

Metro Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 28, 2009
1300-1510 Hours – Dallas Convention Ctr. Room A133-134

Call to Order & Welcome – B. HENDRICKS

United States Fire Administrator's Comments – K. COCHRAN

Administrator Chief COCHRAN thanked the Metro for the support it has given him over the years and assured those present that he would be calling on their support in the future as he embarks on his new journey as Administrator of the USFA.

Announcements & Opening Remarks – B. HENDRICKS

All members present gave brief self introductions.

Introduction of IAFC Officers/Candidates – B. HENDRICKS

During the course of the meeting, IAFC President Larry GRORUD, Incoming President Jeff JOHNSON and 2nd VP Al GILLESPIE addressed the membership. Also, Hank CIEMMENSON, candidate for IAFC 2nd VP, asked the members to support his candidacy.

NFA Update – Denis ONIEAL

Dr. ONIEAL gave a brief overview of NFA courses and activities. He advised that the NFA is now providing two-week arson training for the FBI, ATF and CPSC and is continuing to provide mid- to senior-level management training for Fire and EMS. Dr. ONIEAL asked all members to commit to sending more women and people of color to the NFA.

2010 Memphis Conference Update – A. BENSON

Chief BENSON advised that the conference venue has been reserved and planning for the 2010 conference is progressing. The conference hotel will be the Marriott and the dates will be May 15-20. He encouraged everyone with suggestions to contact him.

Special Presentation: All Hazards-Checklist – B. PETERSON

Chief PETERSON explained that L-TRAC (Local Training for Regional Assessment and Collaboration) is a new project with the goal of developing an all-hazards checklist. The IAFC was awarded a \$3 million grant to complete this project. The project partners will include the Major Cities Police Chiefs and Johns

Hopkins University, and the final product will be designed with fire, police and EMS in mind. Ten communities, likely Metro cities/counties, will be selected to participate. If anyone wants to volunteer, please contact Chief PETERSON. The cities will be selected in January 2010.

Business Meeting

Invocation – B. HENDRICKS

Chief HENDRICKS gave the invocation.

Approval of the Edmonton Minutes – B. HENDRICKS

Motion to approve the minutes by Chief L. FINCHER/second by Chief F. MADISON. Unanimous Approval.

Evening Event – R. SANDERS

Chief SANDERS announced the times and locations for shuttle pick-ups to/from the evening events.

Officer Reports:

President's Report – B. HENDRICKS

Chief HENDRICKS advised that, due to Chief BRYSON's retirement, each Board Officer and Member (with the exception of the Senior Board Member) advanced one position and that Chief Steve DEAN was appointed to fill the Alternate Board Member position. He further advised that Chief BARRY's upcoming retirement would result in additional changes on the Board. Following Chief BARRY's retirement, Chief KAY will move to Secretary, Chief PETTUS will move to Treasurer and Chief DEAN will move to the Board Member position. The Alternate Board Member position will remain vacant at this time and will be included on the Salt Lake City Board meeting agenda.

Chief HENDRICKS announced that he has not yet decided if he will run for a full term when he completes Chief BRYSON's unexpired term. This issue will be discussed further at the Salt Lake City Board meeting.

Advised that a decision concerning attendance at the upcoming CFOA (England) and CTIF (Germany) meetings will be discussed at the Salt Lake City Board meeting.

Chief HENDRICKS will continue representing the Metro on the Safe Place Advisory Board, and asked that chiefs not currently participating in Safe Place to consider doing so.

Vice President's Report – G. FREDERICK

Chief FREDERICK advised that he is serving as Chair for the Memphis education program and would like to hear from the membership concerning topics and speakers. Please send comments to Chief FREDERICK or Chief SANDERS as soon as possible. Thanked Chief McCAMMON for agreeing to assist with the program.

Announced that several new members have either joined the Metro or are in the process of doing so.

Treasurer's Report – G. FREDERICK (for J. KAY)

Chief FREDERICK reported the following for the period January 1 – July 31: Carryover -- \$251,304; Income -- \$62,308; Expenses -- \$20,870; Change in Net Assets -- \$41,438; and, Ending Balance -- \$292,742. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Chief R. BARNES/Second by Chief D. BARRY. Unanimous Approval.**

Secretary's Report – D. BARRY

Chief BARRY asked that everyone reach out to eligible colleagues who are not currently Metro members and encourage them to join.

Chief BARRY announced that his retirement will be effective tomorrow (August 29, 2009) and that a new chief from within the department has been selected. Chief BARRY's retirement luncheon will be October 18, 2009, in Los Angeles.

Board & Staff Reports

Board Member's Report – N. PETTUS, Jr.

No report.

Senior Board Member's Report – B. McCAMMON

Chief McCAMMON advised that he has represented the Metro at two recent PSST meetings and that he will continue as the Metro-PSST representative. Gave an overview of the 700 MHZ/PSST project, explaining that the D-Block auction failed. There are differing opinions between representatives of the Major Cities Police Chiefs (MCPC) and the current PSST Board. The County Sheriff's (CS), the MCPC and the Metro would like seats on the PSST Board. The CS's and Metro have submitted requests for board seats, but to date those requests

have been denied. Communities are submitting waivers for spectrum and the Metro supports these requests. Closed by advising that he is drafting a letter on behalf of the Metro requesting Congress to release an additional 10 MHZ of spectrum. The CS's and MCPC's are preparing similar letters. Anyone with questions should contact Chief McCAMMON.

Alternate Board Member's Report – S. DEAN

No report.

Immediate Past Chair's Report – B. STEWART

Chief STEWART advised that he is continuing as the Metro representative to the NFPA High-Rise Advisory Committee, but there is nothing new to report at this time.

Announced that Vancouver, Canada, Dublin, Ireland and Rotterdam, Netherlands have recently joined the Metro.

IAFC/NFPA Board Representative's Report – L. FINCHER

Chief FINCHER thanked Chief STEWART for bestowing the President's Award of Distinction on him at the Edmonton conference.

Reviewed the meetings and conferences attended during the past year and advised that he would be attending the CTIF meeting in June. This meeting is in Germany and is in conjunction with Interschutz.

Reviewed the Metro-UASI MOU that provides the Metro a revenue stream of up to \$10,000. Advised that he is happy to announce that the Metro actually netted \$20,000 from last year's UASI conference.

Announced that Chief SANDERS and Chief JOHNSON joined him at the July CTIF meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic and, working with the Russian Delegation, were successful in getting the CTIF dues reduced by approximately 50%. The IAFC and NFPA pay equal shares of the CTIF annual dues.

Reported that the IAFC has changed its bylaws and the Executive Director is now the spokesperson for the Association and has been assigned the title of CEO.

IAFC Liaison's Report – R. SANDERS (for V. LEE)

Chief SANDERS read the following report that was provided by IAFC Liaison Vicki LEE:

Reminder that new Metro dues billing process will begin in Jan. 2010 (transition to occur this fall).

New IAFC/IAFF Labor-Management Initiative (LMI) curriculum is ready for delivery. Contact Vicki at vlee@iafc.org for more information and to schedule a program in your area. You may also visit the LMI booth (#6042) here at FRI.

The IAFC has several national programs that benefit its members (mutual aid, near-miss, hazmat fusion center, etc). For more information on these resources, visit the National Programs booth (#6044).

Executive Secretary's Report – R. SANDERS

Chief SANDERS advised that the NFPA-Metro Board meeting will be December 11-12, 2009 in Salt Lake City, UT. All members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Chief SANDERS and Ms LEE have updated the electronic version of the Metro Directory and it has been sent to all members. Updates will be sent as changes occur.

Committee/Project Reports:

Old Business – B. HENDRICKS

None.

New Business – B. HENDRICKS

Chief B. BURRELL asked that the Board consider supporting a Canadian Metro Chief to attend the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs meetings. Chief HENDRICKS advised that his request would be included on the Salt Lake City Board meeting agenda. Chief BURRELL is to send supporting documentation.

Chief R. BARNES asked how the Metro plans to spend existing funds. Chief SANDERS explained that the funds are primarily spent on travel for member chiefs to represent the Metro at meetings, hearing, etc. He further explained that the Association is now in a position to pay for non-member speakers at Metro meetings and conferences. Chief G. DIO suggested that we should continue being conservative with spending to ensure that we remain in the black. The Board and membership agreed.

Adjourn – B. HENDRICKS

**Motion to adjourn by Chief L. FEW/Seconded by Chief N. PETTUS.
Unanimous Approval.**