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ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope this finds you, your family, and department well. As the holiday season approaches I wish you a safe and happy season. There are several issues being monitored by MAFC; Legislative items, EMS State protocols, 911, Fire Marshal's funding, and State Committees. Over the last few months the Board of Directors have revised; the Strategic Plan, Constitution, and Policies of the Association. As the legislation returns to Capitol Hill the FSA begins to discuss the issues we will support and the issues we will need to monitor. If you have items to address or suggest, get with your regional director or a member of the executive board. We need to hear your thoughts. I appreciate your service and thank you for your efforts within the Association and the Missouri Fire Service. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Sebree
President, MAFC

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ESF 9 (Urban Search & Rescue) in Missouri

Lately I have been reading a lot of articles about the New Madrid quake. Many scenarios have been discussed among peers, in blogs and groups. There are many pipelines that cross the Mississippi, as well as bridges. The damage our nation's infrastructure could be great. Transportation can be impacted, power distribution, and commodity distribution, the list is long and requires complicated planning to prepare. Your community will be competing with not only other cities in Missouri, but try seven (7) other states. Chances are likely that you may find your FD working alone for several days.

Ask yourself this: is my FD or community ready for a large disaster? Just think what will it take to maintain for FD operation in the event of a catastrophic earthquake? Here are some considerations:

- How do I support our members and their families?

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- What will it take to keep the trucks operating?
- What happens if I cannot operate out of our current fire station(s)?
- What do I do if there are multiple rescues and no help is available?
- How do I communicate to the county or state EOC if normal communication infrastructure is destroyed?
- Do I have a plan for Emergency Operations?
- Do I have Missouri's (SEMA) State Emergency Operations Plan?

The list goes on and on. In fact it can be paralyzing. The problem is large and complex so let's take one bite at a time. Let's talk about ESF-9 or Urban Search and Rescue in your community. We are lucky enough to have a Federal Urban Search and Rescue team in the state of Missouri. Missouri Task Force 1 (MO-TF1) is sponsored by the Boone County Fire District which leads by Chief Scott Olsen. The USAR program is managed by Division Chief Doug Westhoff.

This team has seen a lot of disasters. They have operated at World Trade Center, Katrina and many other hurricanes and building collapses. They are a great resource for our state and have experienced leaders that know disaster response.

There is no doubt that MO-TF1 will be deployed and very active during this disaster. But, a potential exists that they will be spread thin. They may not be able to get to your community just because there is no way to access your community or you have no communication to contact the state EOC to ask for help.

If you cannot get outside help what are you going to do for the ESF-9 operations? I have a suggestion which may not follow national standards, but during disasters we will do many things that may not follow national standards. My suggestion is bring back the US&R Engine concept.

Many years ago the State of California created a concept called US&R engines. When an earthquake strikes these engines and personnel are trained and equipped to perform rescue in collapsed structures. I think we should do the same in the state of Missouri. I realize that everyone wants to follow the NFPA 1670 standard for Rescue Technician, but this can be expensive and very time consuming. I am not disregarding the standard and I believe we should follow it if you are in the rescue business. But, following these standards may prohibit fire departments from obtaining training and heavy equipment due to cost. Therefore we find ourselves in catch 22. There needs to be middle ground so our fire and rescue forces can safely operate after a large disaster.

With or without training we are going to do rescues after the disaster. So where is the middle ground? I am advocating the concept of USAR engines and bring back to the old Rescue Systems 1 and 2 classes for departments who can't afford to completely follow NFPA 1670.

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These classes focus on rescue techniques and non expensive tools that can be carried on an engine. Imagine a community or county that can be trained in Rescue Systems 1 and 2 and come together after an earthquake and form strike teams to address their rescue problem until a type I US&R team can arrive.

A USAR engine gives a local community a resource to start tackling their rescue problems. The big, heavy breaking and breaching tools, large tractor trailers full of rescue equipment are not economically feasible for every community to have, but USAR Engines can be a significant resource that can be used post disaster to start rescue operations, until state and federal resources can arrive.

In summary, there is no doubt we will all be behind the eight ball. Supporting large rescue operations will be very difficult if you do not plan for it and practice for large disasters. Performing rescue in a collapse structure will be challenging and resources for type I US&R teams will be requested by 7 other states. The USAR engine is a potential concept for FD's to build a capability to provide rescue and bridge a gap until other resources can arrive. This may or may not be the answer but I hope it starts a dialog among our leaders.

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Sincerely,
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MISSOURI FIRE CHIEFS WINTER SEMINAR 2011 February 24-26, 2011

The Mo. Fire Chiefs Winter Seminar is rapidly approaching. Chief Jeff Johnson will be our speaker this year and will present Executive Leadership insights to both Chief Officers and Company Officers as well as Board Members.

Last year Chief Johnson made a great impression on the membership so we asked him to come back in 2011 to build on last year's theme.

The registration forms are on mofirechiefs.org as well as the hotel information. The dates are February 24-26, 2011 at Big Cedar Lodge. If you need any help or information please give me a

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call at 816-690-6990, Chief John VanGorkom. The Missouri Valley Association of Fire Chiefs has given the organization a stipend to help bring Chief Johnson to Missouri for this Seminar.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

John VanGorkom

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

December 1, 2010

Beginning balance 1/1/2010	\$61,272.18
Income thru 11/30/2010	45,005.70
Expenses thru 11/30/2010	<u>40,052.81</u>
Balance 12/1/2010	\$66,225.07

LEGISLATION

LEGISLATORS

With the Senate being veto proofed (26 republicans & 8 democrats) and the house 3 shy of the needed 109 for veto proof, the chances of any veto being sustained are extremely limited. The republicans know they will be able to pick up 3 democrats on most issues that may require a veto override.

Potential Republican legislative priorities

Right to work

This may be brought up as referendum for a vote of the people. May thrust would be union dues would not be a requirement for employees to continue to work at any business.

Tort reform

This will probably be brought up early. One of the big issues will be medical tort reform. This would include potential changes in billed versus paid medical charges and how that would play out in a lawsuit.

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Workers Compensation and the 2nd injury fund

This fund has been significantly underfunded for years and has created a potential drain on state monies. This is the fund where volunteer firefighters who are injured in the line of duty receive payment.

Unemployment compensation

This is another hot button topic that will be discussed.

Taxes

There will be some push for “Fair Tax”. This is what the push for elimination of state income tax and possibly state property tax is called. It is suggested that a higher state income tax be provided in lieu of these taxes. This has an uncertain future as the needed income to offset the income & property axes would have an extremely high sales tax.

Voter ID

This would require positive IDs’ for voting. This is also not a top priority but will probably be discussed.

Attached to this Trumpet is the list of the leaders of the House and Senate, also included are the names of the chairmen of various house committees that the fire service typically deals with. The Senate has not yet appointed their chairpersons.

As the legislative session moves forward there may be times that the fire service may need fore chiefs to contact their legislators, especially if they are a chair of a committee hearing a bill. We will ask that you contact them and let us know what transpired.

State Budget

This will be a very tough year as the state budget is expected to be \$700 million dollars short of expectations in May. Very little, if anything that costs new money will get through and current budgets will be cut. This is especially true if the legislators pass a pet project that costs money, they will have to find it and move money from a current area to cover the cost. DFS and other agencies have lost significant money over the last 3 years due to these issues.



SPECIAL ISSUES FOR THE FIRE SERVICE ALLIANCE

As you may be aware the Fire Service Alliance, which the MAFC is a voting member, typically picks up to 5 legislative priorities to attempt to pass. At the same time, our lobbyist looks for bills that we, the fire service, may be against. For the past 2 years we have been playing a defensive game meaning we have had to attempt to block bills detrimental the fire service (to date we have had some significant success) at a rate far higher than bills we have championed.

We know that the coming session will be an even greater challenge.

1st the legislation we will champion.

- A fix to SB 711 or the property tax bill passed 2 sessions ago. We will have a bill introduced that will remove some of the problems plaguing municipalities and fire districts that rely on property tax.
- We will have a bill introduced that will reduce the potential liability of water companies in the event of a problem caused by nature. This is directed at reducing the negative reactions to water companies and residential sprinklers
- We will have a bill introduced that will increase monies to statewide fire training. Monies could come from a new fee.

Other legislation that we would back

- Other organizations will be pushing for 9-1-1 fees on cell and VOIP. We will assist in attempting to pass this legislation.
- Dedicated fee for fire investigation board overseeing licensed fire investigators
- Emergency Fund for Statewide disaster costs. This would help in paying for state disaster response when the disaster has not been declared a federal disaster

Bills we will oppose

We believe that the following issues may again arise that would be detrimental to fire service interest. If they do surface, we will oppose them.

- Reduction of reimbursement for response to Hazardous Material Spills (Spiller Pay legislation)
- Statewide ban on residential sprinklers



FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT ALLOCATION

Some 56 fire service agencies provide transport ambulance service to their constituents. Two years ago a statute was passed that allows for increased reimbursement for Medicaid patients, if the service tax themselves. The MAFC has been a partner with other statewide organizations in getting the appropriate regulations in place to move forward with this program.

The expected increase may amount to an additional \$16 million dollars for these services. This type of program is currently being utilized by hospitals and nursing homes with great success.

This is the 1st program in the United States for ambulance services. That being the case the federal acceptance of the state regulations is moving at a snails pace. It had been hoped that the program would have begun on July 1, 2010, but the feds have still not approved the state regulations. It looks like it will be early next year before it begins.

EMS SUMMIT

On September 24, 2010 the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs hosted a one day seminar for representatives of regional and statewide EMS organizations. The Summit was to discuss new regulations the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) was writing for the new Stem-stroke bill.

The regulations that had been drafted were not what the EMS system thought would be put in place covering the new statute. That being the case, the MAFC called for this summit. Some 42 individuals representing 13 regional and statewide organizations met and hammered out several points that were agreed to. These points have been sent to DHSS. They are:

- The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) should approve regional or community Time-Critical Diagnosis (TCD) plans that are adopted with the support of appropriate medical experts, hospital and EMS agencies.
- Regional plans may include variations to recognize the differences within particular regions, such as urban, suburban and rural. Regional plans will be submitted to the Regional EMS Medical Directors Subcommittee of the State Advisory Committee (SAC) for review, and recommendations from these bodies will be submitted to DHSS. If the regional plan is not accepted, DHSS will provide written explanation documenting its rationale.

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- The DHSS will not implement any regulations that will have a financial impact on EMS services without either providing funds or providing for access to funds necessary to procure the required resources (e.g., 12 lead, electronic data collection).
- We support the use of the Patient Safety Organization (PSO) by the EMS community to serve as a protected environment for the analysis of critical EMS data, including TCD information.
- We support the present state law empowering the Regional Medical Directors Subcommittee of SAC to provide EMS medical expertise and leadership.
- Responsibilities and authority regarding quality improvement processes for EMS systems — including TCD specialty hospitals, system planning, system assessment and region-wide coordination — should be delegated to the EMS Regional Committees.

FIRE SUMMIT

With the increasing issues facing the Missouri Fire Service your Board has decided to sponsor a similar Summit for Fire matters. A number of regional and statewide fire organizations will be invited to a one day seminar to discuss various issues that are or may affect Missouri's fire service,

It is hoped that consensus on a way forward on some of the issues will be forthcoming from this summit.

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