

**Annual Meeting minutes July 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**Memorial Building, Ironwood**

1. Meeting called to order by Chief Caudill at 10:05 hours in Ironwood.
2. Pledge of allegiance said aloud.
3. Memorial service and Firemen's prayer read by Chief Peite, invocation by Pastor Bomaster.
4. Roll Call of members as stated on the sign in sheet.
  - a. Alpha-Mastodon, Ironwood PSD, Skandia-West Branch, Negaunee City, Negaunee Twp, Forsyth Twp, Marquette Twp, Republic Twp, Wells Twp, Tri-County FD, Richmond Twp, Breitung Twp, West Iron County FD, Wakefield FD, Ironwood Twp, Ironwood VFD, Spaulding FD, OFFT, State Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector SOM.
5. Roll call of board members:
  - a. President Chief Caudill, present.
  - b. Vice President Chief Perlongo, present.
  - c. Secretary/treasurer Chief Seppala, present.
  - d. Trustee Chief Jacobson, present.
  - e. Trustee Chief Yon, present.
6. Introduction of guests:
  - a. Mayor Kim Cocheran, gave comments and wished all good luck.
  - b. Andrew Digorgio, Ironwood PSD Director along with PSO Brandon Snyder laid down the rules of the town for the weekend.
  - c. William Lucius running for 110<sup>th</sup> District State Rep gave presentation.
  - d. Rich Miller, State Fire Marshal.
  - e. Joe Grutza OFFT.
  - f. Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 OFFT Supervisor.
  - g. Michigan Chiefs.
7. Approval of the agenda, a motion was made by West Iron County with support from Breitung Twp, all were in favor.
8. Minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 meeting were supported by Marquette Twp, with support from Wakefield FD; all were in favor to accept the minutes as printed.
9. Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Ironwood Twp, with support from Ironwood Twp, all were in favor.
10. Communications:
  - a. Bob Black sent an e-mail incase he was late for the meeting. He stated that he was in touch with a Wisconsin State Senator and the OFFT to bring reciprocity between our States without going to legislation.

11. Unfinished business:

- a. Chief Caudill gave a brief synopsis on the training class with Doug Doefer at the Elks Lodge in Iron Mountain this past February. He also announced a class on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 0800 hours at the Elks Lodge in Iron Mountain. The "Everyone Goes Home" program that is a train the trainer also.

12. New Business:

- a. The Class in Iron Mountain September 8<sup>th</sup>.

13. State Fire Marshal Report:

- a. Rich Miller, newly appointed fire marshal told us all about himself and his office agenda and that he was honored to serve us. He then gave his report.

14. Office of Firefighter Training Report:

- a. Joe Grutza, Dan Hammerberg introduced new fire inspector out of the Marquette office, Jim Ellenboss and thanked all the UP training coordinators. Joe spoke about the 16 life safety initiatives program that was to be held in Iron Mountain September 8<sup>th</sup> at 0800 hours, Elks Lodge 700. Talked about the Instructor 101 class and the Region re-tests coming this fall.

15. Fire Fighters Training Council: No Report

16. Michigan State Firemen's Association:

- a. Announced the fall fire school in Roscommon the first weekend in November. Mentioned there was a job opening for a secretary in their office also to call them for the new training manuals for new firefighters. He then presented the board members with new golf towels with their new updated logo with the whole State of Michigan.

17. NVFC Report: No Report

18. Michigan Chief's Report: No Report

19. Comments:

- a. Secretary Chief Seppala asked the members to please update their department officers and contact information with the State as he uses this information to mail out the notices and a lot of them came back this time. Dan Hammerberg reiterated and told how to go about doing that via the State web site.
- b. Chief Jacobson thanked all for coming to this year's tournament and if anyone needed info or help to look for the pink shirts.
- c. Chief Perlongo reiterated on training.
- d. Chief Yon made note of a Meth lab awareness training available from MSP very good training class that all should have because it is every were in the UP.
- e. Chief Caudill mention he was working on the spring training class and a notice will be sent out as soon as possible.

20. Next meeting will be held at the Palmer Fire Department, Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, 1000 hours local time.

21. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tri County FD with support by Wakefield FD, all were in favor at 1058 hours.