



MSFCA Membership 2011

Montana State Fire Chiefs Association
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The Montana State Fire Chiefs Association welcomes you to join us this year as a member of our Association!

The MSFCA is working to provide the finest level of education and resources while promoting professional advancement for each member of our organization. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2011 Conference at the Great Falls Holiday Inn October 6-8. The planning committee is finalizing the educational sessions and is hopeful that this will be the best conference yet!


The Board structure (three individuals from each of the following Sections: Paid/Career, Combination Paid/Volunteer, and Volunteer) has proved to be an effective way in increasing collaboration and understanding. A top goal of the Association is to promote a strong, united voice for the Montana fire service.

We appreciate each and every one of our members. Please remember, this is YOUR organization. As we strive to "provide leadership and services to those persons interested in the preservation of lives, property and the environment", we encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas for making the MSFCA stronger and more effective.

We encourage you to reach out to those that may not currently be a member. In order to keep Montana's fire service strong in the years to come we need active support! No one can do it all, but everyone can do something. These are interesting times at best but this Board is working hard to add true value to your membership. Join-up and be a part!

We welcome you to contact the MSFCA Business Office via e-mail: msfca@montanafirechiefs.com or phone at 888-340-4141 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Rich Cowger
Chairperson, MSFCA Board of Directors

Q&A with Chairperson Cowger!

Why does the MSFCA have a Salem Oregon address? Simple answer is that the Board has contracted with the Western Fire Chiefs Association for some of our administrative services. While that may appear to be a disconnect to doing Montana's business, it is a function that we are working to bring back into the State. Before we make that move it needs to make good business sense and be sustainable. In working with the WFCA, the MSFCA gains access and exposure to the issues that are happening around the Western Division states. This allows the MSFCA to strategically situate ourselves on a National stage. Additionally, because WFCA provides services for several other states, services can be more efficiently and cost effectively provided when you have critical mass. When the MSFCA moves services back to the State, the transition will be quick and seamless, as the WFCA supports MSFCA's decision.



Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Member Benefits

MSFCA's member benefits were developed with your success in mind; providing training, education, information, legislative representation, networking events and many other opportunities that benefit to you as Fire Service professionals.

- ◆ MSFCA Chiefs Conference - Oct. 6-8, 2011 in Great Falls
- ◆ Semi Annual Alliance Conference
- ◆ Northwest Leadership Seminar
- ◆ Meritorious Awards Banquet
- ◆ Montana Daily Dispatch
- ◆ Online Event Registration
- ◆ MSFCA Membership Cards
- ◆ Discounted Conference Fees
- ◆ Website
 - Events Listings
 - Division/Committee Reports
 - License Plate Application
 - Legislative Information
 - News/Announcements
 - Resource Links
- ◆ Fire Service Bookstore
- ◆ Member E-mail Communication
- ◆ Legislative Representation
- ◆ Representation by Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA)
- ◆ Direct link to the Int'l Assoc. of Fire Chiefs through WFCA

The MSFCA strives to provide the highest quality services to its members and remains a cutting edge leader in the country's fire service. We value your support and look forward to serving you throughout the next year.

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