PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on March 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at De Pere Fire Station #1, 400 Lewis Street, De Pere, WI.

Present: Joe Gabe, Kevin Tielens, Norman Heraly, Brad Neville, Dave Seidl, Ryan Meeder, Dave Steffens, Jim Stupka, Derek Wicklund, Steve Zich, Dan Kerkhoff, Glenn Deviley, Tom Hendricks, Doug Peters, Kevin Krueger, Angie Cali, Steve Yedica, Randy Lind, Lance Catalano, Brad Muller

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Gabe and seconded by Kerkhoff to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion was made by Deviley and seconded by Hendricks to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Muller reported that the Task Force was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

12-02-11 109 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski (business/undetermined)
12-29-11 2027 Velp Ave., Howard (business/accidental)
12-30-11 305 S. Wall St., Denmark (business/accidental)
01-08-12 2580 Dunbar Ln., Green Bay (residence/accidental)
02-03-12 5327 CTH K, New Franken (shed/arson)

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

The next Board meeting is March 15, 2012.

Item #5. Old Business.

Muller reported that he made some year-end purchases, including an external hard drive and a printer for the laptop in the truck as well as ice shoes that will be in the truck.

Muller reminded that the $5 dues for 2012 are due.

Muller stated he went to the Public Safety Committee meeting with two estimates to fix the truck. The committee suggested that the county mechanic fix it. He stated that Todd Delain said there is a government buy program through which we could possibly purchase a rescue squad and convert

it to our needs. It was also suggested getting a donation from all agencies to help with the cost. Muller stated he and Delain will be working on this.

The fire investigation report has been revised. It now has SpellCheck.

Note to interns that when the Task Force is called out and an investigator calls you to respond to a fire, let the investigator know if you will go straight to the scene or if you will meet at the fire investigation truck and ride with the truck to the scene. Also a reminder that when you get back from a fire to please follow procedures and put the truck back in order for next time.

Gabe reported that ATF has a national online database search program called BATS where you can see if someone has been involved in previous arsons. ATF will offer free training on it. A lot of departments are already using this case management system. He will try to get us on board.

Muller stated that in the near future a review of fires will be done at meetings. The Lemberger case is one that will be reviewed.

Item #6. New Business.

The spring IAAI meeting is June 5-7, 2012, in Stevens Point.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Gabe reported there is one juvenile pending from a Green Bay fire. Stupka reported that De Pere also had one juvenile. Gabe stated that the BATS program also has a JFS search feature.

Item #8. Other Matters.

Some changes to the bylaws are in the works.

The Task Force has gas cards from Shell and Kwik Trip for use.

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

The next meeting is set for May 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Bellevue Fire Department, 3100 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI. (It was originally scheduled to be held at the Green Bay Police Department.)

Item #10. Training.

A review was done on fatal fire investigations as well as a review of the new forms and BATS program.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary