

2017 SDFCA Meeting @ SD Municipal League
October 5, 2017 – Sioux Falls, SD

AGENDA - Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Sign-in list sent around for all attendees
 - b. President Koopman called meeting to order at 1330 on 10-5-17
 - c. SDFCA Board members present: President Koopman, 1st VP Tom Kurtenbach, Secretary/Treasurer Bukovich, at-large rep Hartmann.
2. Guest Introductions
 - a. Ian Paul – PFD, Randy Meister – AFD, Randy Minnert – Madison FD, Dell Rapids FD, SDFM Doug Hinkel & Mike ,
3. Fire Marshal Office
 - a. Damon Hartmann is new West River Deputy Fire Marshal
 - b. New online FF training program up and running and going well. Good response and good reviews. Some comments were less time away from home and they liked the self-space option.
 - i. Test scores and practical skills are same or better than previous traditional courses. Progress report of students is sent to the instructor of the course once per week but can be set up for different notification timelines.
 - ii. FF1/FF2 class has been completed in 4 months with good scores and practical assessments.
 - iii. Cost is \$20 per student or per key and go through SD Redbook Fund – Adam Frick for access key and payment.
 - iv. Driver/Operator is available as well.
 - v. SDFM is looking at adding a general aviation FF (ARFF) class to the online options. Target audience would be FDs with a small airport in jurisdiction (i.e. Platte, Wagner, Winner, etc.).
 - vi. Nothing legislative at this time.
 - vii. No other short-term staff changes planned for SDFM office
 - viii. Smoke detector grant program still an option and operational
 - ix. Smoke detectors are available through Red Cross as well.
4. SD EMS – Not Present
5. Financial report
 - a. Presented balance – 11,711.96 in account.
6. Old Business
 - Constitution & By-Laws
 - Website (www.SDFCA.com)
7. SDFCA Activities
 - Scholarships – Remi Paul (Pierre FD – Lake Area Tech) and Cassie Ford (Chancellor FD – SDSU) (1,000 each).

8. 2017 Annual Conference – Deadwood – December 2nd and 3rd - 2017

- Eddie Buchanan – Keynote at SDFCA conference
- SD FMO – Stress Management class

9. 2018 State Fire School – Mitchell

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteer Staffing Levels – legislation?
 - Discussed a need to come up with ways to attract and keep volunteers for Fire, EMS, EMA, and other public safety agencies.
 - Discussed examples from other states including MN
 - Doug Hinkel will send out a NFA EFO paper on topic
- Chief Kurtenbach discussed mutual aid agreements across State lines – further discussion in December.
- Discussed laws regarding billing for SD FDs and what is allowed – further discussion in December.