

April 19, 2014 meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chief Malone at 1001 hours EST.
2. **Members present by the sign in sheet:** Alpha-Mastodon FD, Munising City FD, Tri County FD, West Iron County FD, Wakefield FD, Sagola Township FD, Iron Mountain FD, Forsyth Township FD, Ironwood Township FD, Sands Township FD, Rock River Township FD, Onota Township FD, Spaulding Township FD, Breitung Township FD, Negaunee Township FD, Negaunee City FD, Skandia-West Branch FD, Chocolay Township FD, Marquette Township FD, Wells Township FD.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance said aloud.** A moment of silence for past Chiefs Jamie Petie; Ironwood Township FD and Archie Carlotto; Caspian-Gaastra FD.
4. **Introduction of guests:** Dan Hammerberg OFFT and Al DaGostino of R&R Fire Equipment.
5. **Roll call of board members:**
 - a. **President Malone:** X
 - b. **Vice President Yon:** X
 - c. **Secretary Seppala:** X
 - d. **Trustee Koski:** X
 - e. **Trustee VanDorn:** X
6. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved
7. **Minutes of fall meeting:** A motion was made by Breitung Township with support from West Iron County to approve the September 28 2013 meeting minutes, all were in favor.
8. **Treasurer's report:** A motion was made by Sagola Township with support from Skandia-West Branch to approve the treasurer's report as presented, all were in favor.
9. **Unfinished business:** None
10. **New Business:** None
11. **OFFT:** Dan apologized on behalf of Joe & Rich as they could not attend but would be at the annual meeting this summer. Dan touched base on the "Fire Service Connection" and who was occupying what offices now. Dan stressed to the counties who have not used all of their training funds that they must do so. We all need to use it up so it keeps coming. There are fireworks grant programs that can fund almost any training, all you have to do is write the grant and have it approved. Dan stressed the need to fill out and update your county training committee information on a yearly basis as well as department info; new officers etc. to keep the directory up to date. Dan reiterated the IMS systems works best in Internet Explorer and does not

function proper on Chrome or fire Fox. There will be a NIFRS class at the Forest Park High School in Crystal Falls June 7th & 8th @ 0800 each day. Dan spoke about the 2 NFA classes held in Iron Mountain. There will be a combined Michigan & Wisconsin training program held in Iron Mountain May 1st. Dan set up a new program via TEXTCOM and encourages all firemen to sign up for information sharing. www.textcom.com

- 12. NVFC:** Jim Rose stated if anyone had questions for the NVFC he will forward.
- 13. Guest Al D'Agostino:** gave a presentation on his company R&R fire equipment and had some items on display.
- 14. Member comments:** Chief Koski apologized for not making the training classes but he had a lot of frost in Republic to deal with. Chief VanDorn was happy to be here; Chief Yon mentioned prison van extrication training. Chief Malone mentioned he was approached to serve on the MI Chiefs board of directors; he would like to sit in on conference calls and like to go down state at least once. Chief Iverson spoke about the UP Fire Tournaments; more information is on their web site. Chief Lauersdorf asked about fund raising ideas and could contact him at 906-774-0622 with any ideas.
- 15. Next meeting:** Will be held at 1000 hour's local time at the Quinnesec Fire Hall, 3800 Menominee St. Quinnesec MI 49876.
- 16. Motion to Adjourn:** a motion to adjourn was made by Marquette Township with support from Wells Township, all were in favor.