



Iowa Firefighters Association

June Board Meeting

June 11, 2022 – Garrison Fire Department

President Jason Barrick called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Board Present: Jason Barrick, Chuck Raska, Roger Carr, Kent Brix, and Mike Kime.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, Gene and Carrie Evans, John and Cindy Pederson, Lonnie Newhall, Kati Woodley, Jami Schroeder-Carr, Andrea Kime, Marv Trimble, David Schipper and Garrison Fire Department members.

Guests:

Fire Marshal: Dan Wood was not able to make the meeting, so Jason gave a brief report. He mentioned that they are down on inspectors and always looking for new instructors.

FSTB: John Kramer was not able to attend the meeting, so Jason gave his report.

Fire School is July 22-24, 2022 in Ames. Opening Ceremonies, Plenary Session and Vendor Appreciation night are Friday evening, beginning at 6 PM. The fire school brochure should be out within the week for students to begin registering.

The FSTB is in the process of onboarding 23 new Field Staff to fill vacant positions and replace those that could not commit to helping instruct or facilitate training or who had not done any training, instructing, proctoring, or evaluating in the past two years. We hope this will help increase the availability of instructors to help teach FF1 classes across the state.

The FSTB is thankful for the IFA's help and support in getting the \$2.1 million dollars in RIF Funding to build on Camp Dodge a new burn/training building! Our thanks to all those supporting this initiative and a special thanks to Cyndi and John Pederson for their hard work advocating and explaining this need for Iowa's fire service!

The FSTB has filled the Special Programs Coordinator position by hiring Don Minks, II. Don comes to the Bureau with over twenty years of fire and EMS experience, including the last several years as being Chief of the Des Moines International Airport Fire Department. Don holds many fire and EMS and ICS certifications and is a welcome

addition to the FSTB. Don is already beginning to schedule and coordinate Instructor and Officer classes.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the Mid Year meeting in Des Moines, IA. **A motion was made by Chuck Raska and seconded by Kent Brix to approve the Mid-Year meeting minutes. All approved.**

Approval of Financial Report: Taylor gave a brief financial report. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Gene Evans to approve the financial report. All approved.**

Executive Director Report:

Taylor reported that since the last meeting the office has been working on contacting non-renewed departments and gathering information for the convention city. The office also contacted the poster program winners and invited them to the poster program luncheon.

Officer Reports:

Chuck Raska: Chuck thanked everyone for attending and gave an update on the events he was able to attend over the last couple months.

Roger Carr: He thanked Garrison for hosting us today. He mentioned that we had a great turn out for Nick last night and he knows we all are praying for a positive outcome for him and his family. Roger has also been on the road with Length of Service and talks at department functions. He also had the privilege of going to Des Moines with Chuck for a bill signing.

Aaron Clemons: Aaron Clemons was unable to attend the meeting.

Kent Brix: Kent thanked Garrison for hosting and everyone else for attending and gave an update on the events he was able to attend over the last couple months.

Mike Kime: It has been quiet for me on the IFA side however busy with field time on the other hand. Since my last report I presented the family of Chief Chad Kuhel, of Garber Fire Department a grave marker. I was able to attend the Clermont Fire Department Banquet with fellow IFA 2nd Vice Roger Carr and our wives. Thank you, Clermont Fire Department, for great hospitality, we enjoyed our evening, and presented a large number of service awards that were well deserved. On the Senate side of things, it was great to see some bills get signed but unfortunately some did not get done yet. I cannot emphasize enough; we need each and every one of our IFA members to reach out to your local legislators to express how these bills have an impact on you as a Firefighter. Remember, (this for yourself or feel free to express) that the legislators are voted in by you the Firefighter and each one of you are the voters for them. We, the IFA board will continue to strive to do our best to get more done for the Iowa Firefighters.

Nick Riley: Nick Riley was unable to attend the meeting.

Jason Barrick: Jason thanked everyone for attending and gave an update on the events he was able to attend over the last couple months. He also gave an update on the electrical box fundraiser for the upcoming convention.

Committee Reports:

Legislature:

John and Cindy gave the following updates:

Emergency Response Districts-SF 2267

- Allows smaller communities to consolidate and share resources and by establishing a new set of boundaries.

Emergency Responder Bill-SF 333

- Deals with privileges when driving an authorized emergency vehicle providing certain immunities. Clarifies in code the use of emergency vehicles in parades, funerals and escorting dignitaries. The language also defines the use of horns and sirens.

Opioid Fund-HF 2573

- This bill sets up a fund from a lawsuit settlement designed to provide resources for Narcan kits available to first responders for administering meds for opioid overdoses. Millions of dollars have been awarded to the state from federal funds to combat the opioid crisis. Make sure all your emergency response vehicles are equipped with these Narcan kits which are available to you at no cost from the Iowa Department of Health.

We were successful in getting the Justice Approps Committee to move our training dollars back to ABOVE level funding from 2008 when it dropped from 1M to \$825,500. Rep. Gary Worthan increased that funding by \$200,000! We also secured 2.1 Million dollars to build a state of the art burn tower at the training center to improve the training facility.

Memorial: Since Mike is busy setting things up for the Memorial Service, he asked me to read his report.

As always, we will need everyone's help for this weekend. Tonight, I would like to ask the board member's wives and significant others along with any committee member's wives to help take care of selling the merchandise under the tent by the Visitors Center. Please be there by 7 or 7:30.

We need a couple people to help hand out candles as people arrive. The current board will be taking care of the larger candles when it's time to light everyone's candle. We brought some drip plates this year for larger candles! When the service is over, we need everyone to help clean up and make sure merchandise and equipment are all secured before leaving for the evening.

Tomorrow morning, we plan to start setting up at 8:00 a.m. You will be selling merchandise before and after the service. We will need people to help hand out the programs and also 2 or 3 people to help families and friends find the names they are honoring this year.

The IFA will place the gear as usual. Boots, coat, gloves, helmet, and axe.

During the time of families placing the flowers at the walls, the 1st VP will hold the microphone and 2nd VP and 3rd VP will hand out the flowers. When it's time for the flags & certificates to be presented to the families, President Jason Barrick will present them, and Chuck Raska will hold the others for him.

Hopefully Dave Zimple will direct the firefighters with the large wreath. We hope to fly 3' X 5' U.S. Flags over the site this weekend and sell for \$50.00 at the merchandise table.

PLEASE stay, if possible, to help put things away and clean up the site after the service is over.

NVFC: Marv Trimble gave a brief report. He mentioned that they just lost one of their officers, so there is some turmoil there. He mentioned that there is a health and safety summit coming up soon. He mentioned that the NVFC does a great job representing all firefighters.

Old Business:

New Business:

National Benefit Summit: Jason and Chuck were able to talk with reps from the Georgia and Nebraska Firefighters Associations on sending Taylor to the National Benefit Summit and Washington DC trip to support all three associations and split the cost. **A motion was made by Gene Evans to send Taylor to the National Benefit Summit and Washington DC and pay a portion of that cost to be split between the other fire associations that AAM manages. All approved.**

Convention Electrical Boxes: Jason gave an update on the status of the convention electrical boxes. We have currently been able to raise just under \$30,000. Iowa Falls has a sample electrical box for everyone to see. They reached out and received several quotes for the electrical boxes. Jason and the board thanked everyone and all the departments that have already donated towards the fundraiser. Chuck thanked Iowa Falls for taking the initiative and starting the project and getting the ball rolling. Convention will happen this year whether the boxes get finished this year or not.

New AAM Contract: Jason gave an update on the new AAM contract that was presented in April. Jason mentioned that the board looked around and got some quotes for the services provided by the management firm. The board truly believes that we are in a good place and are happy with decision to stay with AAM. Gene mentioned that when he did hear about the increase, he did some research to find out what it would cost to hire our own employee. And what he found is that those salaries in Iowa ranged anywhere between \$70,000-110,000. Jason also mentioned that with the

new contract, Mike Reuman is going to take over the financials for the memorial foundation. The board had an executive vote to purchase a copier, laptop, and \$2,000 salary.

Nick Fundraiser: For those that don't know, Nick Riley was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Jason thanked everyone who attended the fundraiser last night. The Traer Fire Department was able raise \$45,000 to go to the Riley Family.

Good of the Association:

Possible SAFER Grant: Jason and the board would like to look at writing and applying for a SAFER Grant within the next couple years. He mentioned that Minnesota and Nebraska have both received SAFER Grants that will purchase PPE for new firefighters.

Poster Contest Luncheon: Gene Evans gave an update on the Poster Luncheon. There were seven of the nine students that were able to attend the luncheon. Big thanks to Story City Fire Department for hosting the luncheon.

Fire Prevention: A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Chuck Raska to apply to the Fire Marshal Training Division for 3 of the fireworks grant extinguishing software systems and to display them at the state fair each year. All approved.

Next Meeting: Convention Meeting, September 11th at 10:00 am in Iowa Falls.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Gene Evans and seconded by Marv Trimble to adjourn at 11:29 am. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Moore
Executive Director