

Northern Fire Chiefs  
General Membership Meeting  
March 21, 2019  
6:00PM  
Gaylord Eagles Banquet Hall  
Presentation: "Surviving Acts of Violence" with Henry Reyna

BOD Present: Darling, Fisher, Forbush, Mosher, Parker, C. Peterson, J. Peterson, Pratt

1. Call to Order – President Bill Forbush called today's meeting to order at 6:00PM
2. Treasurer's Report - \$8,805.74 in checking as of 3-21-19
3. Legislative Report: Josh Mosher reported on the following hot legislative issues
  - a. HB 4249 – Emergency 9-1-1 Multi-Line Telephone System (MTLS) Bill. Eliminates and rescinds administrative rule requiring 9-1-1 users with MLTS install equipment to identify calls by location if their building is over 7,000 sq ft.
  - b. HB's 4390 & 4391 – PFAS foam & chemical training, including updating MI-OSHA
  - c. SB 162 – Bill to help the on-call/ volunteer fire service by making it illegal for an employer to reprimand an employee if they are late to work because they were on an incident for a volunteer/ on-call fire department. May have unintended consequences, the MAFC is still working through how to approach this.
  - d. PA 291 Draft Rules – hard copy was distributed. Much discussion followed, focusing on reciprocity, pre-requisites, & CEU's. Please provide your feedback to Josh Mosher by Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, as he will compile specific suggestions to MAFC.
  - e. Cancer Presumption – Still waiting to hear on a proposed reliable funding source from the Governor on this. Also looking to work with the legislature on including all firefighters in this bill.
4. President's Report - Bill Forbush provided background on the partnership with MiREMS and the successful SAFER Grant Recruitment & Retention Needs Assessment. The deadline for the next grant request is tomorrow (Fri, March 22). Bill introduced Leslie Hall, who provided a grant update, current survey results, accomplishments as of the 3-month milestone, and future plans. Discussion followed on if we should continue this partnership, and apply for a 2-year grant. After discussion it was approved by the board to move forward with applying for the 2-year grant in the amount of just under \$500,000.