



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM CDT  
St. Joseph's Indian School  
Chamberlain, SD**

**Board members present:** Richard Broderick, Rick Gustad, Jim Strain, Mike Harstad

**Board members absent:** Jerry Diamond

**Department of Public Safety Staff Present:** Kristi Turman, Glenda Marks, Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman.

**Call to Order & Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM CST by Paul Merriman. Roll call taken and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to approve April 28, 2015 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Rick Gustad

Seconded: Mike Harstad

Discussion: None

Minutes approved unanimously.

**Everyone Goes Home Program**

Brooks Martin provided an overview of the Everyone Goes Home Program for board members. The program, founded by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation provides free training, resources, and programs to champion and implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of preventable firefighter line-of-duty injuries and deaths. Fire Marshal's Office will be introducing this initiative through a class offering at the upcoming SD Fire Instructors Conference in January.

**NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative**

Board member Rich Broderick lead a discussion on the possible creation of a fire sprinkler coalition in South Dakota. A group of individuals working in the area of fire prevention from the South Dakota Fire Service, that would meet to share information, discuss fire protection and life safety issues as well as raise awareness on the importance of fire sprinkler protection. Rich will send out additional information to the board or provide at the next meeting of the FMAB. The group was in support of this idea.

**Fire District Mapping**

Board member Jim Strain proposed mapping of fire districts in South Dakota through ArcGIS. Jim provided a list of districts currently on file with the South Dakota Secretary of States Office and talked about the advantages of having that information available in map form outlining district boundaries.

The board was supportive of the idea, Fire Marshal's Office will work with the Division of Wildland Fire to implement.

### **Fire Marshal's Office Updates**

Fire Marshal staff provided board members with an upcoming events/training calendar updated through April.

Doug Hinkle talked about the increase in interest for the SD Fire Instructor Class and that the office would be hosting an additional class to accommodate interested firefighters during late spring.

Doug Hinkle also briefed the group on the NFIRS program and some recent updates that were made to the system in hopes of improving the fire reporting system/experience for the user, goal being collection of better data from fire departments.

Paul Merriman and Doug Hinkle discussed the Action Online Training Systems initiative and update the group on its use so far. Currently the web-based platform is being used to supplement training in 75 fire departments across South Dakota. Interest in this program is expected to grow quickly.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Conference calls will be scheduled for January and February to discuss and focus on any legislative updates or matters concerning the fire service. The next meeting of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board will be scheduled for April. The date, time, and location of the meeting will be announced.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 PM.