for Motorola to touch every XTL and XTS radio in SD and update the firmware to be P25 compliant, site/tower upgrades/adds, and allow for an operational system well past 2023. The other option is to do nothing until 2023 and all XTL and XTS radios will be obsolete and not function on the system anymore.

It was discussed that SDFCA should support this and start the process of getting other public safety agencies signing on to support the funding and encourage SD legislators to support/fund the request.

SDFCA is also working to get a SD Radio person to the 2016 conference to speak about the issue.

2. Chief Overweg discussed possible SD Pension changes that are before legislator approval. Changes would eliminate the automatic 2.1 or 3.1 COLA increases for pensions. There would be no automatic increase.

3. Possible legislation being introduced to make seat belt usage a primary offense.

4. Concern was brought up by Chief Kurtenbach about the upcoming (within 3 years) retirements of 3 of the 5 SD fire investigators. Concern was over getting new people hired and trained prior to retirements of the current investigators. This information was passed to Chief Gustad to take up with the SDFM office during SD Fire Marshal's Advisory Board meetings since he is a member.

5. Discussion about the Motorola WAVE project related to Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County/Lincoln County. We are working on getting a trial system up and running but nothing operational yet. Rapid City has a similar system in place and it is working well. Their system is through an app called HOLLAR.

6. RCFD Fire Marshal Tim Behlings gave an update on legislation and sprinklers in SD. Rapid City currently has approx. 110 residences that are sprinklered due to location, water hydrant flow, or access issues. They have up to 70 more going through the process when they fill up those developments with those criteria or issues.

The governor's houses being built in Springfield are having sprinkler systems installed in some of them. 40-50 currently have the systems being installed.

7. RCFD performed a fire sprinkler demonstration for SDML attendees and did a great job.

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Koopman to adjourn and seconded by Chief Gustad. Motion carried unanimously.