

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on March 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin St., Green Bay, WI.

Present: Robert Kiser, Ed Piontek, Brad Muller, Tom Vandennack, Kevin Tielens, Kevin Heimerl, Nick Craig, John Gossage, Ed Janke

Excused: Derek Beiderwieden, Rick Davidson, Dennis Kocken, Mark Wallace

Absent: Jim Arts, Eric Dunning, Larry Mours, Jim Nickel, Jeff Roemer, Larry Wilson, John Zakowski

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Vandennack and seconded by Piontek to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Approve Minutes of Meeting of January 15, 2009.

Motion was made by Vandennack and seconded by Piontek to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Monthly Activities of the Fire Investigation Unit.

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

01-14-09 4731 Van Lanen Rd., Scott (residence/under investigation)
01-17-09 729 Riverview Dr., Howard (restaurant/accidental)
01-31-09 1860 University Ave., Green Bay (restaurant/accidental)
02-13-09 6701 CTH R, Denmark (barn/under investigation)
02-14-09 2737 Viking Dr., Ashwaubenon (apartment complex/accidental)

Item #4. Report of General Membership President.

Muller reported that at the last General Membership meeting on March 5, 2009, an election committee was formed for the election of officers in September. A P.R. committee was also formed for arson awareness week in May. Members of the Appleton Fire Department Investigation Unit came with their vehicle and equipment to compare with ours in an effort to obtain ideas when we purchase a new vehicle in the future. The next meeting is May 28, 2009, at De Pere fire station #1.

Item #5. Old Business.

A. Dispositions of Case Proceedings.

Zakowski not present.

B. Discussion regarding Fire Investigation Unit responding outside the county where a Brown County fire department has jurisdiction.

Gossage will check with Sheriff Kocken on procedures for this and this will be placed back on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Janke reported that we are still waiting for a legal opinion regarding the MABAS agreement.

Muller stated that storage space is still needed for the safety house and truck.

Item #6. New Business.

Kiser will look into obtaining a fire assistance grant for a new truck.

Muller gave the 2008 annual report for the fire investigation unit. He stated that the unit responded to 23 callouts of which 8 were accidental, 5 were arson, 8 were undetermined, and 2 are under investigation. There was a total dollar loss of \$6,467,600 of which \$2,480,000 was accidental, \$132,600 was arson, \$3,730,000 was undetermined, and \$125,000 is under investigation. Of the annual \$30,000 budget, \$10,396 was used for equipment, \$1,703 was used for training, \$7,818 was used for fire callouts, and \$1,512 was used for meetings.

Item #7. Report of Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.

A. Update on Safety House (501C-3 Plan).

It was reported that the IRS accepted the 501(c)(3) application for the Brown County Fire Safety Association and that we should be getting a check from the City today for the funds that are being held in a trust account so we can open a new bank account for the association. There was a question of who takes ownership of the safety house and truck and Gossage stated that the County owns the vehicles and that they should remain under the County's name on the titles.

Craig stated that he wants to try to electronically file juvenile reports.

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Item #8. Other Matters.

No other matters were discussed.

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

The next meeting was set for May 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin St., Green Bay, WI.

Item #10. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Vandenack and seconded by Craig to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary

ORGANIZING DOCUMENT
AND BYLAWS
OF THE
BROWN COUNTY FIRE SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1- Name

This organization shall be known as the "Brown County Fire Safety Association," hereinafter referred to as FSA. FSA is a non-profit, non-political organization operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in accordance with §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal revenue code, and the related Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations. FSA will be located in Brown County in the State of Wisconsin.

Section 2- Purpose

- A. Support organizations that operate to improve the control, detection and prevention of arson through educational programs and fundraising.
- B. Promote educational programs to the general public, insurance personnel, and local authorities as to arson problems and implications, and general fire prevention awareness.
- C. Stimulate cooperation of efforts among interested groups and organizations in relation to arson prevention and detection,
- D. Promote the general betterment of Brown County.

Article II

General Membership

Section 1- Membership

- A. General Members of the existing Brown County Fire Investigation Unit, as of January 1, 2008, are eligible to become General Members of the FSA without prior approval.
- B. The General Membership shall be open to membership by police officers, firefighters, and insurance company representatives, who are interested in arson and fire prevention, and are associated with agencies located within Brown County.

- C. Each member must complete a membership application and have it signed by two members in good standing. The General Membership shall approve membership applications by a majority vote.

Section 2- Meetings and Voting

- A. At least two meeting of the General Membership will be held annually, one in fall and one in spring.
- B. Voting on issues at regular meetings will be authorized if a majority of the members are present and vote.
- C. If there are less members present at a meeting than a majority of the members, or if neither the President nor the Vice-President are present to vote, the meeting will be an informational meeting and no voting will take place.
- D. The officers of the General Membership are entitled to one vote each when any vote takes place among the General Membership.

Section 3- Officers

The officers of the General Membership shall be a President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Section 4- Officer Nominating Committee

The President will appoint a nominating committee at the spring General Membership meeting during an election year. The nominating committee shall nominate a slate of candidates for office to be voted on at the annual September or October meeting.

Section 5- Election of Officers

The officers of the General Membership shall be elected at the fall meeting every other year. They will be elected by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

Section 6- Term of Office

The officers of the General Membership shall hold office for a two-year term.

Section 7- Duties of the Officers

- A. President- The President shall call meetings of the General Membership at least two (2) times a year. The President shall distribute a meeting agenda before the commencement of every meeting. The President will promote the group to increase the membership and provide training for the General Membership. The President shall establish committees and appoint members of the committees from time to time. The President shall serve as chairperson of the Ethics Committee.
- B. Vice-President- The Vice-President will run the meetings of the General Membership in the absence of the President. The Vice-President will also handle other duties delegated by the President. The Vice-President will coordinate and supervise the training for the members to carry out the goals of the FSA. The Vice-President shall serve on the Ethics Committee. The Vice-President shall serve as the Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.
- C. Treasurer- The Treasurer will handle all financial duties of the General Membership and maintain records of all the organization's funds and expenditures. The Treasurer will give a budget update during every meeting of the General Membership. The Treasurer shall serve on the Ethics Committee.

Section 8- Replacement of Officers

- A. Any of the above-listed officers unable to continue their elected duties due to death, illness, or moving away shall be replaced by an election which will take place at the next regularly-scheduled meeting. A majority vote of the members is necessary to replace the person vacating the office being filled.
- B. In the event an officer does not perform the necessary duties of the office, the membership can request a recall election. The petition for recall of an officer must be signed by three (3) bona fide members of the General Membership. After this is done, a majority vote of all members of the General Membership will remove the officer from their office. The election of new officers will take place at the next meeting of the General Membership.

Section 9- Secretary

- A. The Secretary is a non-voting member of FSA
- B. The Secretary will take attendance at each FSA meeting and will maintain a current roster of the General Membership.
- C. The Secretary will record the minutes of each meeting and distribute a copy of the minutes to the officers of the General Membership, to all members who were absent at the meeting, and to any members who request a copy. The Secretary shall maintain a file of the minutes of every meeting.

Article III

Juvenile Firesetters Program

Section 1- Juvenile Firesetters Program (JFS) Coordinator

- A. The Vice-President of the General Membership shall serve as the JFS Coordinator.
- B. The duties of the JFS Coordinator are to organize educational arson and fire prevention events, and to promote the program throughout the community.
- C. The JFS Coordinator may delegate duties to other members of the General Membership on a volunteer basis.

Section 2- Purpose

- A. Educate the community on the dangers of juvenile firesetters.
- B. Coordinate educational programs.
- C. Promote arson and fire prevention awareness.

Section 3- Safety House

- A. The JFS shall maintain the Safety House.
- B. The JFS shall coordinate efforts to lend the Safety House to fire departments and police departments in Brown County.
- C. The JFS must instruct any agency that borrows the Safety House to return the Safety House in the same condition it was borrowed in.
- D. The JFS must instruct any agency that borrows the Safety House that the agency is obligated to pay all miscellaneous expenses associated with operating the Safety House, such as gas and other travel expenses.

Article IV

Finance

Section 1- Funding

The Officers of the General Membership may organize fundraisers with the approval of a majority vote of the General Membership.

Section 2- Expenditures

- A. All expenditures must be approved by two (2) of the three (3) officers.
- B. Any expenditure over \$500 must be approved by a majority vote of the General Membership.

Section 3- Maintaining Tax-Exempt Status

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private parties, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4- Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this organization for any reason, all assets shall be distributed to the Green Bay Fire Department, as an agency of a local government, to be used for a public purpose.

If for any reason, future federal law prohibits 501(c)(3) assets from transferring to a local government entity to be used for a public purpose, then upon dissolution of this organization, all assets shall be distributed for one or more tax-exempt purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article V

Code of Ethics

Below is the adopted Code of Ethics for members of FSA.

I will regard myself as a member of an important and honorable organization.

I will conduct both my personal and official life so as to inspire the confidence of the public.

I will not use my profession and my position of trust for personal advantage or profit.

I will not use my position as an officer or member of FSA, or use any FSA assets, to directly or indirectly, support or oppose a candidate for public office in any political campaign, so as to not jeopardize the tax-exempt charitable nature of this organization.

I will disclose to the Ethics Committee any conflicts of interest that may arise between my status as an officer or member of FSA, and my association with any other organization, so as to not jeopardize the tax-exempt charitable nature of this organization.

I will regard my fellow members with the same standards as I hold for myself.

I will regard it my duty to know my work thoroughly. It is my further duty to avail myself of every opportunity to learn more about my profession.

I will share publicity equally with my fellow members, whether such publicity is favorable or unfavorable.

I will be loyal to my superiors, to my subordinates, and to the organization I represent.

I will make a reasonable effort to attend meetings and participate in activities and training sessions.

Article VI

Ethics Committee

Section 1- Purpose

The Ethics Committee will monitor compliance with the Article V Code of Ethics.

Section 2- Committee Members

- A. The Ethics Committee shall have five (5) members.
- B. The President of the General Membership shall serve as Chairperson of the Ethics Committee and occupy one (1) of the five (5) seats.
- C. The Vice-President of the General Membership shall serve on the Ethics Committee and occupy one (1) of the five (5) seats.
- D. The Treasurer of the General Membership shall serve on the Ethics Committee and occupy one (1) of the five (5) seats.
- E. Any member of the General Membership may serve as one (1) of the other two (2) members of the Ethics Committee.
- F. Each of the two (2) remaining Ethics Committee seats will be elected by majority vote of the General Membership.

Section 3- Duties

- A. If the accused member chooses to have a personal interview with the Ethics Committee, the Ethics Committee must make reasonable accommodations to have a personal interview.
- B. The Ethics Committee must conduct a reasonable investigation into the alleged Article V Code of Ethics violation
- C. The Ethics Committee may recommend a member for Article VII Termination procedures, or any lesser sanction, by a concurrence of three (3) Ethics Committee members.

Article VII

Termination of Membership or Resignation

Section 1- Membership in the General Membership shall be terminated by:

- A. Voluntary withdrawal
- B. Lack of participation in meetings and training sessions
- C. Misconduct

Section 2- Actions of misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- A. Criminal offenses
- B. Neglect of duty
- C. Violation of the Article V Code of Ethics and rules, policies, and procedures of FSA
- D. Falsification or misrepresentation of application or status within the General Membership

Section 3- Procedure

- A. A complaint against an active member of the General Membership, shall be in writing with a description of the allegation(s), and submitted to the Article VI Ethics Committee.
- B. The President of the General Membership shall present the recommendation of the Ethics Committee to the General Membership.
- C. A majority vote by the General Membership will adopt the recommendation of the Ethics Committee.

Section 4- Reinstatement

A member can be reinstated by going through the General Membership application process, and by a majority vote of the General Membership.

Section 5- Resignation

A written statement of resignation shall be submitted to the President of the General Membership.

Article VI

Non-Discrimination

The FSA has a policy whereby there will be no discrimination tolerated as to age, race, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification prohibited by law.

Article VII

Amendments

This Organizing Document and Bylaws may be amended at any regular business or special meeting of the General Membership. The amendment must be passed by a majority vote of the General Membership. Notice of any special meeting to consider an amendment shall be made to all members at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date. If the amendment is ratified by the General Membership, the Secretary will include the amendment as part of the meeting minutes, which are available to all members.

Article VIII

Ratification

The Organizing Document and Bylaws of the Brown County Fire Safety Association shall be ratified upon signature of the Officers of the General Membership.

Brad Muller
President

9-12-08
Date

Eric A. Johnson
Vice-President

9/12/08
Date

Robert A. Dube
Treasurer

9/11/08
Date

Part IV- Narrative Description of Your Activities

The past, present and planned activities of the Brown County Fire Safety Association (FSA) are very narrowly focused to increase fire prevention awareness of the general public and to facilitate cooperation between fire prevention and investigation organizations to control, detect and prevent criminal arson. FSA has operated two major activities in the past, the Juvenile Firesetter Program and the Fire Safety House. FSA presently operates these two programs, and these two programs are planned to be the major activities of the FSA in the future.

The first activity operated by the FSA is the Juvenile Firesetter Program. Children have a natural fascination with fire, and this natural fascination often leads to the child experimenting with fire. This is a serious problem in every community throughout the country. The attached brochures provide statistical evidence of this problem.

FSA educates children on the dangers that fire presents to people and property. The program also educates adults and encourages outreach to mental health professionals and social workers. FSA programs teach adults to recognize the behavioral symptoms of a potential juvenile firesetter, then profiles the child so that the severity of the problem can be analyzed. Another important part of the program is teaching techniques to prevent the child from starting a fire. Please refer to the attached brochures for more information on this program.

The second major project that the FSA operates is the Fire Safety House. The Fire Safety House is a mobile trailer that is used to educate the public in fire safety and prevention using a classroom-style setting. The Fire Safety House has been operating since 1991 and the program is planned for elementary school-aged children. The students are educated in fire prevention, recognizing fire hazards, planning escape routes, and safely exiting a building, and then the students are even able to practice these techniques using the home model built into the trailer.

For example, students learn to identify an alternate escape route as they enter a home, and then theatrical smoke is pumped into the room, as the children practice the proper crawling technique to exit the home. The Fire Safety House creates a safe simulated fire experience, utilizing limited visibility, fire alarms, and the general confusion that normally exists in fire situations. The success of the program was proven in 1998 when a seven-year old boy and a six-year old girl, who recently participated in the Fire Safety House experience, shouted directions to eight children and two adults who successfully evacuated a burning house in the middle of the night. The only injuries were minor smoke inhalation for two of the children, but the instructions of the seven and six-year old helped avoid what could have been a major tragedy.

The Fire Safety House makes appearances at schools, fire department open houses, firemen's picnics, shopping malls, local celebratory events, and events at Lambeau Field, and reaches thousands of students per year. Fire departments throughout

Brown County are encouraged to borrow the Fire Safety House for their events. The fire departments are not charged a fee for using the Fire Safety House, but the fire department is expected to pay the miscellaneous costs associated with use of the trailer, such as gasoline and other travel expenses.

FSA is funded through donations by members of the community. FSA also will apply for government grants in the future. The initial construction of the Fire Safety House was a cooperative effort involving all of the fire departments in Brown County in 1991. FSA was able to raise \$30,000 in 2001 to replace the worn out facilities in the Fire Safety House through a large number of donations from members of the community. Photographs of the Fire Safety House are attached to this application.

In the future, FSA will continue to operate the Juvenile Firesetter Program and the Fire Safety House. FSA will continue to be funded through donations by members of the community. FSA also will apply for government grants in the future. FSA also accepts donations of equipment related to fire safety. FSA will also use funds raised in the future to provide equipment for the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force to supplement their public funding.

Part V, No. 1- Officers of the General Membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Since</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Brad Muller	President	3100 Eaton Road Green Bay, WI 54311	920-884-1077 Ext. 309	bmuller@bellvue-fire.com	May 2008	None
Eric Johnson	Vice-President	501 S. Washington St. Green Bay, WI 54301	920-494-0282	ericjo@ci.green-bay.wi.us	May 2008	None
Rick Davidson	Treasurer	300 E. Walnut St. Green Bay, WI 54301	920-448-6192	davidson_rt@co.brown.wi.us	May 2008	None

Part V, No. 3a- Officer Duties & Qualifications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Hrs/wk</u>
Brad Muller	President	Call meetings and lead general administration, development, and management of the organization. Delegate duties to other members on a case-by-case volunteer basis. Lead fundraising initiatives. Promote the organization to increase membership and donations.	-Assistant Fire Chief- Bellevue Fire Department since 1997 -Member of Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force for 19 years -Member of Wisconsin Chapter of International Association of Fire Investigators for 17 years -Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Association for 21 years -Certified Fire Science Instructor at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	5
Eric Johnson	Vice-President	Serve as Juvenile Firesetters Program coordinator. Organize fundraising. Coordinate training for new members. General support for the duties of the President.	-Training Officer- Green Bay Fire Department, 26 years in fire service -Member of Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force for 10 years (Vice President for 4 years) -Certified Fire Science Instructor at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	5
Rick Davidson	Treasurer	Manages the organization budget. Financial recordkeeping. Check writing.	-Sergeant- Brown County Sheriff's Department for 23 years -Investigator for Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force for 11 years (8 years as its Treasurer) -Member of Wisconsin Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators for 11 years -Volunteer with Safety House Program for 4 years	5

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Part V- No. 5b & 5c- Conflict of Interest Handling

Although a formal policy with regard to addressing conflicts of interest has not yet been formally established, the Article V Code of Ethics requires all members of the organization to disclose potential conflicts of interest regarding any sort of business conducted by the organization. Furthermore, Article VII Termination of Membership allows the organization to terminate the membership of any member who violates the Article V Code of Ethics.

The organization believes that a formal conflict of interest policy is not necessary at this time, because the organization does not anticipate a significant relationship with any independent contractors or any other significant financial relationship with any other organization.

Part VI- Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

1a Goods, Services, or Funds to Individuals

The services that the organization provides to individuals are educational programs designed for school children focusing on fire awareness and prevention. FSA does not participation charge fees or admission for any of its programs

1b Goods, Services, or Funds to Organizations

The organization allows fire departments in Brown County to borrow the Fire Safety House and any related fire safety equipment at no cost to the fire department. The fire department that borrows the property is only obligated to pay the miscellaneous costs of using the equipment, such as gasoline, other travel expenses, and repairs of any damage to the property.

2 Goods, Services, or Funds Limited to a Specific Individual or Group

Although the educational programming of the organization is geared towards school children, everyone is welcome to participate in the educational programming. The actual use of all property in the control of the organization will be limited to members of the organization, or for use by local law enforcement or local fire departments in Brown County for a public purpose.

Part VIII- Your Specific Activities

4a Fundraising

The Brown County Fire Safety Association (FSA) will continuously raise funds to achieve the purpose and goals of the organization. The organization will solicit donations through mailings to individuals and businesses, and will also accept unsolicited donations. FSA will not actively solicit donations through personal contacts or by telephone. Attached is a sample of a letter mailed to individuals to solicit donations for replacement of the Fire Safety House in 2001. The organization will also apply for government and foundation grants. One such agency that provides grants to organizations like the FSA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FSA will accept monetary donations and donations of property. Property that will be accepted includes a truck to pull the Fire Safety House trailer and general fire safety equipment. FSA currently does not have a website, but if FSA does have a website in the future, the organization would accept donations through their website.

4d States and Jurisdictions for Fundraising Activities

FSA will only actively solicit donations within Brown County in the State of Wisconsin. Unsolicited donations from outside of Brown County would be accepted. FSA conducts its own fundraising, and does not fundraise for any other organization. FSA will apply for state and federal government grants in the future.

4e Contributor Advised Funds Accounts

All contributions will be put into the general FSA fund. FSA will maintain records, on behalf of the donor, where the contributor requests the right to advise on the use and distribution of the funds that contributor donated. The request will be strongly considered and FSA will make all reasonable efforts to use the funds for the requested purpose. If FSA is not able to use the funds for the requested purpose, FSA will notify the contributor. Although this is an option to contributors, to-date, the organization has never received any funds with contributor restrictions of this type.

5 Affiliation with a Government Unit

The Brown County Fire Safety Association (FSA) was closely related to the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force (Task Force) in the past. The Task Force is a publicly funded agency within the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Part of the Task Force's goals are to educate the community about fire safety and awareness. The FSA was formed to support that goal. The FSA and the Task Force have two distinctly different functions. The FSA focuses on educating the community about fire prevention and awareness, whereas the Task Force actually investigates fires where arson is suspected in association with the Brown County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies to determine the cause of the fire.

The Task Force is an agency funded directly from the Brown County Sheriff's Department budget. However, FSA does not receive any funding from the Brown County Sheriff's Department or any other government source. The Task Force and FSA have many common members and they work towards the same goal of arson prevention. They are now two separate organizations with two different functions and two different sets of bylaws and organizing documents. FSA works closely with local law enforcement and fire department officials to coordinate FSA educational programming.

11 Types of Contributions

The Fire Safety House is a mobile trailer that requires maintenance and a truck to pull it. A pick-up truck was donated in the past and the same truck is still used today. Eventually, we would accept the donation of a new pick-up truck to pull the Fire Safety House trailer. The organization also accepts donations of fire safety equipment for use during demonstrations for educational programs.

The organization will allow local fire departments in Brown County to borrow the Fire Safety House and any related equipment at no cost, with the condition that the local fire department pays any miscellaneous costs for using the Fire Safety House and equipment, such as gasoline, other traveling expenses, and repairing any damage to the property.

13b Distributions to Other Organizations

One of the future goals of the FSA is to raise funds to support the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force. These are meant to supplement the public funds that the Task Force is allocated from the Brown County Sheriff's Department budget. The intent is to provide fire equipment and coordinate resources for the general betterment of the Brown County community. All local fire departments in Brown County will benefit if the Task Force is using up-to-date equipment to investigate the causes of fires. Expenditures of funds for this purpose would be very specific, only to the Task Force for a public purpose.

15 Close Connection to Other Organizations

FSA has a close relationship only with publicly-funded government organizations. The nature of the organization leads to members coming primarily from fire department and police department officers in Brown County. FSA focuses on educational programs designed by our fire prevention professional membership. FSA coordinates educational efforts between the local fire departments.

There is also membership overlap with the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force. The Task Force is publicly funded by the Brown County Sheriff's Department, whereas FSA does not receive public funds from the Sheriff's Department. The distinction between the functions of the two organizations is explained in Part VIII – 5.

Part IX- Financial Data

A8 List of Depreciable and Depletable Assets

Safety House trailer including equipment equipment- utility tools, 2 TVs, 2 VCRs, smoke machine	\$20,000
1998 Ford Pick-up Truck	\$5,000
Power Generator	\$4,000
Total	\$29,000