PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on December 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin St., Green Bay, WI.

Present: Jeff Roemer, Nick Craig, Tom Vandenack, Kevin Tielens, Glenn Deviley, Derek Beiderwieden, Greg Urban, Brad Muller, Larry Mours, Robert Kiser, Ed Janke, Neil Cameron

Excused: Rick Davidson, Jim Arts, Dennis Kocken

Absent: Eric Dunning, John Zakowski, Karl Fleury, Kevin Heimerl, Larry Wilson

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Vandenack and seconded by Roemer to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Approve Minutes of Meeting of September 16, 2010.

Motion was made by Roemer and seconded by Beiderwieden to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Monthly Activities of the Fire Investigation Unit.

Muller reported that the fire investigation unit was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

09-04-10 832 N. Chestnut Ave., Green Bay (two-family residence/accidental)
09-10-10 512 St. Bernard Dr., Green Bay (duplex/undetermined)
09-10-10 1370 North Rd., Ashwaubenon (duplex/undetermined)
09-12-10 4650 Stagecoach Rd., Ledgeview (business/undetermined)
09-25-10 512 – 4th St., De Pere (vehicle/house/accidental)
10-09-10 1421 Mohican Ct., Ashwaubenon (residence/undetermined)
10-10-10 715 Bond St., Green Bay (residence/undetermined)
11-05-10 101 S. Chestnut Ave., Green Bay (business/apartments/undetermined)
11-27-10 2191 Dorothy Ln., Ashwaubenon (residence/accidental)
12-01-10 1114 Faversham Way, Howard (residence/undetermined)
12-14-10 2649 Appian Way, Green Bay (residential/under investigation)
12-15-10 5534 CTH P, New Denmark (storage building/under investigation)

Item #4. Report of General Membership President.

Muller reported that the last General Membership meeting was held December 2, 2010, at the Bellevue Fire Department. Training consisted of an overview of the fall IAAI conference.

Item #5. Old Business.

A. Corporation counsel's determination on the task force responding outside the county to those areas served by a Brown County fire department.

Janke talked to Gossage who stated that the fire investigation unit can go out to a fire and do cause and origin with the other department's authority. If it turns out to be criminal in nature, then a mutual aid request is needed. Get something in writing to those fire chiefs who are affected by this.

B. Status of County Agreement with MABAS.

Janke stated that everyone would be covered under the MABAS agreement, but if it became a law enforcement issue, then services would be billable. The fire investigation team is not currently recognized as a MABAS asset—the County Board would have to approve. It was suggested giving fire chiefs and/or MABAS a report on our activities so they know what we are doing. Put on agenda for fire chiefs meetings. Janke, Muller, and Kiser will talk to Gossage about this again.

Item #6. New Business.

Vandenack talked about upcoming seminars.

Item #7. Report of Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.

Craig reported that three juveniles under the age of 10 went through the program since the last meeting and one more is in the works.

Item #8. Other Matters.

Kiser stated he sent a letter to Sheriff Kocken in reference to the need for a new vehicle. Kocken replied that he would check into military/state surplus. A suggestion had also been made to combine the crime scene vehicle and the arson vehicle as one as both use a lot of the same equipment. It was also brought up that maybe a regional grant could be obtained, which Roemer stated he would be willing to work on.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for March 17, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin Street, Green Bay, WI.

Item #10. Adjourn.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary