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**EDITORIAL COMMENT:**

As your Executive Director and sometimes editor of The Trumpet, I normally would not put my 2 cents into ongoing issues facing the fire service in Missouri, which is the job of your Board of Directors and yourselves as Fire Chiefs. But sometimes...

Just recently the St Louis Home Builders Association (HBA) was able to get an amendment inserted into a current bill before the Missouri Senate. This bill is Senate Bill 7 (SB7). SB7 is called the local omnibus bill. The bill's sponsor is a very good friend of the Fire Service in Missouri, Senator John Greisheimer.

The amendment states that if a local jurisdiction (city, county, or fire district) adopts any building or fire code that includes mandated residential sprinkler systems, the local home builder would simply ask the home owner if they wish that sprinklers be installed. If the home owner says no, then the sprinklers could not be required to be installed.

Notwithstanding the appropriateness of residential sprinklers, this amendment tramples on the rights of local jurisdictions (who have elected officials acting on behalf of the citizens) to provide appropriate codes for their area. It has been mentioned that if this amendment does

pass, that this will open the gates for other similar legislation that would conceivably reduce the local jurisdiction's ability to provide protection for their constituents (easing codes on smoke detectors as an example).

The FSA is working hard to get this amendment removed. Our problem is the bill itself has several of the Fire Service's bills as part of it.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me, and, if you agree with me, please contact your state senator. [rlhmann@kc.rr.com](mailto:rlhmann@kc.rr.com)

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER  
DAVE WILLIAMS**

We had another successful winter conference In February at Big Cedar in Branson. Chief Ricky Lasky's presentation was well received and a benefit to Chief Officers. Big Cedar has built a new conference center it is a beautiful building in a beautiful setting and larger than the old center.

We are looking at expanding our program to include company officers training next year now that we have the room to accommodate a larger crowd. We will have more information during the year. I hope that you all plan on attending next year for

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a great educational experience right here in Missouri.

I want to also thank John VanGorkom and Rich Lehmann for all of the work they put into a successful conference.

I attended the SEMA conference in March 2009, I have attended the conference in the past but this year I noticed how many fire chiefs were also attending. It is a credit to the fire service to see how many communities have assigned the additional duty of Emergency Management to the fire department.

While our primary mission is emergency response many of us also have the added responsibility of preparedness, recovery and mitigation from disasters.

One of the other things I noticed is the discussions about state wide mutual aid; it is a topic that seems to be on every disciplines mind. There was a breakout session specifically discussing the development of an Emergency Managers mutual aid system, it discussed during the presentation of the Homeland Security Response System (HSRS) and the MERIS.

This is just another time the fire service is leading the way with the development of Missouri Systems Concept of Operational Planning for Emergencies (MOSCOPE) The Missouri Fire Chiefs with the help of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) have developed a mutual aid system

template that can be used by other disciplines.

MOSCOPE has been completed and my goal for 2009 is to get MOSCOPE implemented. We will be working with the State Fire Marshal and Department of Public Safety to implement the changes that have been recommended by the MOSCOPE committee they include;

1. Three dispatch centers in different regions of the state will need to be identified that will host an 800 number to provide centralized dispatching to request for mutual aid.
2. It needs to be user friendly and we need to look at the MERIS system as a platform to aid in resource tracking during deployment.
3. Work with the Fire Marshal's office during the transition to ensure we have a smooth transition. We want to ensure that the Fire Marshal has situational awareness particularly when they are in the state EOC.
4. Missouri Chiefs needs to ensure everyone knows how to request both regional and statewide mutual aid.

While the current statewide mutual aid system has served us well due to the dedication of fire service leaders

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throughout the state and the State Fire Marshal's office it is time to move forward.

With all of the recent disasters both statewide and nationally there is a new found interest in mutual aid and we need to lead the way.

I want to take this chance thank Greg Brown for his leadership as the Chairman of the Mutual Aid committee and the rest of the committee during MOSCOPE's development.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXPENSES:

Conference Costs	16,444.29
Meetings/Travel	2,653.16
Dues	8,775.00
Office Expenses	1,266.90
Office Equipment	1,000.00
FSA	1,250.00
Professional Fees	13,097.00
Hospitality IAFC	10,300.19
Holiday Gathering	828.80
Awards	454.90
Canceled Check	<u>152.53</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,222.77</b>

BEGINNING 2008 ----- 51,741.08  
ENDING 2008 ----- 55,258.96

John VanGorkom  
Treasurer  
Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**John VanGorkom**  
**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS**  
**2008**

### REVENUES:

Membership dues	13,377.00
Big Cedar Seminar	37,333.00
Mo. Valley Stipend	2,000.00
Metro / Western Mo. Hospitality Funding	6,173.36
Canceled check	152.53
IAFC	<u>1,704.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> -----	<b>59,740.65</b>

## **BIG CEDAR REPORT (2009)**

**By**  
**John VanGorkom**

The Winter Seminar at Big Cedar Lodge was a great learning experience again this year. 102 Fire Officers from across the state participated in the two day event with Rick Lasky. The new conference center at Big Cedar is a beautiful facility and offers our organization a great learning environment. We were supported with seven vendor partners this year that expressed ~~152.53~~ remarks about the contacts that they made during the seminar. The 2010 Winter Seminar is scheduled for February 25-28, at Big Cedar.



You can reserve your room now by calling 417-339-5233 and asking for the 2010 Missouri Fire Chiefs room pricing.

At the end of this newsletter is a 2010 room reservation sheet. Come, learn & enjoy.

## LEGISLATION

As was reported in the last Trumpet the Fire Service Alliance (FSA) has again chosen 5 items to push for the 2009 legislative session. They are:

### 9-1-1

This legislation will attempt to place a service charge on cellular phones and other devices, similar to the 9-1-1 charges on landlines in the state. The monies should revert back to the various 9-1-1 systems currently in operation. There may be some monies to assist in areas that do not have 9-1-1 service. This legislation will probably require a vote of the people. This type of legislation has been attempted at least three times in the past.

Missouri is the only state in the nation where cell phones do not pay for utilizing 9-1-1.

**While this legislation has been introduced (SB119), they are some very serious issues with it.**

**#1- The amount of the monthly fee (\$.25) is far too low to assist in paying for cell**

**phone usage of 9-1-1, especially if only 60% of the monies would come back to the various 9-1-1 systems.**

**#2 -It states that there must be consolidation of current 9-1-1 systems ( a maximum of 3 per county anywhere in the state) and a maximum of 1 in any county that currently does not have 9-1-1.**

**#3 -While the amount of monies to be generated under this bill is below threshold for requiring a statewide vote, the legislation would require a vote (This has failed 2 other times).**

**The FSA is working to get changes in this much needed legislation.**

### Fire Safe Cigarette

This legislation had been introduced last year with no success. Currently there are over 30 states that have this legislation. It would require that all cigarettes sold in Missouri have paper that will not continue burning after a short period of time if the individual sets the cigarette down.

New York & Vermont statistics have shown a 13% decrease in cigarette caused fire deaths since their enactment some 6 years ago.

**This bill (HB205) has been voted out of committee do pass and should be heard in the house soon.**



## **Emergency Disaster Response Fund**

FSA will be looking to begin a state fund that will assist in defraying the cost of emergency responders that respond to disasters under MOSCOPE guidelines.

**In these trying times the FSA has yet to find a sponsor for this bill. It is dead for this year.**

## **Amend SB 711**

This will be an attempt to fix last session's property tax issue that passed, but looks like it will significantly affect cities and fire districts. The current language may require significant roll backs beyond what the bill originally intended.

**SB174 has reached the senate floor and will be scheduled for debate. If you are interested in reading the bill itself, go to the Missouri website. The fix for problems with taxing by cities and fire districts will be fixed by this bill.**

## **STATE FUEL TAX SAVINGS FOR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS**

We are still reviewing this potential legislation. Currently the word we are getting is that the fiscal note will be exorbitant and no one will touch it. We are looking at ways of paring it down and make it more palatable. We may start with providing it to the fire association vehicles and equipment as a 1<sup>st</sup> step.

**HB204 was introduced and has been voted do pass out of committee. It is awaiting house floor debate. The problem is no new spending bills looks to be able to make it through this year.**

## **OTHER FSA INFORMATION**

The above legislation will be championed by the Alliance. The Alliance will also assist other organizations and agencies in passing legislation that is deemed to be in the best interest of the state's fire service. Items such as fixing the nursing home issue concerning sprinkler systems and smoke detectors and a burn ban on open burning in times of draught.

**One important bill we are assisting the Fire Union is HB580. This bill would set up a Line of Duty Death Compensation. Currently the bill has \$15,000.00 for this per instance. It has passed the house and is now in the senate.**

One other bill we will be assisting in is the Federal Medicaid Reimbursement Allocation for transport ambulance services.

**The FRA bill (HB459) has passed the house and is awaiting assignment to a committee in the senate.**

**SB307 is a companion bill to the above, has passed the senate committee and is awaiting senate debate. The 2 bills should be reconciled in April, we hope.**

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The other area of work by the FSA is attempting to defeat bills that are a threat to the Fire Service. Each year there is legislation proposed that is or could be a detriment to the fire service and/or the citizens of the state. The FSA attempts to dissuade the legislature from passing such legislation.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> bill of this type is HB462 which would decimate the fire services ability to recoup costs associated with Hazardous Material issues. So far we believe we have it bottled up.**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> bill is SB99 which would freeze property tax valuation at their 2005 levels and not allow any increase in value above 2% per year.**

Look for my weekly update on legislation at the MAFC website.

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**MISSOURI VALLEY DIVISION-IAFC  
CHIEF GREG POTTBERG  
STATE VICE-PRESIDENT**

With winter upon us, let's look at the upcoming year. The 2009 Missouri Valley Division Conference will be held July 8 – 10 in Overland Park, Kansas. The current report is that the most of the speakers have been confirmed and plans are moving along well. Please mark your calendars to attend.

As we are always looking at saving money for our organizations please take time to review the Fire-Rescue Government Purchasing Organization (FRGPO) contracts. You can find the link off the Missouri Chiefs website [www.mofirechiefs.org](http://www.mofirechiefs.org). The FRGPO website ([www.firerescue-gpo.com](http://www.firerescue-gpo.com)) is being update to a more user friendly with direct link to contracts off the main page and state reporting of use. The newest contract is with Rainbow Valley Fire Department, a company that provides public education materials. Purchases that occur from our division, allocates a percentage of money back into our division.

**(Editors Note: Chief Pottberg is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the MO Valley Division-IAFC. The MAFC Board has endorsed Chief Pottberg. We urge all who will be attending the MVD conference in July to do the same. Good luck Greg!!!)**

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**(Editor's Note: When Chiefs' or Chief Officers pass away, please let me know so we may honor them here in the Trumpet and at our Winter Meeting in February.)**

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## **WORKING ABOVE FIRE DAMAGED FLOORS A REPORT FROM NIOSH**

In an effort to provide some important issues to you I will be looking for various



articles that may assist you in your duties. This is the 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Description of Exposure

Fire fighters are at risk of falling through fire-damaged floors. Floors may fail within minutes of flame contact. Carpet, ceramic tile, lightweight concrete, and similar floor coverings may increase the danger to firefighters because of the added weight being supported by the floor system and the insulation these materials provide that may cause the floor to not feel warm, despite the fire underneath.

All wood-based construction materials are subject to failure when exposed to fire. Experimental studies and NIOSH investigations suggest that engineered wood floor systems may fail sooner than traditional sawn lumber floors. The difference in times to failure appears to be a matter of minutes, and fire fighters will seldom know how long a fire has been burning when they arrive on scene. Consequently, fire fighters must use extreme caution when operating on any flooring system potentially exposed to fire.

Engineered wood I-joists represent a rising technology in the building sector; they offer several advantages over traditional construction methods. Engineered wood I-joists are typically prefabricated using sawn or structural composite lumber for the top and bottom flanges (usually 1 ½ to 3 ½ inches wide) and plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) sheathing for the vertical web (3/8 to 7/16 inches thick) (see

Figure 1). Engineered wood I-joists are lighter, stiffer, and will not warp, twist, or shrink like traditional framing materials. Engineered wood I-joists also reduce total construction time and labor costs by their ease of installation.

Engineered wood I-joists have grown in use since the early 1990s and by 2005 were estimated to be used in more than half of all wood-frame construction [APA 2005]. Changes in the building construction industry driven by technological advancements and societal needs suggest that the use of engineered wood products will continue to grow.



**Figure 1.** Photo courtesy of APA-Engineered Wood Association.

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**Big Cedar Lodge welcomes:** Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs

Group #: 60N8GO

Group Arrival Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2010

Group Departure: Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010

**Reservation Due Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

Accommodations Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

*If we encounter any problems with your reservation, we will contact you by telephone.*

Accommodations will be occupied by: **(Please Print)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a check or money order, or indicate your credit card, date of expiration and amount to be charged below. Your credit card will be charged 20 days prior to your arrival date for half of your total reservation. Credit cards accepted are MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Following the cutoff date indicated, all rooms for which individual reservations have not been received could revert back to the Resort for general sale. Additional rooms can be reserved subject to space and rate availability. Reservations will not be accepted over the phone until the cutoff date.

**CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00PM**

**CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00AM**

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## **DEPOSIT POLICY**

All reservations must be secured with your credit card to hold as a guarantee for your entire stay. Your credit card will be charged 20 days prior to your arrival date for half of your total reservation. Room nights cancelled due to late arrival or early departure will be paid for by occupant unless the room is resold.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

**Changes in your reservation must be made 21-days prior to your arrival date.** Cancellations within the 21-day period will **forfeit the full amount** of the reservation. Late arrival, no-show, or early departure will be charged for the amount of your original reservation.

**RETURN THIS FORM by FAX, MAIL or E-MAIL to RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION:**



612 Devil's Pool Rd., Ridgedale, MO 65739

**ATTN: Kim Johnson**

EMAIL: [kkjohnson@big-cedar.com](mailto:kkjohnson@big-cedar.com)

Fax: 417-339-5069 Phone: 417-339-5233

You will be mailed a confirmation of your reservation within a week after we receive your form.

Your reservation will be made based on availability at the time your reservation is received:

Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs Group #60N8GO

Arrival: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 -- Departure: Sunday, February 28, 2010

## **ROOM DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Valley View Double Queen Room (BVVDD)**

**\$94**

A comfortable room with two queen beds, full bath and sitting area. All rooms have outside entrances.

### **Valley View Queen Kitchenette Standard (BVVSK)**

**\$103**

A unique room with a queen bed, kitchenette, bath with Jacuzzi, semi private balcony and outside entrance.

### **Valley View King Standard (BVVKS)**

**\$103**

A comfortable room with one king size bed, full bath, sitting area and outside entrance.

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## **Knotty Pine Cottage (BKPCC)**

**\$100**

Cozy one room cottage with an antique iron double bed, wood floors and bath with **Shower Only**.

Knotty Pine Cottages are sided with pine planks and nestled just above Devil's Pool Restaurant; these cozy rustic cottages are the original cottages from the dude ranch days.

## **Spring View Lodge One Bedroom Superior (BSV1B)**

**\$159**

One private bedroom with a queen size bed, an open area with a king bed, queen sleeper sofa, Bath with **Shower Only**, hairdryer, coffee maker, full size iron & board.

## **Spring View Lodge Deluxe Suite (BSVSU)**

**\$179**

A unique suite featuring a king size beds, Jacuzzi bath, gas burning fireplace, and a private balcony.

## **Spring View Standard Room (BSVSS)**

**\$94**

Located next to our Devil's Pool Restaurant this cozy lodge room has one queen size bed and bath with **Shower Only**.

## **Falls Lodge Double Queen Room (BFLDQ)**

**\$150**

With a luxurious yet rustic cabin feel in a glorious lodge, these rooms have two queen beds with pillow mattresses topped off with a plush feather bed and down duvet for the ultimate sleep experience. Other features include a Jacuzzi tub and separate shower, breakfast table sitting area, cedar closet with safe and semi-private balcony overlooking the lake.

## **Falls Lodge Deluxe King Room (BFLDK)**

**\$185**

Located on the top floor of Falls Lodge, these deluxe rooms have a cabin feel featuring one king bed adorned with pillow top mattresses topped off with a luxurious feather bed and down duvet for the ultimate sleep experience. Other features include a remote controlled gas fireplace with hand-carved wooden mantle, Jacuzzi tub, separate shower, sitting area, cedar closet with safe and a balcony overlooking the lake.

## **One Room Private Log Cabin (BPCHM)**

**\$190**

These authentic and elegant one room cabins have a king size bed with a pillow mattress topped off with a plush feather bed and down duvet for the ultimate sleep experience, wood burning stone fireplace, Jacuzzi bath with separate shower that features multi-head jets and temperature controls, kitchen, queen sleeper sofa and private deck with a gas grill.

## **Private One Room Log Cabin with Loft (BPCHL)**

**\$199**

This authentic and elegant cabin has a king size bed with pillow mattress topped off with a plush feather bed and down duvet for the ultimate sleep experience, open room sleeping and a loft with one double bed, a wood burning stone fireplace. The Jacuzzi bath is located in the living area

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with a separate shower that features multi-head jets and temperature controls, kitchen, queen sleeper sofa and private deck with a gas grill.

**Private Two Bedroom Log Cabin (BPC2C)**

**\$262**

A luxurious and spacious cabin with two private bedrooms. One bedroom with a queen bed, one bedroom with a king bed each with pillow mattresses topped off with a plush feather bed and down duvet for the ultimate sleep experience, each also have a private Jacuzzi tub and a separate shower that features multi-head jets. Comfortable living area with a queen sleeper sofa, a wood burning stone fireplace, full kitchen, and private deck with a gas grill.

**All rooms are NON-SMOKING and include coffee maker, cable TV, high-speed internet, hair dryer, makeup mirror, iron and ironing board.**