



Louisiana State Firemen's Association

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April 24, 2018
Board Member Reports

President

To all:

Since our last board meeting I have been busy with planning the 2018 conference. In addition, I attended the 2018 Louisiana Fire Chiefs Conference and gave a report on behalf of the LSFA. I also attended and had the honor of doing the welcome for the Louisiana Firefighter Memorial Service. Thanks to the marshal's office for keeping this tradition going. I have also attended FETI commission meetings and working with the group to change the qualifications to get a new director in place. I just returned from Washington D.C. after attending CFSI and believe that we have communicated our concerns and needs well and have the support of our Louisiana representatives.

Sincerely,
Charlie Metcalf

1st Vice President

President Metcalf,

LSFA 1st Vice President Report

As, 1st Vice President, I participated on several email discussions held in reference to the Louisiana Fire Service. I also participated in two legislative conference calls hosted by Fire Marshal Browning. I continue to push for competitors to participate in the competitive drills May 19th but to date we only have 2 teams. Again, I apologized but due to work I'm not able to attend the April 24th meeting. I have obligations to perform a full scale exercise on this same date.

Thanks
Charles M. Hudson
LSFA 1st Vice President

1st District Report

Since the last Board meeting I have forwarded email information received to 1st District departments. I have had discussions with various departments concerning the upcoming 2018 Annual Conference and Conference registration. I have assisted in dues collection. I attended,

as Assist Chief of my department, Memorial Services for the Plaquemines Parish Fire Department Line of Duty Death.

Melvin P. Kiff

2nd District Report

I have been working on a few things since the last board meeting. I have been forwarding all emails and information out to the district as it is received. I have participated on 2 conference calls for bills related to the fire service. I have been working with the president on getting information for the conference and getting it out on facebook and the website. I have participated in a conference call on getting the website updated and possible ran by a professional with my over site to it. I uage been busy updating the app and making it user friendly. We need to get the word out and strongly urge all members to download the app to make it useful. I have been helping our Secretary with several registration issues as on line registration is active for both for members and vendors. He has also requested help on several membership problems that I am still currently assisting with. Sorry I cannot make the meeting due to work.

District Chief Harvey Volunteer Fire Company#2
LSFA 2nd District Representative

3rd District

It has been a busy 1st quarter of 2018. I have attended several Fire Dept banquets and meetings. I have attended several Fire Chiefs meetings and sending the many legislative updates by email. It has been an honor presenting many Lifetime Membership awards.

I have begun research for the 2021 conference gathering information from the Houma Hotels and Civic Center and Baton Rouge Hotels. My plans are to looks at all options.

See everyone at Board Meeting

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4th District

As, 4th District Representative, I have participated on several conference calls held in reference to the Louisiana Fire Service. I also participated in multiple legislative conference calls hosted by Fire Marshal Browning. I have met with several departments, fire chiefs and made training events passing on information related to our states fire service. I've also have made multiple meetings representing the LSFA on the Ems task force. During these meetings we've voted on multiple things related to the EMS service that our fire departments provide. I feel without fire service representation on the counsel our states fire service would've been handed a blow relating to fire based EMS. I just returned from Washington D.C. representing the Louisiana Fire Service for the CFSI conference and meeting with the Louisiana delegation on Capital Hill. These meetings were very important, I feel our State was well represented and has the support from our constituents on the hill. Last, I want to thank all the board members and multiple departments state wide for the support (calls, texts, emails) shown during our storms in the past few weeks. We've been busy and the support is much appreciated!

Thanks and God Bless.

Respectfully,

Brian S. Lindberg

4th District Representative

5th District

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April Meeting

Attended ALL Northeast Firemen's Association Meetings

Meet with Caldwell Parish Fire Chief Robert Pearson trying to get that Parish Departments straight and joined in the LSFA!

I have called and visited with several Fire Chief within the 5th District!

Joined in on ALL of Louisiana State Fire Marshal Chief Butch Browning Conference calls!

Still in the process of complying a list of non member departments of the 5th District to make Contact in reference to joining!



Mark Treadway
5th District Representative

6th District

Good Morning
6th District Report

It has been quite a busy time for our District 6 area.

I have made several departmental meetings, along with the Fire Chief's meeting talking about the Benefits that the LSFA has to offer. There are two new departments that were helped to come aboard the LSFA in my district. We attended the Louisiana State Fireman's Memorial several weeks ago, where the LSAF was represented well with our President giving the welcoming address. We were also instrumental in replacing the old worn out LSFA Decals on the Spirit of Louisiana.

The Decals were purchased by a local business in my area (Couyons Barbecue). This helps us to be represented as we should be. (Proud to be an LSFA Member). I too have just returned from Washington D.C. representing the Louisiana Fire Service from the CFSI conference, there meeting with the Louisiana delegations on Capitol Hill. I felt that we represented the State of Louisiana well, and gained the necessary support required to move our state's fire service in the right direction. I would like all board members to take a few minutes and continue to pray for the Achord & Lawton families.

Tim Crockett
LSFA 6th District Representative.

7th District

Since our last meeting I have visited several departments in my district and attended several Parish Chiefs Meetings and fund-raising events. Worked with multiple departments getting dues paid. I have forwarded all information that I receive to my district members to which I have e-mail addresses for.

Brian Castille
LSFA 7th District Representative

8th District

Since our last meeting I have forwarded E-mails I have received to District 8 members to keep them updated on Legislative Bills affecting the fire service. I have contacted several departments and encouraged them to put a team in the Jason Simon Competitive Drills. I have talked to several departments about the upcoming Conference in Shreveport. I have tried to contact some departments that are not members of the LSFA encouraging them to join.

Bob White
LSFA District 8 Representative

Past President Report

I have been working with Charlie answering questions he may have. I have help members with questions on elections and attended some banquets. I may not be able to make the next meeting because of items at work I have to attend to but hope to see everyone at the conference.

Chris Boudreaux

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April 24, 2018
Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting called to order by Charlie Metcalf at 9:05 AM at Shaw Center of the Arts Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 4th District Rep. Brian Lindberg led us in the opening prayer. 2nd Vice President Joe Thompson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Dwayne Thevis called roll call, the following members were present: SEE ATTACHED ROLL CALL SHEET.

President Charlie Metcalf introduced special guests in attendance. Donald Milligan, LSFA Past President, Chief Melvin Wheat, Denham Springs Fire Department, Melony Knab with Legal Shield Services, Ashley Rodrigue, Felicia Cooper with the OSFM.

Melony Knab spoke to the group and described services which her Legal Shield provides for organization similar to the LSFA. Legal Shield provides services such Standard Will Prep, Identity Theft Protection, Estate Planning, Financial Aid Preparation, and many more services. Costs of these services are minimal for members of the LSFA. Family Legal Plans start at \$23.95 monthly. For each member signing up with Legal Shield the LSFA would receive a small fee. Motion was made by Mike Labruzzo for the LSFA to offer this benefit to our membership, Joe Thompson second the motion.

Secretary Dwayne Thevis submitted the minutes of the last board meeting to all board members via E-mail. Bob White, 8th District Rep. made a motion to accept the minutes as E-mailed, second by Melvin Kiff, 1st District Rep. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Labruzzo submitted Treasurer's Report via E-mail to all board members. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as E-mailed made by Danny Mayet, 3rd District Rep., second by Joe Thompson 2nd Vice President. Motion carried.

Yearbook report was given by Mike Labruzzo. He stated that the yearbook will definitely be hard cover this year. The yearbook is ready to print, but several member departments have not renewed their pages.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

OSFM REPORT from Fire Marshall Butch Browning.

Gave us a detailed report of legislative session now in progress. He also introduced the newest member of the OSFM Ashley Rodrigue, Public Affairs Director. Ashley reported on the memorial service which was recently held. Ashley also reported that she was looking into setting membership for the Fallen Fighters Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NVFC Report Kenn Fontenot:

Board Members,

At the NVFC Spring Meeting, I was surprised, honored and humbled to receive the James E. Monaghan Directors Award. The Award is presented to a State Director who is selected by the Executive Committee for having gone above and beyond to forward the best interests of the volunteer and small fire departments. Director Monaghan was a long time Chair of the Legislative Committee and one of the greatest leaders of the NVFC. Upon his passing, this Award was named in his honor. Representing the LSFA and the NVFC is a personal honor and passion. I will continue to work tirelessly to better the fire service and to the best of my ability represent these two great fire service organizations until the time comes for me to step down as director.

Humbly,
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2018 Exhibits Chairman Joe Thompson reported that he has met with all of the vendors at the LSU-FETI show and presented them with packets for the 2018 conference in Shreveport, and at this time he currently has 21 vendors.

2018 Competitive Drills Chairman Charles Hudson report the Competitive Drills have been rescheduled for May 19, 2018. Currently we only have two teams registered.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

See Attached Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Conference: Charlie Metcalf reported that he will be hosting "Hot Drills" July 17th and 18th. There will be a 50 person limit for Hot Drills. Hot Drills will be free of charge. Hot Drills will be open to anyone but LSFA members will have priority for participation. Classes will include "First Due Ventilation", "First Due Search", "Thermal Imaging Operations" and "Forcible Entry". Classes on July 20th and 21st will be "From the X-Box to the Box Alarm", "Don't Be That Guy" and "In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy". Room reservations for Conference will open January 29, 2018. The first night stay will be billed nonrefundable if a reservation is made.

CFSI trip to Washington: Charlie Metcalf reported that members of the Louisiana Fire Service Delegation that attend CFSI in Washington, D.C. were well received and that a lot progress was made for the fire service in Louisiana. Board Members attending this year's congressional meeting were Brian Lindberg, 4th District Rep., Tim Crockett, 6th District Rep., and Charlie Metcalf, LSFA President. Tim Crockett expressed a great thanks to the membership for allowing him the opportunity to attend CFSI.

Redistricting of the LSFA was discussed and reported how it would affect voting rights within each district. Motion was made by Danny Mayet to provide a spread sheet of how redistricting would affect each district and present this to membership. And, also to bring it to a vote at the 114th Annual Business Meeting to be held in New Orleans, La. second was made by Brian Lindberg, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new Alpha Software updated was requested by Dwayne Thevis at a cost of \$700.00, plus a request to hire Mrs. Elaine to help install new software and repair some issues that the secretary's office is currently experiencing. Mrs. Elaine fees are \$15.00 per hour. Danny Mayet made a motion to purchase the new software and acquire the services of Mrs. Elaine not to exceed \$1500.00. The funds for shall come from Past President registration, second by Bob White, motion carried.

Currently, an Eventbrite fee for this year's conference is \$250.00. Motion was made by Brian Lindberg to pay Eventbrite fees using conference funds, second by Danny Mayet, motion carried.

NVFC Membership Drive is doing very well, currently we have 380 members signed up.

Mike Labruzzo explain the procedure in which he was going to us handle PayPal funds coming in for membership dues, conference registration and vendor registration. The board was in approval of the procedure for handling monies for each event.

The contract that we currently have with California Casualty will expire on June 1, 2018. Motion was made by Brian Lindberg for President Charlie Metcalf to sign the new contract, second by Bob White, motion carried.

The National Walk of Honor Foundation contacted President Charlie Metcalf about a current fund raising event that they would like the LSFA to help them with. Prior to 1981 there are currently no bricks for any LODD's in country. Bricks are available for \$100.00 each. Louisiana currently has 42 firefighters that are not recognized with a brick at the memorial. The board advised President Metcalf to acquire a list of these names and the departments they belonged to. It was suggested that maybe the departments would like to purchase the brick for their respective firefighter. The cost to the Louisiana Fire Service would \$4200.00.

A dues increase from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for membership into the LSFA was discussed. After a lengthy discussion President Charlie Metcalf appointed a Planning and Finance Committee to study the

issue and devise a comprehensive plan. Committee members are as follows: Charlie Metcalf, Danny Mayet, Brian Lindberg, Tim Crockett, Melvin Kiff and Bob White.

After much discussion on S.B. 198 a motion was made by Brian Lindberg for the LSFA to oppose the bill as written, and move towards a study of resolution to remedy the issue.

Danny Mayet reported that he has been in negotiations with the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge, La. for the 2021 Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting date and location will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in Shreveport, Louisiana at 4:30 PM

CLOSING PRAYER:

Mark Treadway led us in the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bob White.