

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 Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the De Pere Fire Department, 400 Lewis Street, De Pere, WI.

Present: Dave Seidl, Norman Heraly, Tom Hendricks, Dan Kerkhoff, Joe Gabe, Matt Maleport, Glenn Deviley, Angie Cali, Terry Rottier, Brad Neville, Jim Stupka, Rick Davidson, Brad Muller

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Stupka and seconded by Rottier 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:

03-20-09 433 Crooks St., Green Bay (multi-family residence/arson)
03-24-09 253 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski (single-family residence/arson/arrest)
03-28-09 3038 S. Michiels Rd., Denmark (single-family residence/under investigation)
05-07-09 1164 O'Hare Blvd., Hobart (business/accidental)
05-26-09 3809 Shirley Rd., Morrison (business/under investigation)
05-27-09 514-13th Ave., Green Bay (garage/vehicle/arson)

Jimmy Knight was convicted again in his appeal.

Gabe reported that the FBI notified that a serial arsonist who is now in jail outside of Tampa, Florida, and currently awaiting the electric chair was living in Green Bay from September 2008 to January 2009. The subject's name is David Justin Bradshaw, DOB 09-07-78. He was living in the homeless shelter off of Broadway in Green Bay. Gabe reported that there were 7 or 8 small fires in Green Bay near where Bradshaw lived and worked.

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Muller reported that the last meeting was held on May 21, 2009. He stated that there was discussion about the fire investigation unit responding to fires outside of the county where the local fire departments have jurisdiction, being the Denmark, Wrightstown, Hollandtown, and Tri-County fire departments. Chief Deputy Gossage and Sheriff Kocken are okay with the fire investigation unit going out to investigate cause and origin for these local fire departments outside of the county. However, if it is determined to be a crime scene, the investigation will need to be turned over to that jurisdiction's sheriff's department.

Kyle Lauf of the Bellevue Fire Department was approved as an intern. Approval of Christopher Brodbeck of the Suamico Fire Department was tabled until the Board checks on his years of service.

The next meeting is set for September 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Allouez Fire Department.

Item #5. Old Business.

Muller reminded to pay the \$5 annual membership dues and notify him of any phone number and/or e-mail changes.

No P.R. was done for arson awareness week this year.

Item #6. New Business.

The spring IAAI conference is June 2-4, 2009.

Bernie Madison resigned as an intern as he is no longer with the Howard Fire Department. A thank you letter will be sent to him for his years of service.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Seidl stated that we need to keep in contact with the Lions Clubs, breakfast clubs, and local fire departments on an annual basis to keep the donations coming in for the safety house. They are always willing to donate. It was suggested checking again with the Cornerstone Foundation and Green Bay Packers as we are now a 501(c)(3) organization and they might now donate. Contact Seidl or Nick Craig if interested in being on a committee to solicit donations. Former Green Bay fire chief Jeff Stauber is willing to write grants. Davidson reported that he got the check from the city for the safety house funds they were holding in trust and that a bank account has been opened at Chase Bank in which \$1,600 was put into a checking account and \$11,067 into a CD.

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Gabe reported that Green Bay had one JFS case. Stupka reported that De Pere had three JFS cases.

Still looking for storage space for the safety house. May need to lease space if nothing is found. Muller reminded that the department who uses the safety house is responsible for refueling it after and for any damage done to it.

Item #8. Other Matters.

Muller, Hendricks, and Neville will review the bylaws for any changes that need to be made.

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

The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at Bellevue fire station #1, 3100 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI.

Motion was made by Seidl and seconded by Gabe to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #10. Training.

No training was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary