

## 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 September 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at Howard Fire Station #1, 2456 Glendale Ave., Green Bay, WI.

Present: Angie Cali, Glenn Deviley, Dan Kerkhoff, Jim Stupka, Tom Hendricks, Brad Neville, Tom Delaney, Dave Seidl, Rick Davidson, Joe Gabe, Ann Watzka, Kevin Krueger, Norman Heraly, Adam Butry, Terry Rottier, Doug Peters, Steve Zich, Brad Muller

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

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

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion was made by Stupka and seconded by Hendricks to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **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:

05-30-11 1700 Arabian Dr., Green Bay (residence/undetermined)  
06-18-11 1130 Eliza St., Green Bay (garage/undetermined)  
06-30-11 1162 McCormick St., Allouez (residence/accidental)  
07-05-11 1142 Harvey St., Green Bay (duplex/accidental)  
07-09-11 522 Lacona Ct., Howard (residence/accidental)  
07-13-11 320 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski (residence/undetermined)  
07-13-11 1980 Spring Creek Cir., Bellevue (residence/undetermined)  
07-21-11 4551 Cimarron Ln., Pittsfield (residence/arson)  
08-19-11 857 Hickory Valley Ct., Ledgeview (residence/accidental)  
08-20-11 131 S. Washington St., Green Bay (business/accidental)  
08-24-11 4165 Shawano Ave., Howard (fire station/undetermined)  
09-04-11 1402 S. Oakland Ave., Green Bay (multi-family/arson)  
09-13-11 3220 Lotus Ln., Howard (residence/accidental)

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Muller reported that three new interns were approved at the Board meeting in June—Adam Butry, Kevin Krueger, and Steve Yedica. A Board meeting was held this morning at which time elections were held and Robert Kiser was re-elected as the chairperson. Election of the vice-

chairperson was tabled until the next meeting as the current vice-chair, Larry Mours, was not at the meeting. An interview committee was formed consisting of Muller, Ann Watzka, and Todd Delain. Applications for the investigator opening were received from Bill Tews and Angie Cali. It was decided that the idea of the Fire Investigation Task Force becoming a part of MABAS will not work because then it would no longer be funded by the County. The bylaws need to be revised to reflect the new pay rates for interns and investigators. The Board would like everyone to become FIT certified which will be reimbursed by the Sheriff's Department. The future goal would be to then become a CFI. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the new Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Item #5. Old Business.

Muller reported that as of the end of August there is \$14,500 left in the budget for this year. If you have any ideas for training or purchases, let Muller or Deviley know. There are no fire grants available to us for a new truck. Inform Muller and recording secretary Laurent if you have a new phone number or e-mail address.

Item #6. New Business.

A. Election of Officers.

Motion made by Deviley and seconded by Kerkhoff to nominate Muller for president of the General Membership. **Motion carried.** Motion made by Stupka and seconded by Rottier to elect Muller as president of the General Membership. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by Cali and seconded by Stupka to nominate Deviley for vice-president of the General Membership. **Motion carried.** Motion made by Stupka and seconded by Gabe to elect Deviley as vice-president of the General Membership. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by Davidson and seconded by Hendricks to nominate Davidson for treasurer of the General Membership. **Motion carried.** Motion made by Stupka and seconded to elect Davidson as treasurer of the General Membership. **Motion carried.**

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Gabe reported that Nick Craig had four cases since the last meeting. Craig would like to set up a free National Fire Academy JFS class if enough people are interested. Maybe get the word out to the schools. Craig feels the JFS curriculum is outdated and wants to form a committee to revamp it.

The fire safety house will soon be stored at Green Bay Transit on University Avenue.

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Item #8. Other Matters.

Gabe is now FIT certified. The IAAI fall seminar will be held November 4-6, 2011. Deviley would like to set up a Homeland Security training class this winter.

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

The next meeting is set for Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the new Brown County Sheriff's Office at 2684 Development Drive in Bellevue.

Item #10. Training.

Case review of fire at 3220 Lotus Lane in Howard.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary