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 3, 2011, at 7 p.m. at De Pere Fire Station #1, 400 Lewis Street, De Pere, WI.

Present: Joe Gabe, Glenn Deviley, Dan Kerkhoff, Rick Davidson, Lance Catalano, Kevin Tielens, Dave Seidl, Tom Delaney, Norman Heraly, Terry Rottier, Bill Tews, Brad Neville, Jim Stupka, John Schweitzer, Tom Hendricks, Doug Peters, 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 Catalano to approve the minutes of the last meeting of December 2, 2010. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

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

12-14-10 2649 Appian Way, Green Bay (residence/undetermined)
12-15-10 5534 S. CTH P, New Denmark (business/arson)
12-17-10 473 N. Wall St., Denmark (multi-family/fatal/undetermined)
12-26-10 1413 S. Norwood Ave., Green Bay (multi-family/arson)
12-28-10 861 Moon Dr., Howard (residence/accidental)
01-01-11 1440 Crooks St., Green Bay (garage/accidental)
01-09-11 1308 Doty St., Green Bay (residence/accidental)
02-20-11 1067 Parkview Rd., Ashwaubenon (business/under investigation)

Deviley reported that the 1032 Pine Street arson is scheduled for jury trial on April 19, 2011.

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Muller reported that the last Board meeting was on December 16, 2010. Gossage advised that the fire investigation unit can go outside the county with the stipulation that if it turns out to be a criminal scene, then mutual aid needs to be requested through that county's sheriff's department. A letter to the fire chiefs should be sent letting them know this. The process is still ongoing regarding the task force becoming a MABAS asset. It was also suggested that someone from the task force give a synopsis at the fire chiefs or MABAS meetings as to the task force's activities. The Green Bay fire chief volunteered to write a grant for a new truck. Muller and Larry Wilson are working on a dollar match for a new truck. The next Board meeting is March 17, 2011.

Item #5. Old Business.

Let Muller know if you have any ideas for items to be purchased. The new items that were purchased at the end of last year are in the truck. Let Deviley know if you have any training ideas. He can also set up some regional training with Scott Tebo. The annual $5 dues are due. Update Muller with any phone or e-mail changes. Give Muller ideas for things you would like to see in the new truck so that a cost estimate can be figured for a truck. Muller stated that at the next Board meeting he would like to suggest that a letter be sent to fire chiefs to try to recruit more interns as we are running low. Muller stated that an election committee needs to be formed at the next General Membership meeting for the upcoming election in September.

Item #6. New Business.

The spring IAAI conference is June 6-9, 2011.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Gabe reported that Nick Craig had three cases referred from Green Bay. Also, there are two pending cases from Suamico and Oconto.

Item #8. Other Matters.

The heater on the truck has been fixed.

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

The next meeting is set for May 26, 2011, at 7 p.m., at Green Bay Fire Department #4, West Point Road, Green Bay, WI.

Item #10. Training.

Deviley talked about the tort reform bill and changes to testifying in court and what is required by investigators.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary