

Montana Fire Alliance Conference Call - December 19, 2008

Review of primary and secondary lists on Montana Fire Alliance webpage. John is keeping the lists up and updating the web daily. Also, develop positions on bills that will be assigned hearings early in the Session.

Review:

SB105 – creation of a database, if there isn't a real need for it, ask to take it out of the bill. Creates more work won't get done, it is tied to duties.

SB74 – we would support provided 73-33-201, 1. E, remains as it was - wholly intact.

SB107 – double edge sword. Depending on intention, could be a revenue generator for Butch.

SB106 – not clear on intent Section 3.

SB110 – support, John will talk with Harold, MACO to see if they are going to support and report back.

SB1682 and SB1683 – would like moved to primary. One does away with age discrimination and the other provides a fix for rural fire districts and fire service areas. Both would make the 10 firefighters, “in illegally”, whole in the FURS system.

SB1682 and SB1683 need to be kept separate.

LC1666 – restricts text messaging

HB49- restricts cell phone use while driving, could limit fire radio use.

LC110 – John to check with drafter on intent and purpose.

Mike Doto has bill for cost of living on PERS, needs someone to carry it. He's thinking of using Kelly Gebhardt.

HB124 – GABA, anything with GABA needs to be watched carefully.

SB111 – could support:

If language is added that “DNRC has agreement or mutual aid with local jurisdiction and that it is mutually agreeable”

Add AND is key (B), department may engage and department has agreement with local jurisdiction

SB109 – need to watch. 19-13-104 change to be rid of age discrimination. 4. b. ok, not 41-07 or 41-07 age issue.

Bill to allow dispatchers to be eligible for sheriff's retirement system, support.

HB109 – section 34, they struck everything we added. Need to see why. John and Leonard will check and let the group know.

Meet and Greet will be January 20th, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Be there in uniform, early (2:30 or 3:00 p.m. set up and have short meeting). Cost will be \$1,500. To do list:

- Need fire folks/support
- position statements, include up to date changes so that we can talk responsibly to legislators-John, Leonard and others
- Mutual Aid Boards – Mergenthaler's
- list of supporting organizations, Fire School, Associations, FD's, etc. – Sue and Leonard
- GIS maps – Rich Cowger
 - Departments and type
 - Color coded
- Volunteers serving/population – Rich Cowger

Alliance

- \$4,000.00 added to bank account
- \$2,000.00 paid John
- \$320.00 Copper Book to be paid
- Mike going to check with Fairmont. If not Holiday Inn and War Bonnett (tent for vendors). Mike has line on tent from Budweiser
- Leonard working on Red Horse Squadron also

For good of Order....

Bruce Charles – West End – getting good care from Jeppson and crew.

If anything comes up between now and either the next conference call or Meet and Greet on the 20th, advise everyone via email.

Jim dropped everything off to Susanne. Susanne and attorney are reviewing for requirements. Susanne, attorney and Jim will meet Monday to review Articles to ensure they meet requirements of c 3 and c 6. Jim has signature cards and post office keys that Sue will get picked up next week.