

# NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

2011 ANNUAL REPORT  
129<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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### FOREWORD

Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association Members: The Executive Board of the NSVFA is happy to present to you a copy of the NSVFA 2010-2011 Annual Report.

Please take the time to review this information as well as to take a copy to your department to share with the membership.

You will find enclosed in this report a copy of the minutes of the Annual Conference held at Chadron in 2010, hosted by the Chadron Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a list of accomplishments for the year. NSVFA Officer year end activity reports as well as the audit reports for the NSVFA and Fire School and the budgets for the NSVFA and Fire School are near the end of this report.

We continue to look for ways to improve the Association. Please help the elected officers of the NSVFA to better serve you by providing input and recommendations and know that we welcome your suggestions.

We are happy to report that as of October 13, 2011, the NSVFA has a membership of 6,981 which represents 248 Nebraska Fire Departments. June 30, 2011, the final NSVFA membership for the 2010-2011 period was 7,476 members. Our goal is to meet or exceed this number during the 2011-2012 membership period. Please help us reach this goal by promoting the NSVFA to departments in your areas who are not members. The current membership number compares to 6,768 for the same time period last year. Not only did we have a total of 7,476 members for 2010-2011, we also mailed 725 additional newspapers for a total circulation of 8,201 papers. With the current Nebraska Firefighter newspaper subscription year just beginning, 7,702 newspapers are already being mailed.

The Executive Board of the NSVFA was involved in the following activities:

Iowa States Networking Meeting, Des Moines, IA .....	October 29-30, 2010
E-Board Meeting and Fire School Committee Meeting, Grand Island .....	December 4, 2010
Senators' Appreciation Breakfast, Lincoln.....	January 18, 2011
Legislative Stances Development Meeting.....	January 29, 2011
Numerous Legislative Hearings and Lobbying Efforts .....	January through April, 2011
E-Board Meeting, Schuyler .....	January 29, 2011
E-Board Meeting and Fire School Committee Meeting, Grand Island .....	May 18-19, 2011
Worked at Fire School, Grand Island .....	Entire Week of May 16, 2011
E-Board represented at Pre-Conference Meeting, Fremont (Nickerson FD Host).....	July 9, 2011
E-Board Meeting and Fire School Committee Meeting, York.....	July 30, 2011
E-Board, Legislative Planning Meeting.....	August 27, 2011
Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and Dedication of Museum Garden..	September 10, 2011

The E-Board including the District Directors have traveled the State of Nebraska appearing at Mutual Aid meetings, banquets and celebrations, department meetings, and legislative hearings conducting the business of the Association. Individual reports are available near the end of this report.

Benefits of the Association are still proving to be advantageous to members.

**ATIRACredit Master Card:** In 2009, the NSVFA partnered with ATIRACredit and the NSVFA portfolio now has 57 accounts. Credit cards with ATIRA master card are available to departments as well as to members and family members.

**American Income Life:** American Income Life continues to partner with the Association to bring to each member complimentary, \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment coverage as a benefit of membership. The NSVFA knows of eight families who have received these benefits since 2005 and two recent claims for 2011 were received just prior to Annual Conference, 2011.

The Nebraska Firefighter newspaper is now four years old and considered a valuable source of information for Nebraska firefighters. Articles are presenting in a professional manner and are well read. Please continue to support the "Firefighter" with department articles, photos and events. A new contract with the Nebraska Firefighter/Blaze Publications was approved July 30, 2011 by the NSVFA E Board after a request for quotes was published and bids received.

Constant Contact is now one year old and has 467 active contacts (members). Contacts receive timely announcements of General Interest, Legislative Alerts, Training and other events. A new addition to Constant Contact is a "Survey Function" which was recently used to conduct a survey for the NSVFA Improvement Committee and will be discussed during the 2011 General Session.

**Provident LODD Insurance:** The LODD \$1,500 Line of Duty Death benefit is available. To date, fortunately, there has not been a payment since initiation in March of 2009.

A Home and Auto insurance partnership with California Casualty was established October 1, 2010, and the Association received a \$3,000 payment for royalty fee covering the period of 10/1/10 to 9/30/11.

NPAIT and Columbia Southern University as well as an agreement with Enterprise Rent a Car continue to benefit members of association.

November 10, 2010, the NSVFA Recruitment and Retention Committee assisted by the NSVFA E Board established a plan to complete the 2007 Safer Grant by promoting Nebraska TV stations public service announcements. The PSAs were aired in a November/December/January time frame.

The NSVFA Executive Board and Fire School Committee would like to report that with careful expenditures of your dues' dollars, the Association remains financially viable even in current economic times. Financial support of \$7,370 was provided by the Association to the State Fire Marshal Training Division via partial payment of their motel rooms to help maintain quality classes instructed and provided for by the SFMTD at Fire School.

The NSVFA Executive Board and all of its committees thank all of the members of the NSVFA, Nebraska Fire Chiefs' Association and NSVFA Auxiliary and other State Agencies for all their support and assistance provided this past year.

## E BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS OCTOBER, 2010, TO OCTOBER, 2011

- October 30, 2010: Four NSVFA Executive Board members attended the Iowa States Networking Meeting in Johnston, Iowa.
- November 8, 2010: Three Gold Corporate Sponsors had committed support to the NSVFA: Ball Insurance, Center for Preparedness Education and Danko.
- November 10, 2010: The Recruitment & Retention Committee assisted by the NSVFA E Board established a plan to complete the Safer Grant by promoting TV PSAs on TV stations throughout the State of Nebraska.
- January 18, 2011: The NSVFA, partnering with the NSVFAA, hosted the fifth annual Senators' Appreciation Breakfast at the State Capitol in Lincoln. This very successful event was attended by 25 senators, Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, numerous emergency service organizations, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Nebraska Forest Service. 34 NSVFA members and 9 State Auxiliary assisted.
- January 29, 2011: A legislative stance meeting was conducted at the Schuyler Fire Station attended by both the NSVFA and NE Fire Chief's E Boards and both Associations' EMS and Legislative Committees.
- February and March, 2011: The NSVFA E Board represented the NSVFA at the Les Lukert Winter Conference and NEMSA Spring Conference.
- April 3 – April 8, 2011: Three NSVFA representatives attended the National Volunteer Fire Council spring meeting and Annual Congressional Fire Institute Conference.
- May 20-22, 2011: The 74th Annual Nebraska State Fire School was attended by 1,174 students representing 246 departments. More information will be provided in the Fire School Committee report.
- July 9, 2011: A Pre-Conference meeting held in Fremont was attended by NSVFA Officers as well as Nickerson VFD Co-Chairpersons, Dan and Rick Tucker & other Nickerson volunteers. Also attending were Central NE Firefighters Assn. members (Conference Host- 2012), Wymore FD volunteers and Nebraska City FD volunteers who are potential future hosts.
- July 30, 2011: The NSVFA E Board voted to renew the Nebraska Firefighter contract with Blaze Publications after a request for quotes was published and bids received.
- August 27, 2011: A Legislative Planning Meeting for the upcoming Legislative session was held at Clarkson with 14 attendees representing the NSVFA and Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association, their Legislative and EMS Committees, Lobbyist and Legal Counsel.
- September 10, 2011: The NSVFA E Board was represented at the Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service located at the Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Education Center Memorial Garden at Kearney Nebraska. The NSVFA is a sponsor of the Memorial Service.
- September 13, 2011: Proclamation signings for Campus Fire Safety Month, (September, 2011); Fallen Firefighter Recognition Day (September 10, 2011) and Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15, 2011) by Governor Dave Heineman were attended by NSVFA E Board and NSVFA Fire Prevention Committee representatives.
- September 28 – Oct 1., 2011: NVFC Representatives, Norman Hoeft and John Bomar attended the NVFC fall meeting in New York. Legal Counsel, Jim Egr attended the State Benefits Summit, Sept 24-28, 2011, co-located with the NVFC meeting.
- September, 2011: The NSVFA E Board and Improvement Committee conducted a survey of the membership using Constant Contact.
- September 23, 2011: The NSVFA E Board signed a contract for services with the UNO to estimate the value of services and contribution of volunteer firefighters to Nebraska and its communities by analyzing different sources of information. This information will be used to educate NE senators to improve promotion of legislation.
- October, 2011: California Casualty Auto and Home Insurance member benefit is one year old having been introduced at the 2011 Annual Conference and recently provided the NSVFA a \$3,000 royalty fee.

Individual Year End Activities Reports of the E Board are available near the end of this report.

NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
128<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION - AM  
OCTOBER 15, 2010

CHADRON ASSUMPTION ARENA, CHADRON, NEBRASKA  
HOSTED BY CHADRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The First General Business Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> NSVFA Annual Conference was held on October 15, 2010, at the Chadron Assumption Arena, Chadron, Nebraska, with the Chadron Volunteer Fire Department hosting the event.

President, Bill Fortune, Brule FD, called the assembly to order at 8:00am. NSVFA Chaplain, Todd Burpo, Imperial, provided the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chadron Fire Chief, Pat Gould welcomed the assembly and introduced Chadron's Mayor, Donald Granthorn, who also welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their service to their communities. Credential officials were Don Nelson, Fremont, and Bob Tichota, Blair; Craig Bristol, North Platte, and J.D. Reeder, Imperial. Also present were: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joel Cerny-Linwood FD; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dave Heywood, Snyder FD; Secretary-Treasurer, William "Bill" Lundy-York FD; Legal Advisor, James M. Egr-David City; Lobbyist, Gerald Stilmock-Syracuse; and District Directors, Warren Bertrang-Valentine FD; Ron Chada-North Platte FD; and Pat Moore-Dakota City FD. District Director, George Teixeira, Syracuse, was unable to attend the conference.

President, Bill Fortune, responded with thank yous to the Chadron Fire Department for their dedicated work in hosting the conference and the Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Education Center and Memorial Garden and Kearney Fire Department for hosting the Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service the past week. President Fortune then declared the Annual Conference open for business.

President Fortune called Secretary/Treasurer, William "Bill" Lundy, to the podium. Roll call of attending departments was taken by Secretary-Treasurer, Lundy-York with 43 departments answering roll call.

William Lundy, Secretary/Treasurer, quickly reviewed the schedule for the morning including committee reports and nominations.

Eric Rasmussen, Southeast Rural, made a motion seconded by Dave Bertram, North Platte, to suspend with the reading of the 2009 Annual Conference minutes and to approve as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lundy reminded attendees that the 2010-2011 proposed annual budgets for the NSVFA and Fire School appear in the Annual Report provided to attendees. No questions were submitted from the floor regarding the budgets.

Bill introduced the officers of the Association.

## Business of the Association:

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Lundy, addressed the State of the Association with a PowerPoint presentation that included:

1. NSVFA Mission Statement, Tag Line, and Web Site
2. Membership Growth showing 6,878 registered members as of October 11, 2010, and detailed by District as:
  - a. District # 1                      514
  - b. District # 2                      1,916
  - c. District # 3                      1,305
  - d. District # 4                      3,129
  - e. Associate Members              14
  - f. (Also noted was 691 Non-Member Subscriptions to the Nebraska Firefighter newspaper)
3. Membership Renewal Schedule
  - a. July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 = Current Membership term
  - b. July 1 to September 1 = Grace period for enrollment that is in effect for continuation of The Nebraska Firefighter newspaper and the \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits. If members' dues are not renewed by September 1, the benefits of the newspaper and insurance will not continue until memberships are renewed.
  - c. The Nebraska Firefighter newspaper annual subscription begins with the October issue and ends with the September issue.
  - d. "New" members paid by September 1 will receive the October NE FF issue as their initial issue of the newspaper.
  - e. October 1 = Second membership deadline to renew in order to vote at Annual Conference.
  - f. December 31 = Third membership deadline to qualify for a fire school member discount class fee for the following year's fire school.
  - g. It is best to enroll new members to your department as soon as possible in the NSVFA to qualify them for the insurance and other benefits including the newspaper – do not wait until Fire School.
4. Benefits of Membership
  - a. Accidental Death/Dismemberment Insurance
  - b. Annual Conference
  - c. ATIRACredit Platinum Mastercard
  - d. Columbia Southern University Partnership
  - e. Committees
  - f. Communications
  - g. Enterprise Rental Discounts
  - h. Liaison with Nebraska Fire Chief's Association
  - i. Legal Counsel
  - j. Legislation/Lobbying
  - k. LODD Insurance
  - l. National Representation
  - m. Nebraska Firefighter Museum and Education Center
  - n. Nebraska Firefighter Publication
  - o. Professional Development (Fire School and Fire Chief's Seminars)
  - p. Recognition (Individual and Department Awards at Fire School) (NSVFA 25-50 year Membership Awards)
  - q. Scholarships (\$750 and \$500 scholarships available through NSVFA and Nebraska Fire Chief's Association respectively)
  - r. State Agency Cooperation
5. New Benefit Announced – California Casualty Home and Auto Insurance
6. Benefit Report
  - a. ATIRACredit Master Card: Last year, the NSVFA partnered with ATIRACredit and the NSVFA portfolio now has 55 accounts. 15 applications were submitted year to date and 10 new accounts were created. Credit cards with ATIRA master card are available to departments as well as to members and family members.
  - b. American Income Life: American Income Life continues to partner with the Association to bring to each member complimentary, \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment coverage as a benefit of membership. The NSVFA knows of eight families who have received these benefits since 2005.

- c. The Nebraska Firefighter newspaper is now three years old and considered a valuable source of information for Nebraska firefighters. Articles are presenting in a professional manner and are well read. Please continue to support the "Firefighter" with department articles, photos and events.
  - d. Provident LODD Insurance: The LODD \$1,500 Line of Duty Death benefit is available. To date, fortunately, there has not been a payment since initiation in March of 2009.
  - e. A new Home and Auto insurance partnership with California Casualty effective October 1, 2010, will be presented at the 2010 Annual Conference.
  - f. NPAIT and Columbia Southern University as well as an agreement with Enterprise Rent a Car continue to benefit members of the association.
7. **E Board Accomplishments:**
- a. October 24, 2009: Four NSVFA Executive Board members attended the Iowa States Networking Meeting in Johnston, Iowa.
  - b. January 12, 2010: The NSVFA, partnering with the NSVFAA, hosted the fourth annual Senators' Appreciation Breakfast at the State Capitol in Lincoln. This very successful event was attended by 30 senators, Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, numerous emergency service organizations, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Nebraska Forest Service.
  - c. Early February, 2010: An email vote to determine Legislative stances was conducted by the NSVFA and NE Fire Chief's E Boards which included their EMS and Legislative Committees respectively.
  - d. February 13, 2010: The NSVFA E Board partnering with the NSVFA Fire School Committee developed and approved a Corporate Sponsor Membership at three levels, Gold, Silver and Bronze.
  - e. February 13, 2010: The NSVFA E Board (upon reviewing the 2009 Annual Conference motion that was approved to support the museum) motioned and approved an \$18,000 donation to the Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Education Center Memorial Garden.
  - f. April 14, 2010: The Mental-Mental Bill # 780 was approved by the unicameral with an expiration date of 4 years. Monumental support from Senator Steve Lathrop and reinforcement by NSVFA members enabled this bill to be accepted by both the Unicameral and the Governor.
  - g. April 25 – May 3, 2010: The NSVFA was represented by three representatives at the National Volunteer Fire Council spring meeting and Annual Congressional Fire Institute Conference.
  - h. May 21-23, 2010: The 73rd Annual Nebraska State Fire School was attended by 1,242 students representing 198 departments. More information will be provided in the Fire School Committee report.
  - i. June 24, 2010: The NSVFA receives its first Gold Corporate Sponsor, Danko Emergency Equipment and on August 2, 2010, The Center for Preparedness Education became the second Gold Corporate Sponsor.
  - j. July 17, 2010: A Pre-Conference meeting held in Chadron was attended by NSVFA Officers as well as Chadron Volunteer Fire Department Co-Chairpersons, John Morford and Scott Schremmer and other Chadron volunteers.
  - k. August 21, 2010: A Legislative Planning Meeting for the upcoming Legislative session was held at Schuyler with 21 persons in attendance representing the NSVFA and Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association E Boards, their Legislative and EMS Committees, Lobbyist and Legal Counsel. Seven prospective legislative topics were discussed. The Nebr. Emergency Services Caucus met following this meeting.
  - l. August 30, 2010: Upon receiving E Board approval, Constant Contact was purchased for use by NSVFA members. Members may sign up on the NSVFA web page to be included in an email list to receive important announcements in three categories, General Interest, Legislative and Training and Events.
  - m. September 15, 2010: Upon receiving E Board approval, President Fortune signed a licensing agreement with California Casualty Auto and Home Insurance with an effective date of October 1, 2010. Representative, Pam Emery Chase is here to introduce the program.
  - n. September 22 – 26, 2010: NVFC Representatives, Norman Hoeft and John Bomar and 1st Vice-President, Joel Cerny attended the NVFC fall meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
  - o. October 6, 2010: 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Joel Cerny and Dave Heywood attended the proclamation signing by Governor Dave Heineman honoring Fire Prevention Week and Fallen Firefighters Memorial Sunday.
  - p. October 6, 2010: 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Joel Cerny and Dave Heywood, and NSVFA Lobbyist, Gerald Stilmock, presented Senator Steve Lathrop with a plaque in appreciation of his support to the fire and EMS services in the State of Nebraska.
  - q. October 10, 2010: E Board members of the NSVFA attended the Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Education Center Memorial Garden dedication at Kearney Nebraska. The NSVFA is a sponsor of the Memorial Service.

Bill Lundy concluded the State of the Association address requesting support from the assembly for the January 18, 2011, Senator's Appreciation Breakfast which is the fifth breakfast scheduled by the NSVFA. Details will be published at a later date.

President Bill Fortune introduced Jim Egr, NSVFA Legal Counsel and Gerald Stilmock, NSVFA Lobbyist who provided the Legislative Report.

Legislative Issues and Committee Report  
Presented by: Legal Counsel, Jim M. Egr, and Lobbyist, Gerald Stilmock

Lobbyist Stilmock recognized and thanked John Falgione, State Fire Marshal, and his group for their support. Lobbyist Stilmock also announced that members of the 2009-2010 NSVFA Legislative Committee were Tom Hamernik, Micheal Dwyer, Eric Rasmussen, Bob Tichota and John Sing and thanked the committee for their help and participation.

A PowerPoint presentation was made which included the following details:

1. Results of 2010 Legislative Efforts
  - a. **APPROVED April 14, 2010, LB 780**, Mental-Mental Workers Comp - a first responder suffering mental injury will be able to recover workers' compensation benefits upon establishing certain criteria. This bill was approved by the unicameral with an expiration date of 4 years. Monumental support from Senator Steve Lathrop and reinforcement by NSVFA members enabled this bill to be accepted by both the Unicameral and the Governor.
  - b. **LR 182**, began in May, 2009, continues. This interim study to research, review and possibly propose legislative solutions to the growing problem in recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and emergency medical care providers has been referred to the Revenue Committee. Legal Counsel, Jim Egr, and Lobbyist, Jerry Stilmock, are working with UNO professors and graduate students to perform research directly related to this study.
  - c. The Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association has been deeply involved in preparation for an interim study hearing concerning the mandatory use of residential sprinklers pursuant to the 2009 International Residential Code. An interim hearing on LR 384 will be rescheduled in November – watch for details.
2. Legislative Goals Established at August 21, 2010 Planning Meeting:
  - a. Tax Levy Authority restoration to Rural Boards
  - b. Novelty Lighters legislation
  - c. Responsibility for Providing EMS Services
  - d. License Plates
  - e. Residential Sprinklers (Watch)
  - f. Prescribed Burns Legislation (Watch)
  - g. Budgets of State Fire Marshal and MFO (Watch)
3. Aggressive Program in use to enhance Legislative Program
  - a. Early February, 2010: An email vote to determine Legislative stances was conducted by the NSVFA and NE Fire Chief's E Boards which included their EMS and Legislative Committees respectively.
  - b. August 21, 2010, Legislative Planning Meeting with same above groups in attendance.
  - c. January 12, 2010, Fourth Annual Senators Breakfast
  - d. January 18, 2011 Senators Appreciation Breakfast being planned
  - e. 2011 Legislative Stance Meetings to be scheduled later in legislative session
  - f. Numerous hearings attended in 2010 by NSVFA, NE Fire Chief E Boards and their members, Lobbyist and Legal Counsel.
  - g. Letters written, Teleconferences scheduled, Lobbying of Senators regarding legislation important to fire and EMS. Legislative alerts emailed to department contacts.
  - h. Complimentary Nebraska Firefighter newspapers provided to all senators, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General.
  - i. Senator Steve Lathrop honored with a presentation by NSVFA.

Jerry discussed the course of action taken in promoting LB 780, the Mental-Mental Bill and the charge led by Senators Abbie Cornett and Steve Lathrop in the process. The passage of LB Bill 780 changes the path of workman's compensation in that "because of an event you are involved in" you can now be allowed compensation for mental injury.

Jim Egr asked members not to become discouraged with legislative efforts as sometimes legislation must be continually brought back time and again to keep it at the forefront. Jim reminded the delegation that term limits have affected the legislative process in that new senators must continually be educated on legislation introduced or re-introduced.

Jerry Stilmock provided remarks about UNO professors who will be producing a survey on volunteer activities in the state and who will be studying in depth three or four communities in Nebraska in order to gather enough information to take it to the Legislature. The Board will be giving guidance to the professors and if you are interested in being part of the study, please inform the office.

Jerry also provided remarks concerning the interim study hearing for November regarding the fire sprinkler mandate contained in the 2009 building codes. This is a huge issue due to the NFPA requirement. A few of the issues involved with residential sprinklers are:

1. Who is going to install it?
2. Does the plan get reviewed?
3. Will the installer be required to be certified?

The Home Builders Assn is asking questions including:

1. What happens if the sprinklers leak?
2. What is best -- using a single system over a multi sprinkler system?

Jerry ended his remarks about the sprinkler subject indicating it is a very big-important issue and help is needed. If you are interested in participating, please let Jerry know.

Lobbyist Stilmock provided further discussion for the following:

1. Restoring Tax Levy to Rural Boards – Please let Jerry know if your fire department is affected by this.
2. Novelty Lighters – Rhonda Cerny showed several bags that contained toys and examples of novelty lighters to show how hard it is to distinguish between the two. Rhonda has assembled well over 100 lighters to take to the legislature.
3. Prescribed Burns – Jerry asked for a show of hands if it is believed that the Prescribed Controlled Burns are an issue in your community. Three areas are involved in Prescribed Burns: Forest Area, Wildland Area, and CRP. Senator Dubas of Fullerton has introduced an interim study on Prescribed Burns which will be heard October 29. (Persons are needed to testify). Jerry concluded that trainers of Burn Bosses, the Burn Bosses and Fire Chiefs need to be on the same page and need to have the same goals on how to make this work.
4. Budgets – This year goes into a two year budget cycle and the Association studies what these budgets will do and this includes the Association educating the new Treasurer about the importance of MFO.

License Plates: Mike Hoeft, No Platte, asked for further information on the license plates. Bill Lundy explained that the fees for specialty plates are now designated to the road fund and the rules applied to this legislation are that the Association would have to have an order of 500 plates and a deposit of \$35,000 made to the Department of Motor Vehicles before a plate would be designed. The E Board had discussed this and chose not to participate.

Senators Breakfast: This event has been a tremendous success and is very important in the Association's proactive legislative activities. Senators attend and look for attendees from their District to visit with. Jerry concluded that everyone is invited to attend and to support this very important event.

Jim Egr reinforced the need to be proactive with the legislature:

1. Attend meetings with your senators
2. Attend the breakfast
3. Attend hearings
4. Maintain contact with your senators by telephone and in writing

5. When you have functions – Open Houses, banquets, mutual aid meetings etc – ask your State Senators to attend. The only way the Senators will know what you are doing and what you need is for you to include them and talk to them. Because of term limits we have to continually inform them of who we are and what we do.

Fire School Committee Report  
Presented by Director, Eldon Moser

Eldon Moser introduced the Fire School Committee and Eric Rasmussen, Assistant to the Committee. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Moser discussed the following:

Analysis of numbers for the 2010 Fire School:

- Registration Records in Data Base.....1,766
- Students.....1,242
- Fire Departments Registered.....198
- Non-NSVFA Members.....183
- Instructors.....147
- Vendors Booths (132) with Vendor Participants of.....254
- Support Staff.....27
- Students completing 9 or more hours.....1,183
- Students canceling attendance from Fire School.....88

Fonner Park/Heartland Events Center Lease:

- Rental Contract is for 2007 – 2012
- Rental Fee - \$4,000 with a possible increase based on the change of the Consumer Price Index each year.
- Rental fees for 2011 Fire School will remain the same and includes use of the new State Fair buildings.
- 2011 Dates = May 20 thru May 22

Fire School Committee Challenges:

- 2010 Lunch Expenses, \$19,516.95
- Finding Departments/Cities willing to donate equipment, trucks.
- Recruiting volunteer help.
- Students registering for fire school has not increased (2008 – 1,253) (2009 – 1,247) (2010 – 1,242)
- Locating new, innovative classes based on funds and instructors available.
- State budget cuts will affect State Fire Marshal Training Division funding to support training at Fire School. SFMTD has suggested a two stage proposal to the FS Committee
  - Year 2011 - Stage 1: Proposes the Fire School support lodging of full time and part time and assistant instructor staff – approximately \$11,000. This support would allow the SFMTD to put approximately 760 hours of instruction back into the field.
  - Year 2012 - Stage 2: Because of a second cut in the SFMTD budget, the SFMTD can only support 3 classes without support from NSVFA Fire School funds. To hold all classes, the SFMTD has asked for an approximate \$29,157.00 to support part time and assistant costs including lodging, meals/mileage and salaries. Issues of consequence resulting from such actions are being researched. (Tax, workman’s comp and insurance)
- 2011 Fire School registration fees based on the above will increase.

At this time, Eldon offered that the Fire School Committee continually looks for ways to save money. In 2010 savings were made in hotel fees and through receipt of an extra \$1,000 from the Grand Island Visitors Bureau. For the 2011 school, the Committee is reviewing the possibility of working with Fremont about the use of their burn simulator trainer and with all classes at Fonner Park, the per student cost for classes at the Community College will be eliminated. A slide of the new Fonner Park facilities was exhibited and it was explained which buildings will be used.

The Fire School Committee report was continued with a review of Kearney's fire school proposal exhibited along with time line of letters and responses.

### Kearney Proposal Review

- July 25, 2009, Kearney letter of proposal to the NSVFA E-Board and Fire School Committee offers to host the Nebraska State Fire School from 2010-2014 and beyond. Proposal includes:
  - \$10,000 sponsorship
  - University of Nebraska, Kearney, classrooms and outdoor exhibit space
  - Year around 40x60 foot indoor storage space
  - Motel room rates of \$89.95 for the first year, 2010. Additionally, room rates will not increase by more than 5-8% per year for future schools.
  - Use of Kearney FD Training Facility – may be some costs after first year.

### Kearney Proposal Review Cont'd:

- At October 15, 2009, meeting, Fire School Committee passed a motion to honor the contract with Fonner Park which runs through 2012.
- At July 25, 2009, meeting with Kearney - received proposal from Kearney. The Fire School chair clearly indicated that the Fire School had no intent of breaking the current contract with Fonner Park and could consider Kearney after 2012.
- November 2, 2009, the NSVFA Fire School responded officially by letter to the Kearney Fire Department and Visitors Bureau proposal after the committee vote at Annual Conference.
- June 22, 2010, Kearney Visitors Bureau responded by letter to the November 2, 2009, NSVFA F.S. letter and included an additional option of using the new Younes Conference Centre. No costs were identified for this facility.
- Concerns Include:
  - Goal of the Fire School has been since its inception, to be located at one location.
    - Kearney proposal located Fire School classes and vendors in multiple locations throughout Kearney.
  - Equipment storage and transportation of stored items
    - Current fire school allows for centralized storage and distribution to support classrooms. Kearney proposal was to provide portable storage at the Kearney Fire Training complex.
    - Distribution was not addressed.
  - The Kearney Training Facility had great potential but lacked classroom facilities to support all classes that could be held at the facility.
    - Kearney's response restated current classroom facilities and proposed classes at UNK which presents transportation obstacles.
  - Transportation issues including parking for everyone were a concern.
    - Kearney's response is that there is ample parking at all facilities
  - Vendor area at UNK lacked electrical services and parking.
    - Kearney's response is that UNK's Cushing Coliseum hosts similar events and University repr did not believe this would pose an issue. Electrical services for vendors in need would need to be planned and coordinated and could be ran to vendor locations.
  - Lunches and concessions for students and staff was a concern.
    - Kearney's response would be to hire numerous restaurants, caterers to support lunches. Current fire school allows all catering through one vendor.
  - Two driving ranges are needed
    - Kearney's response is to use the UNK driving range and another Kearney parking lot. Both facilities would be off site of the main vendor – classroom area located at UNK. Once again spreading fire school throughout the town.
  - Labor and expense to move Fire School
    - Kearney's response was to provide a tractor – trailer truck and voluntary help to move the fire school. Additional expenses and labor plus effort to establish contacts and services at Kearney were not considered in their response.

### 2011 Fire School is being held at Fonner Park, Grand Island:

- The goal of the 2011 Fire School is to have vendors and all classes at the Heartland Event Center using the State Fair buildings.
- Copies of the letters and responses from the NSVFA, Kearney Visitors Bureau and Kearney Fire Department are available for review by contacting the NSVFA office.

Eldon ended the Fire School presentation indicating plans for the 2011 school are that fire school be concentrated in one area. It is hoped that all classes and vendors at the 2011 fire school will be in three buildings and all trucks will be inside which will be a huge asset in case of inclement weather. Fonner Park has been very generous with the fees to allow us to continue out the contract through 2012. The Committee is going to talk to the caterer to see if pizza can be served for lunch one day which was done for classes off site in 2010 and went well. If this works out, it would also assist with lowering the cost of lunches.

Eldon announced that there will be an increase in registration fees for 2011 with a NSVFA member class fee set at \$100 and the non-member class fee set at \$160.

Questions and comments were requested with no one responding.

As there were no questions for the Fire School Committee the business of the Association continued with officer nominations.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

2010-2011 N.S.V.F.A. nominations for all elected positions including the 2012 Host Department were called for by President, Bill Fortune. Following three calls for nominations for each position, motions were accepted to cease nominations. Nominations and motions are recorded in the paragraphs below:

**<N.S.V.F.A. President Nominations>**

Mike Stromitis, North Platte, nominated Joel Cerny, Linwood Fire Department.  
Dave Parson, Schuyler, made a motion, seconded by Bob Tichota, Blair, that nominations cease.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A. First Vice-President Nominations>**

Mark Kreikemeier, Snyder, nominated David Heywood, Snyder Fire Department.  
Bob Tichota, Blair, made a motion, seconded by Layne Pyzer, North Platte, that nominations cease.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A. Second Vice-President Nominations>**

Garland Goracke, Meadow Grove, nominated Cleon Schwede, Battle Creek Fire Department.  
Mike Stromitis, North Platte, nominated Parrish Abel, Gering Fire Department.  
Layne Pyzer, North Platte, made a motion, seconded by Superior, that nominations cease.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A Secretary/Treasurer Nominations>**

Quintin "Pete" Teegerstrom, York, nominated William "Bill" Lundy, York Fire Department.  
Kearney, nominated Trenton Snow, Kearney Fire Department.  
Eric Rasmussen, Southeast Rural, made a motion seconded by Brian Prosser, Crawford, that nominations cease. The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A. Director # 1>**

Pat Gould, Chadron, nominated Warren Bertrang, Valentine Fire Department.  
John Bomar, Madison, made a motion seconded by Bob Boshart, Milford, that nominations cease.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A. Director # 2>**

No nominations per election of 2009 Annual Conference when Pat Moore, Dakota City, was elected for a two year term.

**<N.S.V.F.A. Director # 3>**

Ralph Quick, North Platte, nominated Dave Bertram, North Platte Fire Department.  
Earl Loop, Imperial, nominated Ron Chada, North Platte, but Ron indicated he was choosing not to run.

Bill Fortune also stated that he would decline having his name placed on the ballot although the Constitution and By-Laws indicate “the Past-President’s name will be placed on the ballot for their respective district, without nomination”.

A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. The motion passed unanimously.

**<N.S.V.F.A. Director # 4>**

No nominations per election of 2009 Annual Conference when George Teixeira, Syracuse, was elected for a two year term.

**<2012 N.S.V.F.A. Annual Conference Host Department Nominations>**

Kearney nominated Central Nebraska Firefighter Association N.S.V.F.A. member departments, Alma, Arapahoe, Edison, Franklin, Holdrege, Kearney, Lexington, Loomis, Minden, Shelton and Wilcox as host for the 2012 NSVFA Annual Conference.

Eric Rasmussen, Southeast Rural, made a motion seconded by Randy Janicek, Columbus, that nominations cease. The motion passed unanimously.

**Election Committee Report  
Committee Chairperson: Layne Pyzer**

Election Committee Chairperson, Layne Pyzer invited the assembly to vote, Saturday, October 16, 2010, between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00am. The polls will be held in the Assumption Arena Dining Room.

A motion was made by Dave Shively, Ralston, and seconded by Mike Fenimore, Superior, that the assembly recess at 11:09am and reconvene in the afternoon, Friday, October 15, 2010, at 3:00pm following the Fire House of Delegates and EMS House of Delegates meetings at 1:00pm. The motion was accepted unanimously.

NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
128<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUED – 3:00 PM  
OCTOBER 15, 2010

FIRE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

President, Bill Fortune, called upon 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joel Cerny, to provide a report from the Fire House of Delegates: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Cerny reported that the following motions were considered at the Fire House of Delegates.

Motion # 1 passed to post all the meeting dates of all NSVFA committee meetings on the web site calendar and to notify Constant Contact users of the dates.

Motion # 2 died for lack of a second, posting all committee minutes and E Board meeting minutes on the web site within two weeks of the meetings.

Motion # 3 passed that the NSVFA continue to support that burn permits and their issuance remain the responsibility of the Fire Chief.

Motion # 4 died for lack of a second that the NSVFA not support the Museum.

Discussion was held to support increasing the SFMTD budget by 25%.

Comments:

Sarah Isaac, Kearney, expressed that the opinions stated at the Fire House of Delegates were of one person and not supported by the Kearney Fire Department as a whole.

Todd Walton, Kearney, apologized to the assembly for the way he presented his opinions and offered to talk to anyone about it and also apologized to his department.

NSVFA President Fortune indicated the motions from the Fire House of Delegates would be acted on at tomorrow's general session, Saturday, October 16, 2010.

EMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES

President, Bill Fortune, called upon 2nd Vice President, Dave Heywood, to provide a report from the EMS House of Delegates. 2nd Vice President Heywood reported that the 2009 minutes were reviewed and the following items were discussed at the EMS House of Delegates:

1. Scope of Practice
2. First Responders Transport
3. Out of Hospital Identification
4. Training Agency Hours and curriculum
5. Who should be responsible for EMS?
6. The importance of communication with departments and services.
7. Rules and Regulations and the procedures to go through
8. Name changes in EMS positions
9. Renewal changes for Emergency Medical Providers
10. "New Role in Firefighter Rehabilitation" is a class that may be available to the membership
11. Reminder to watch the EMS renewals

Also discussed was the penalty imposed upon injuring a road construction worker and that first responders should have the same protection. No motions were made at the EMS House of Delegates.

The preceding statements conclude the reports from the 2010 Fire and EMS House of Delegates.

President Fortune asked John Falgione, State Fire Marshal for remarks:

John Falgione: John indicated that there are a lot of things going on in Lincoln that will directly affect departments. Last year, the budget was reduced and their general fund budget will be reduced 10%. The second reduction will occur in the 2011-2012 budget term. The reductions equate to \$329,000 which is a lot of personnel hours and training and includes reduction in personnel. Following this would be a reduction in field staff. The Training Division's budget is expected to be reduced \$87,000 over the next two years. Training requests continue to increase but it appears hours of part-time instructors will have to be reduced. John remarked that the SFM and SFMTD are trying to do what they can to soften the impact of lower budgets. As an example, a vehicle has been turned in so that the Statewide Radio system doesn't have to be installed in it at a cost of \$21,000. The same system will not be placed in the Assistant State Fire Marshal's vehicle. The budget reduction may cause the loss of two deputy's positions and those vehicles will be turned in so that the radio system doesn't have to be installed.

The Appropriations Committee has asked state agencies to appear before a special committee which will then present their findings to the Appropriations Committee to assist them with determining further budget cuts. John was given 15 minutes to explain all the statutory requirements that his agency does to promote public safety in the State. When the time comes, John will ask for the NSVFA and Fire Chief's Associations assistance in testifying at the Appropriations Committee on behalf of the SFM.

With the new budget the SFM agency will be faced with the same dilemmas as in the past year but want to keep you informed.

SFM Falgione then provided communications on several other subjects including:

1. The LR 384 Fire Sprinkler mandate - John talked about residential sprinkler issues and code statutes. By state statute, all cities have to adopt the building codes. John suggested not taking the sprinkler code out of the building codes which could force cities to have to pass an ordinance to put it back in.
2. LR 481, Practice of Prescribed Burning - SFM Falgione communicated that all departments need to keep track of this issue. The SFM office is not against prescribed burns but is against taking the responsibility away from the fire chiefs. John has suggested to Senator Dubas to schedule a hearing and listen to the testimony of what Fire Departments want.
3. Novelty Lighters – SFM Falgione indicated the agency will help as much as they can. Most opposition is going to come from the petroleum corporations.
4. License Plate Orders – Beyond what was said at the morning session, SFM Falgione reminded attendees that there is no control over who gets plates.

SFM John Falgione concluded that his agency has a good working relationship with the NSVFA, one which they want to continue.

John Mullin, President of the Missouri Valley Chiefs Association, a division of the International Fire Chiefs Association, was welcomed to the podium by NSVFA President Fortune. President Mullin indicated that the Missouri Valley Association is Nebraska's division of the International Fire Chiefs Association and encouraged everyone to join the MVCA. The Association is "one stop shopping" and an excellent way to reach out to each other. Many of the following topics may be found at the IAFC web site of <http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=767>.

1. Loosing firefighters due to heart attacks, cancer and other illnesses. The Missouri Valley Association has a cancer support group which will respond within 24 hours of a phone call. The person calling will be contacted by a firefighter who has the same type of cancer and who will provide support for both the person and family.
2. SOPs/SOGs are available on the web site which fire departments may find useful.
3. Reporting near misses which can include problems with vehicles and/or other equipment.

IAFC supports training and offers scholarships for training in an approximate range of \$2,000 to \$4,000. The Nebraska state director is Chief Bill Bowes of Papillion and he would like to visit with anyone who is interested in learning more about the MVCA. Chief Mullin ended with a thank you to everyone for their good work.

Announcements followed and included that the Memorial service begins at 4:00pm today, Friday, October 15, 2010, and the assembly was reminded that the polls open at 8am and close at 11am, Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Ralston made a motion seconded by Dakota City to adjourn the 1<sup>st</sup> General Session at 3:48pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session begins at 10:00am, Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the Assumption Arena, Chadron, NE.

Respectfully Submitted:  
William L. Lundy  
Secretary/Treasurer

NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
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President, Bill Fortune, Brule FD, called the assembly to order at 10:00am. Credential officials were Don Nelson, Fremont, and Bob Tichota, Blair; Craig Bristol, North Platte, and J.D. Reeder, Imperial. Also present were: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joel Cerny, Linwood FD; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dave Heywood, Snyder FD; Secretary-Treasurer, William "Bill" Lundy-York; Legal Advisor, James M. Egr-David City, and District Directors, Warren Bertrang-Valentine; Ron Chada-North Platte; and Pat Moore-Dakota City. District Director, George Teixeira was unable to attend the conference.

NSVFA Chaplain, Todd Burpo, Imperial, provided the invocation.

John Morford, Chadron Co-Chair, announced that the tiles (as well as prints) used at the Memorial Service are available to departments who had deceased members read at the Memorial Service.

FIRE and EMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES MOTIONS:

President, Bill Fortune, called upon 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joel Cerny, to review the motions made at the Fire House of Delegates. Motions from the Fire House of Delegates included:

Motion # 1 passed at the House of Delegates and was to post all the meeting dates of all NSVFA committee meetings on the web site calendar and to notify Constant Contact users of the dates. The same motion was made by Superior and seconded by Rempe, Superior. Discussion was called for. John Bomar, Madison, stated that it is a good motion but he suggested posting only on the web site which allows members to look at the web site. Kendell Cerny, Linwood, and Chair of the NSVFA EMS Committee had no problem with members knowing what the EMS Committee does but because members are across the state, they use teleconference meetings and asked the question, "Would the E Board pay for an additional 30 people joining the teleconference?" Kendell welcomed people to contact her on issues. Eric Rasmussen stated the Scholarship Committee meets strictly by email and everyone needs to consider how electronics are used by committees. Todd Walton asked how members can be involved. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joel Cerny indicated that committee chairpersons welcome members' input and questions and committee members' emails are in the conference book. The motion failed 59 to 39.

Motion # 2 died for lack of a second at the House of Delegates. The motion was to post all committee minutes and E Board meeting minutes on the web site within two weeks of the meetings.

Motion # 3 passed at the House of Delegates and the motion was that the NSVFA go on record to support that Burn permits and their issuance remain the responsibility of the Fire Chief. John Bomar, Madison, made the same motion seconded by Mike Hoeft, North Platte. The motion passed.

Motion # 4 died for lack of a second at the House of Delegates that the NSVFA not support the Museum. No further discussion.

President, Bill Fortune, called upon 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dave Heywood, to review motions from the EMS House of Delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dave Heywood stated that there were no motions from the EMS House of Delegates.

Bill Lundy, Secretary/Treasurer, spoke and indicated that the Fire School and E Board meeting dates will be posted on the web site and sent via Constant Contact. Secretary/Treasurer candidate, Trenton Snow, responded with the same.

No other subjects or remarks were received following the EMS and Fire House of Delegates reports.

Committee Reports were called from the floor.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Computer and Equipment Committee

Bill Lundy, Secretary/Treasurer, reported for the Committee.

Mr. Lundy asked how the association can get better information out to the membership and be more interactive in communications. In January, the E Board looked at a service called AVECTRA which was a very powerful tool but very expensive and there was concern that with one person in the office it would be difficult to learn and integrate the system by fire school. Upon discussing AVECTRA with a Bennet Firefighter who uses the program in his business, he pointed the Association to Constant Contact. We are still learning the system but now have it available on the NSVFA web. Bill Lundy demonstrated to the assembly how to sign up for Constant Contact on the NSVFA web site and receive informative emails from the NSVFA office.

Bill Lundy also mentioned that the computers in the office are approximately six years old and the NSVFA E Board and Fire School Committee has approved purchasing new computers for the office.

In ending, Bill thanked the Computer Committee for their services throughout the year.

##### Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

Jim Horn, Chair indicated the committee had no report.

##### Election Committee Report

Presenter: Layne Pyzer, North Platte, Committee Chairperson

Mr. Pyzer introduced the Election Committee and invited all to provide their vote beginning at 8:00am and ending at 11:00am, Saturday, October 16, 2010, in the Assumption Arena Dining Room. There is an outside entrance to the Dining Room. Mr. Pyzer also assured the assembly that the Election Committee are the ones who count the votes for each position being voted on and for the Annual Conference host department.

##### EMS Committee Report

Presenter: Kendell Brichacek, Linwood, Chairperson

EMS Committee Chair, Kendell Brichacek, introduced the EMS Committee members. Chairperson, Brichacek reported on the activities of the EMS Committee for the 2009-2010 term:

#### Activities:

1. In regards to being proactive in the Legislative arena, the committee attended the Legislative Planning meeting, Senator Breakfast, attended public hearings on EMS issues and the Mental/Mental bill.

2. The committee attended the EMS Board meeting.
3. Committee members publish articles in the Nebraska Firefighter publication.
4. The committee works closely with NEMSA, PAAN and the EMS Program Directors to continue a working relationship. Due to this involvement, the committee has been approached to help the Advisory Board of Central Community College, Grand Island Accreditation Committee.
5. Meetings have been held with Dean Cole regarding a Paramedic Program.
6. The committee assisted with an EMS class at Fire School and will continue to do this.

Future Goals of the EMS Committee include:

1. Add more to web page
2. Achieve a way(s) to honor EMS personnel
3. Pursuing a “Keep Nebraska First Responders Healthy” program by furnishing Heart Healthy Tips, EMS Prevention, Healthy Recipes and Articles.

Kendell concluded by asking departments to share their information with the committee who can in turn provide it to the membership as needed.

Fire Prevention Committee Report  
Presenter: Rhonda Cerny, Linwood, Chairperson

Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, Rhonda Cerny, introduced the Fire Prevention Committee members and reported on the activities of the Fire Prevention Committee for the 2009-2010 term:

1. Plans were made at 2009 Annual Conference to promote Fire Prevention 365 days of the year.
2. The Committee strived to offer fire prevention ideas and information through monthly articles in the Nebraska Firefighter publication.
3. Members of the Committee met at the NE Museum and Education Center to judge the NSVFA Fire Prevention awards and discussed new ideas to use in the fire prevention exhibit at the museum.
4. At Fire School, the committee presented the Fire Prevention Awards, the Fire Prevention Co-Op award, the Smokey PAW award and new this year was the presentation of the Fire Prevention Leadership award. Members also assisted with the “Fire Prevention and You” class at Fire School.
5. Members of the committee are always willing to help out with fire prevention in any community with enough advance notice.
6. The committee continues the awareness of the Novelty lighters and taking this to the Nebraska Legislature this year is a goal of the committee and the NSVFA and NE Fire Chief’s Association Boards. Novelty lighters are already banned in European countries so we need to be proactive in banning them in Nebraska and the whole United States.

Conclusion: Rhonda thanked everyone for their good work in promoting fire prevention through their departments to their communities. Rhonda also asked that departments start thinking about submitting their entries for the fire prevention awards presented at Fire School. Applications for the Fire Prevention Department Awards may be very simple – just let us know what you are doing to help “Stop Fires Before They Start”.

Fire School Committee Report

Presenter: Eldon Moser, Yutan, Committee Chairperson/Director

(Please reference Pages 9-10-11 for this report)

Improvement Committee Report

Presenter: Tony Bestwick, York, Committee Chairperson

Mr. Bestwick introduced committee members who are working with the NSVFA Strategic Plan and will continue work on this. The committee will develop a document for insertion in the membership packets which will ask departments to provide improvement ideas. Tony invited attendees to contact him with ideas for increasing membership and improving the Association.

Legislative Committee Report

Presenters: Lobbyist, Gerald Stilmock and Legal Counsel, Jim Egr

(Please reference Pages 7-8-9 for this report)

LODD/Memorial Committee Report

Presenter: Casey Pascale, Chairperson

Casey Pascale indicated he and Kevin Placzek of the Alda Fire Department were the members of the LODD/Memorial Committee and gave a report on the great job done on the Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at Kearney. Casey ended with a thank you to the Kearney Fire Department and the NE Museum and Memorial Garden for hosting the service.

Recruitment and Retention Committee Report

Presenter: Bill Fortune, NSVFA President

This committee was created specifically to provide guidance for recruitment and retention activities and ultimately to provide training to departments. The current NSVFA safer grant which was written for recruitment and retention will be final January 26, 2011, and the committee is working to complete a revision to the grant using TV spots to promote volunteering. Previously, promotional posters and post cards were developed and have been distributed to departments throughout the state. These are still available by contacting the NSVFA office.

Scholarship Committee Report

Presenters: Jay Templar, Chairperson  
and Mike Hoeft, Committee Member

Jay Templar, Chair of the Committee spoke briefly at the 1<sup>st</sup> General Session about the Scholarship Committee. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session, Mike Hoeft, introduced members of the committee and thanked the committee members for their time and efforts to select a scholarship winner.

Mr. Hoeft indicated the NSVFA and Nebraska Fire Chief's Association received two excellent applications for the available scholarships. The 2010 NSVFA scholarship will be awarded to Mr. Jeff Bruss of Bennet, Nebraska, at the Annual Conference banquet.

In conclusion, departments were asked to keep everyone informed about the available scholarships and to consider donations to the scholarship funds.

Special Recognition Committee Report  
Presenter: Marlene Bomar, Madison, Chairperson

Special Recognition Committee Chairperson, Marlene Bomar, introduced the committee members and reported on the activities of the Committee for the 2009-2010 term:

At the October, 2009 Annual Conference, the committee judged the Award letters for the Ladies Auxiliary and assisted in presenting the 25 and 50 year service awards. These two activities will be completed again at this Annual Conference.

April 10, 2010, the committee met at the Lexington Fire and Rescue Station to judge the Firemanship and Heroism Award letters. These awards were then presented at Fire School.

At the Nebraska State Fire School, Michaela Woehlers was presented the Browning Memorial Award.

This concludes the presentation of the Committee Reports.

President Fortune welcomed Robert Loper, Regional Director of Provident Insurance to the podium. Mr. Loper gave a brief description of Provident's programs including 24/7 life insurance for emergency service providers, 24 hour accidental and a new critical illness program. Provident is currently developing a state association coverage which provides a base coverage which also then provides members a choice to add more personal benefits by going on line. Mr. Loper thanked the state association for everything they do and expressed appreciation for members' support and business and hope to continue the great relationships. Provident Insurance web site is [www.providentbenefits.com](http://www.providentbenefits.com) or everyone is welcomed to talk to your local representative.

Lindsay Schluntz, Director of the NE Firefighters Museum presented a PowerPoint file showing photos of the NE Fallen Firefighters Service and Memorial Garden dedication and other events and activities of the Museum. Lindsay took questions from the floor and invited everyone to participate in the auction to be held following the Annual Conference banquet.

Additional Comments:

Eldon Moser, Yutan, indicated that in his county there has been talk about charging for fire calls. Secondly, Eldon also told the assembly that in 2012 the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire School will be held and the committee would like to hear from anyone who might have a special idea for the this special anniversary year. As an example, Eldon invited everyone to share their memories (stories) of past fire schools which would then be put into some type of form (perhaps a book). Eldon asked people to bring their stories to the 2011 Fire School or to email them to him indicating in the "Subject" line that they are sending Fire School Memories. Eldon's email is [em44830@windstream.net](mailto:em44830@windstream.net).

Gordon Michaelis, Wymore, indicated that he had heard that future NE Fallen Firefighters Services will be held only the Museum's Memorial Garden. Gordon asked to host the 2012 NE Fallen Firefighters Service in Wymore with the Wymore Fire Department as host. This was to commemorate LODD, Jeremy Wach. Bill Fortune explained that the E-Board was looking at using the Memorial Garden but

having different departments act as hosts and also explained that the Board is considering moving the service to a September date.

Jerry Thompson, Kearney, made a motion seconded by Johnson, Superior, to consider at next years conference moving the Memorial service to Wymore in 2012 due to the special circumstances. Jerry Thompson rescinded the motion and the second was rescinded.

Jerry Thompson, Kearney, made a motion seconded by Johnson, Superior, that in 2012 the Memorial Service be moved to Wymore and that they would host it. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Mike Hoefft, North Platte, made a motion seconded by Eric Rasmussen, Southeast Rural to adjourn at 11:15AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:  
William L. Lundy, Secretary/Treasurer

**2010 OFFICIAL BALLOTS**

**<Officer Ballots>**

CANDIDATES:	OFFICER POSITION	VOTES CAST:
Joel Cerny Linwood VFD	PRESIDENT	140
Dave Heywood Snyder VFD	1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	140
Cleon Schwede Battle Creek VFD	2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	95
Parrish Abel Gering VFD	2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	48
William Lundy York VFD	SECRETARY TREASURER	109
Trenton Snow Kearney VFD	SECRETARY TREASURER	34
Warren Bertrang Valentine VFD	DISTRICT # 1 DIRECTOR	27
NO ELECTION 2010 YEAR	DISTRICT # 2 DIRECTOR	
Dave Bertram North Platte VFD	DISTRICT # 3 DIRECTOR	20
NO ELECTION 2010 YEAR	DISTRICT # 4 DIRECTOR	
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**JOEL E CERNY**  
**NSVFA PRESIDENT**  
**2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT (Page 1 of 2 Pages)**

<b>10/14-17/10</b>	<b>NSVFA Annual Conference</b>	<b>Chadron</b>
<b>10/23/10</b>	<b>Valley VFD Benefit for Member</b>	<b>Valley</b>
<b>10/20/10</b>	<b>Bellwood VFD meeting</b>	<b>Bellwood</b>
<b>10/28/10</b>	<b>Legislative Hearing for Burn Permits</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>10/29/10</b>	<b>Mid-State Caucus/Iowa Firefighters Assn.</b>	<b>Johnstown, IA</b>
<b>11/4/10</b>	<b>Safer Grant meeting</b>	<b>Raymond</b>
<b>11/5/10</b>	<b>Northeast NE Firefighters Assn. Meeting</b>	<b>Tekamah</b>
<b>11/17/10</b>	<b>40-12 Mutual Aid meeting</b>	<b>Pierce</b>
<b>11/18/10</b>	<b>Madison VFD Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Madison</b>
<b>11/21/10</b>	<b>Bellwood VFD Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Bellwood</b>
<b>11/23/10</b>	<b>Visit with Visitors Bureau Representatives</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>11/24/10</b>	<b>Butler County Mutual Aid Meeting</b>	<b>Dwight</b>
<b>11/30/10</b>	<b>Colfax County Mutual Aid Meeting</b>	<b>Leigh</b>
<b>12/3/10</b>	<b>Nebraska EMS Board Meeting</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>12/4/10</b>	<b>Fire School &amp; NSVFA E-Board Meetings</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>12/11/10</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Training &amp; Meeting</b>	<b>Ralston</b>
<b>1/5/11</b>	<b>Big 8 Mutual Aid meeting</b>	<b>Duncan</b>
<b>1/8/11</b>	<b>Valentine VFD/Wives Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Valentine</b>
<b>1/15/11</b>	<b>Fire School Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>1/18/11</b>	<b>NSVFA Legislative Breakfast with Senators</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>1/21/11</b>	<b>Gering VFD Appreciation Banquet</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/22/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Training</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>
<b>1/22/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/25/11</b>	<b>Linwood Rural Board Meeting</b>	<b>Linwood</b>
<b>1/25/11</b>	<b>Saunders County Mutual Aid Meeting</b>	<b>Morse Bluff</b>
<b>1/26/11</b>	<b>Butler County Mutual Aid Meeting</b>	<b>Linwood</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>NSVFA Legislative Stance Meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>NSVFA E-Board meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>Schuyler VFD Appreciation Dinner &amp; Dance</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>2/4/11</b>	<b>Northeast NE Firefighters Assn. Meeting</b>	<b>Madison</b>
<b>2/10/11</b>	<b>Novelty Lighter Ban Legislative Hearing</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>2/10/11</b>	<b>Prescribed Burn Legislative Hearing</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>2/12-13/11</b>	<b>Les Lukert Conference</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>2/26/11</b>	<b>Clarkson VFD Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Clarkson</b>
<b>3/5/11</b>	<b>Snyder VFD Poker &amp; Mountain Oyster Feed</b>	<b>Snyder</b>
<b>3/6/11</b>	<b>Morse Bluff VFD Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Morse Bluff</b>
<b>3/11/11</b>	<b>Snyder VFD Fish Fry</b>	<b>Snyder</b>
<b>3/12/11</b>	<b>North Platte Fire Dept Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>North Platte</b>
<b>3/18/11</b>	<b>Nebraska EMS Board meeting</b>	<b>Columbus</b>
<b>3/19/11</b>	<b>NSVFA Booth at NEMSA Conference</b>	<b>Columbus</b>
<b>3/30/11</b>	<b>Butler County Mutual Aid meeting</b>	<b>Rising City</b>
<b>4/1/11</b>	<b>Nebraska EMS Board Meeting</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>4/2/11</b>	<b>Firefighters Hall of Fame Induction</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>4/2/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chief's Assn. Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>4/9/11</b>	<b>Snyder VFD 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>Snyder</b>
<b>4/10/11</b>	<b>Duncan VFD 50 Years Service Ed Schacher</b>	<b>Duncan</b>

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4/13/11	Governor Heineman Proclamation Signing	Lincoln
4/15/11	Scribner VFD Fish Fry	Scribner
4/16/11	Birthday Celebration- Bob Tichota, Blair VFD	Blair
4/16/11	Schuyler VFD Steak Fry	Schuyler
4/2/11	Northeast NE Mutual Aid meeting	Wayne
4/26/11	Saunders County Mutual Aid meeting	Prague
4/30/11	Jeremy Wach Memorial Dedication	Wymore
5/6/11	Northeast NE Firefighters Assn. Meeting	Fremont
5/7/11	David City VFD Golf Tournament	David City
5/11/11	3 & 33 Mutual Aid meeting	Wilber
5/16-22/11	Nebraska State Fire School	Grand Island
6/3/11	Professional Firefighters Hospitality	Norfolk
6/5/11	Linwood VFD Appreciation Dinner	Linwood
6/10/11	Nebraska EMS Board meeting	Lincoln
6/11/11	Iowa Firefighters Memorial Service	Coralville, IA
6/25/11	Open House at North Bend Fire Station	North Bend
6/29/11	Butler County Mutual Aid meeting	Ulysses
7/7/11	NSVFA By-laws Committee meeting	Schuyler
7/8/11	Snyder VFD Steak Fry	Snyder
7/9/11	NSVFA Pre-conference meeting	Fremont
7/10/11	Friend VFD Dick Thomsen 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Friend
7/19/11	Plainview VFD Steak Fry	Plainview
7/20/11	Saline Co Mutual Aid meeting	Swanton
7/22/11	Escort UK Firefighters	York-Ralston
7/30/11	Fire School & NSVFA E-Board meeting	York
7/31/11	Dakota City VFD 100th Year Celebration	Dakota City
8/13/11	So Sioux City Fire Dept Appreciation Dinner	So Sioux City
8/14/11	Northeast NE Firefighters Assn Annual Meeting	Hadar
8/20/11	Iowa Firefighters Assn. Booth State Fair	Des Moines
8/21/11	Participate in Stop, Drop, Roll record	Des Moines
8/27/11	NSVFA Legislative Meeting	Clarkson
8/29/11	Dodge County Mutual Aid Meeting	Scribner
8/31/11	Butler County Mutual Aid Meeting	Abie
9/2/11	Retired Firefighter Toad Kruger Funeral	North Bend
9/9/11	Nebraska EMS Board meeting	Lincoln
9/10/11	Recruitment/Retention Webcast	NVFC
9/10/11	NSVFA Firefighters Memorial Service	Kearney
9/11/11	911 Memorial Service	Papillion
9/13/11	Governor Heinemann Proclamation Signings	Lincoln
9/16/11	Nebraska EMS Board meeting	Lincoln
9/28/11	Firefighter All Brott Funeral	Valentine
10/2/11	Schuyler VFD Pancake Breakfast	Schuyler
10/9/11	Clarkson VFD Pancake & Omelets Breakfast	Clarkson
10/16/11	Snyder VFD Pancake Breakfast	Snyder

Listed above is the travel report that I have logged for the NSVFA in the year 2010-2011. It has been a pleasure traveling across our great state and meeting the many dedicated firefighters we have. I have enjoyed my term as President and look forward to an opportunity to serve as a District Director.

Joel Cerny, NSVFA President

**DAVID HEYWOOD**  
**NSVFA 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
**2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT (Page 1 of 2 Pages)**

<b>10/23/10</b>	<b>Courage to be Safe Class</b>	<b>Plainview</b>
<b>10/29/10</b>	<b>State Networking Meeting</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>
<b>11/04/10</b>	<b>Safer Grant Meeting</b>	<b>Raymond</b>
<b>11/17/10</b>	<b>40-12 Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Pierce</b>
<b>11/18/10</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Madison</b>
<b>11/23/10</b>	<b>Elkhorn Valley Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Pierce</b>
<b>12/04/10</b>	<b>Fire School &amp; E-Board Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>12/11/10</b>	<b>Training &amp; Chiefs Meeting</b>	<b>Ralston</b>
<b>1/8/11</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Valentine</b>
<b>1/15/11</b>	<b>Fire School Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>1/18/11</b>	<b>Legislative Breakfast</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>1/21/11</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/22/11</b>	<b>Training &amp; Chiefs Meeting</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>
<b>1/25/11</b>	<b>Saunders County Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Morse Bluff</b>
<b>1/26/11</b>	<b>Butler County Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Linwood</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>E-Board Mtg., Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>2/4/11</b>	<b>Northeast Meeting</b>	<b>Madison</b>
<b>2/10/11</b>	<b>Hearing Lighter, Prescribed Burn</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>2/12/11</b>	<b>Les Lukert</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>2/23/11</b>	<b>Fire Marshall Hearing</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>2/26/11</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Wayne</b>
<b>3/12/11</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>North Platte</b>
<b>3/19/11</b>	<b>Booth at NEMSA Conference</b>	<b>Columbus</b>
<b>4/2/11</b>	<b>Judge FP Posters, Hall of Fame</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>4/3/11-4/8/11</b>	<b>National Volunteer Fire Council</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>
<b>5/1/11</b>	<b>Jeremy Wach Memorial Dedication</b>	<b>Wymore</b>
<b>5/6/11</b>	<b>Northeast Meeting</b>	<b>Fremont</b>
<b>5/11/11</b>	<b>3 &amp; 33 Meeting</b>	<b>Wilber</b>
<b>6/3/11</b>	<b>Professional Fire Fighters Hospitality</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>
<b>6/5/11</b>	<b>Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Linwood</b>
<b>6/11/11</b>	<b>Iowa Firefighters Memorial Service</b>	<b>Coralville, IA</b>
<b>6/30/11</b>	<b>Conference Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Nickerson</b>
<b>7/7/11</b>	<b>By-Laws Meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>7/9/11</b>	<b>Pre-Conference Meeting</b>	<b>Fremont</b>
<b>7/10/11</b>	<b>Dick Thomsen 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>Friend</b>
<b>7/19/11</b>	<b>Steak Fry</b>	<b>Plainview</b>
<b>7/20/11</b>	<b>Saline Co Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Swanton</b>
<b>7/22/11</b>	<b>Escort UK Firefighters</b>	<b>York-Ralston</b>
<b>7/30/11</b>	<b>Fire School &amp; E-Board Meeting</b>	<b>York</b>
<b>7/31/11</b>	<b>100 Year Celebration</b>	<b>Dakota City</b>
<b>8/14/11</b>	<b>Northeast Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Hadar</b>
<b>8/20/11</b>	<b>IA Firefighters Assn. Booth State Fair</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>
<b>8/21/11</b>	<b>Participated Stop, Drop, Roll record</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>
<b>8/27/11</b>	<b>Legislative Meeting</b>	<b>Clarkson, NE</b>

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<b>8/31/11</b>	<b>Norm Savery Funeral</b>	<b>Lincoln, NE</b>
<b>9/2/11</b>	<b>Toad Kruger Funeral</b>	<b>North Bend, NE</b>
<b>9/10/11</b>	<b>Firefighters Memorial Service</b>	<b>Kearney, NE</b>
<b>9/11/11</b>	<b>911 Memorial Service</b>	<b>Papillion, NE</b>
<b>9/13/11</b>	<b>Legislative Proclamations</b>	<b>Lincoln, NE</b>
<b>9/28/11</b>	<b>Al Brott Funeral</b>	<b>Valentine, NE</b>

**Listed above is the travel report that I have logged for the Association in the year 2010-2011. It has been a pleasure traveling across our great state and meeting the many dedicated firefighters we have. I have put on over 5,900 miles in an effort to promote your Association and listen to the concerns the Departments have. We, as Association Officers, have car-pooled as much as we could to keep your cost down. Please feel free to give me a call if you have a meeting or function you would like me to attend and I will try as hard as I can to be there.**

**Dave Heywood  
2010-2011 First Vice President**

**CLEON SCHWEDE**  
**NSVFA 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
**2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT (Pag1 of 2 Pages)**

**October, 2010**

**Conference Calls**  
**Mutual Aid Meeting – Albion**

**November, 2010**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**NSVFA Meeting**  
**Conference Calls**  
**Mutual Aid**  
**Madison Fire Department Awards Night**

**December, 2010**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**SFM Training- Ralston**  
**Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting**  
**Fire School Committee Meeting**  
**E- Board Meeting**

**January, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Senators Appreciation Breakfast**  
**NE Emergency Service Caucus Meeting**  
**SFM Training - Scottsbluff**  
**Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting**  
**Gering Awards Night**  
**Mutual Aid**  
**Legislative Stance Meeting**  
**E- Board Meeting**

**February, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**NE Volunteer Firefighters Assn. Meeting**

**March, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Mutual Aid**

**April, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**SFM training- Grand Island**  
**Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting (Continued page 2 of 2)**

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**May, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Fire School**  
**NE Volunteer Firefighters Assn. Meeting**  
**Fire School Committee Meeting**  
**E- Board Meeting**  
**Mutual Aid Meeting - Hastings**  
**Mutual Aid Meeting**

**June, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Mutual Aid Meeting**

**July, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Pre-conference Meeting- Fremont**  
**Snyder Department BBQ**  
**Fire School Meeting**  
**E-Board Meeting**  
**Plainview Annual Dinner**  
**Mutual Aid**

**August, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Hadar Annual BBQ**  
**Legislative Planning Meeting - Clarkson**  
**NE Volunteer Firefighters Assn. Meeting**

**September, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**Mutual Aid**

**October, 2011**

**Department Meetings**  
**Department Training**  
**NSVFA Conference**

**Cleon Schwede**  
**NSVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**WILLIAM “BILL” LUNDY  
NSVFA SECRETARY/TREASURER  
2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT (Page 1 of 2 Pages)**

**October, 2010**

**October 13 Attended York County Mutual Aid Meeting  
October 14 to 17, NSVFA Annual Conferences  
October 28 Attended Legislative Hearing on Burn Permits in Lincoln  
October 29 Attended State Networking Meeting Hosted by Iowa Volunteer FF Assn.  
October 26 Attended Training York Fire Department**

**November, 2010**

**November 2 York Fire Department Monthly Meeting  
November 4 Safer Grant Meeting Raymond  
November 16 Attended Fire Training York Fire Department  
November 18 Attended Madison Volunteer Fire Department Awards Banquet  
November 23 Attended EMS Training York Fire Department**

**December, 2010**

**December 4 Attended Fire School and NSVFA E-Board Meeting Grand Island  
December 7 Attended York Fire Department Meeting  
December 11 Nebraska Fire Chief’s Meeting Ralston  
December 14 Attended Fire Training York Fire Department**

**January, 2011**

**January 4, York Fire Department Meeting  
January 15 Fire School Meeting Grand Island  
January 18 NSVFA Senators Appreciation Breakfast Lincoln  
January 18 York Fire Department Training  
January 21 Gering Volunteer Fire Department Awards banquet  
January 29 Legislative Stance Meeting and NSVFA E Board Meeting, Schuyler  
January 29 Schuyler Banquet**

**February, 2011**

**February 8 Attended Nebraska Legislature Urban Affairs Committee Hearing regarding  
LB 546, “Remove Residential Sprinklers from 2009 International Residential Code”.  
February 8 York Fire Department Meeting  
February 12 Manned NSVFA Booth Les Lukert Conference Kearney  
February 15 York Fire Department Training  
February 22 York Fire Department EMS Training  
February 23 Testified in front of Nebraska Legislature Appropriations Committee  
Concerning State Fire Marshal and Training Division Budget**

**March, 2011**

**March 1 Attended York Fire Department Meeting  
March 15 Attended Training York Fire Department**

**April, 2011**

**April 2 Museum Meeting Kearney  
April 2 Nebraska Fire Chief’s Meeting Grand Island  
April 5 York Fire Department Meeting  
April 9 Snyder Volunteer Fire Departments 100 Year Anniversary Dinner  
April 12 Training York Fire Department (April Continued Page 2 of 2)**

**April 20 York County Mutual Aid Meeting**  
**April 23 Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Banquet**  
**April 26 York Fire Department EMS Training**

**May, 2011**

**May 3 York Fire Department Meeting**  
**May 15-22 Worked at NSVFA Nebraska Fire School all week and attended  
E Board and Fire School Committee Meetings**  
**May 17 Adams County Mutual Aid Meeting - Hastings**

**June, 2011**

**June 7 York Fire Meeting**  
**June 13 Museum Meeting**  
**June 21 York Fire Department Training**

**July, 2011**

**July 5 York Fire Department Meeting**  
**July 7 Constitution and By-Laws Meeting - Schuyler Fire Department**  
**July 8 Snyder Volunteer Fire Department BBQ**  
**July 9 Pre-Conference Meeting Fremont with Nickerson Volunteer Fire Department**  
**July 10 Dick Thomsen 50 Year Presentation - Friend Fire Department**  
**July 19 Training York Fire Department**  
**July 20 York County Mutual Aid Meeting**  
**July 26 By-Law and Constitution meeting for local department at Fairmont, Nebraska**

**August, 2011**

**August 2 York Fire Department Meeting**  
**August 13 South Sioux City Annual Steak Fry**  
**August 23 Training York Fire Department**  
**August 27 Legislative Planning Goal Setting Meeting – Clarkson**  
**August 30 NSVFA Representative at Norm Savery Funeral - York**

**September, 2011**

**September 10 NE Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service - Kearney**  
**September 20 York Fire Department Training**  
**September 27 York Fire EMS training**

**October , 2011**

**October 4 York Fire Department Meeting**  
**October 18 York Fire Department Training**  
**October 19-23 NSVFA Annual Conference**

Listed above are the activities that I have participated in over the course of this year supporting the NSVFA, York Fire Department and NE Firefighters Museum/Education Center. I have, on average, spent 6 to 8 hours weekly supporting the NSVFA office in the office as well as working from home an average of 2 hours a week contacting fire and rescue departments concerning questions and support from the NSVFA after hours. Pam supports the NSVFA as Office Administrative Assistant five days a week, 9am to 4pm and attends NSVFA E Board and Fire School Committee meetings, Fire School and Annual Conference acting as recorder for all meetings. I have acted as the information technology leader in the office maintaining the computer systems, data bases and financial records of the NSVFA. The NSVFA and Fire School represent organizations with total budgets including investments exceeding \$500,000. William Lundy, NSVFA Secretary, Treasurer

**DAVE BERTRAM  
NSVFA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, AREA 3  
2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT**

<b>August 14, 2010</b>	<b>E Board Meeting Schuyler</b>
<b>October 16, 2010</b>	<b>E Board Meeting Chadron</b>
<b>November 26, 2010</b>	<b>Firefighters Funeral, North Platte</b>
<b>December 4, 2010</b>	<b>E Board and Fire School Meetings, Grand Island</b>
<b>December 15, 2010</b>	<b>Jim Lawson, Scotts Bluff County Sheriff Retirement</b>
<b>January 8, 2011</b>	<b>Valentine Awards Banquet, Valentine</b>
<b>January 15, 2011</b>	<b>Fire School Meeting, Grand Island</b>
<b>January 18, 2011</b>	<b>Senator Appreciation Breakfast, Lincoln</b>
<b>January 18, 2011</b>	<b>Emergency Service Caucus Meeting</b>
<b>January 20, 2011</b>	<b>Mid-Plains Mutual Aid Meeting, North Platte</b>
<b>January 21, 2011</b>	<b>Awards Banquet, Gering</b>
<b>January 29, 2011</b>	<b>Legislative Stance Meeting, Schuyler</b>
<b>January 29, 2011</b>	<b>E Board Meeting, Schuyler</b>
<b>January 29, 2011</b>	<b>Schuyler Awards Banquet</b>
<b>March 12, 2011</b>	<b>North Platte Awards Banquet</b>
<b>March 18, 2011</b>	<b>NEMSA Spring Conference Columbus (Fire School Booth)</b>
<b>March 23, 2011</b>	<b>Sutherland Fire Fund Raiser</b>
<b>March 27, 2011</b>	<b>Hershey Fire Fund Raiser</b>
<b>April 2, 2011</b>	<b>Nebraska Firefighter Hall of Fame Ceremony, Kearney</b>
<b>April 13-17, 2011</b>	<b>Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy, Crawford</b>
<b>April 18, 2011</b>	<b>Dawson County Mutual Aid Meeting, Eustis</b>
<b>April 20, 2011</b>	<b>Sandhills Mutual Aid Meeting, Thedford</b>
<b>April 21, 2011</b>	<b>Custer County Mutual Aid Meeting, Oconto</b>
<b>April 26, 2011</b>	<b>Furnas County Mutual Aid Meeting, Oxford</b>
<b>May 11, 2011</b>	<b>Southwest Mutual Aid Meeting, Paxton</b>
<b>May 16–22, 2011</b>	<b>Nebraska State Fire School, Grand Island</b>
<b>May 18 &amp; 19, 2011</b>	<b>E Board Meeting, Grand Island</b>
<b>June 5, 2011</b>	<b>Paxton Fire Fund Raiser</b>
<b>July 18, 2011</b>	<b>Dawson County Mutual Air Meeting, Farnam</b>
<b>July 20, 2011</b>	<b>Sandhills Mutual Air Meeting, Thedford</b>
<b>September 10, 2011</b>	<b>Nebr Fallen Firefighters Service &amp; 911 Candlelight Vigil, Kearney</b>
<b>September 14, 2011</b>	<b>Southwest Mutual Aid Meeting, Sutherland</b>
<b>September 27, 2011</b>	<b>Firefighter Funeral (Allen Brott)</b>
<b>October 13, 2011</b>	<b>Mid-Plains Mutual Aid Meeting, Stapleton</b>
<b>October 20-23, 2011</b>	<b>NSVFA Annual Conference in Fremont Hosted by Nickerson FD</b>

**It has been a good year as District 3 Director. I have met a lot of Firefighters and I hope to get to know more of you.**

**Dave Bertram  
District 3 Director**

**WARREN BERTRANG  
NSVFA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, AREA 1  
2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITIES REPORT**

<b>10/13-16/10</b>	<b>Annual Conference NE - E-Board meeting Presidents Dinner and others</b>	<b>Chadron</b>
<b>12/4/10</b>	<b>E-Board meeting Fire School meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>1/8/11</b>	<b>Valentine Awards Banquet Wives' and State Officer's Appreciation Night</b>	<b>Valentine</b>
<b>1/21/11</b>	<b>Bill Templar Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/2011</b>	<b>Mutual Aid Meeting</b>	<b>Theadford</b>
<b>1/2011</b>	<b>Article for February NE Firefighter Newsletter</b>	
<b>1/2011</b>	<b>Schuyler VFD Awards Banquet Preceded by Attendance at Legislative Stance Meeting and E-Board Meeting Prior to Banquet</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>5/16-23-2011</b>	<b>Fire School and E-Board meeting Worked at Fire School all week</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>5/2011</b>	<b>Article for June Nebraska Firefighter Newsletter</b>	
<b>6/2011</b>	<b>Mutual Aid Meeting with 18 Departments in attendance 6 from South Dakota</b>	
<b>9/2011</b>	<b>911 Memorial Ceremony for our lost firefighters, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical personnel and all fellow Americans lost in this terrorist attack. Hosted by Valentine Volunteer Fire Department.</b>	
<b>9/28/2011</b>	<b>Funeral for Al Brott, a fellow firefighter, well known by many of the Fire Association. Al was a member of the Valentine Volunteer Fire Department for 43 years, Fire Chief for 19 years, President of the NSVFA in 1976 and Fire Chief's Association in 1997 and on the Fire School Committee for many years</b>	
<b>9/2011</b>	<b>Article for October Nebraska Firefighter Newsletter</b>	
<b>10/2011</b>	<b>2011 Annual Conference and Associated Meetings</b>	

**Warren Bertrang  
NSVFA District 1 Director**

**NORMAN HOEFT  
 NSVFA NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL  
 NEBRASKA DIRECTOR  
 2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITES REPORT (Page 1 of 2 Pages)**

<b>10/13-17/10</b>	<b>NSVFA Conference. New officers elected and committees appointed. Very Eventful Meeting!</b>	<b>Chadron</b>
<b>11/8/10</b>	<b>Museum Meeting</b>	<b>York</b>
<b>11/18/10</b>	<b>Madison Fire Department Awards Night</b>	
<b>12/4/10</b>	<b>NSVFA E Board Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>12/13/10</b>	<b>Museum Meeting</b>	<b>York</b>
<b>1/8/2011</b>	<b>Valentine Winter Meeting</b>	
<b>1/12-15/11</b>	<b>National Volunteer Fire Council E-Board Meeting</b>	<b>Greenbelt, MD</b>
<b>1/21/11</b>	<b>Gering Fire Department Banquet</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/22/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>NSVFA E Board Meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>2/4/11</b>	<b>Northeast Nebraska Firefighters Meeting</b>	<b>Madison</b>
<b>2/13/11</b>	<b>Museum Meeting (1:30pm)</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>2/23/11</b>	<b>Museum Meeting</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>3/12/11</b>	<b>Annual Fire Department Meeting</b>	<b>North Platte</b>
<b>3/21/11</b>	<b>National Weather Service Storm Spotter Meeting</b>	<b>David City Fire Hall</b>
<b>3/23/11</b>	<b>Museum Meeting (9:30am)</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>3/30/11</b>	<b>Butler County Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Rising City</b>
<b>4/3-8/11</b>	<b>National Volunteer Fire Council Spring Meeting and Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner - Alexandria, VA &amp; Washington DC</b>	
<b>4/9/11</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet</b>	<b>Snyder</b>
<b>4/30/11</b>	<b>Jeremy Wach Memorial Dedication and Dinner</b>	<b>Wymore</b>
<b>5/5/11</b>	<b>Homeland Security Meeting</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>5/6/11</b>	<b>Northeast Nebraska Firefighters Meeting</b>	<b>Fremont</b>
<b>5/18-21/11</b>	<b>NSVFA E-Board Meeting, Nebraska Fire School</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>6/13/11</b>	<b>Museum Meeting</b>	<b>York</b>
<b>7/23/11</b>	<b>Museum Board Meeting (10 am)</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>8/14/11</b>	<b>Northeast Nebraska Firefighters Meeting</b>	<b>Hadar</b>
<b>8/27/11</b>	<b>Legislative Planning Mtg. with NSVFA E Board</b>	<b>Clarkson</b>
<b>8/31/11</b>	<b>Norm Savery Funeral Representing NSVFA</b>	<b>York</b>
<b>9/1/11</b>	<b>LaVern "Toad" Kruger Funeral Representing NSVFA</b>	<b>North Bend</b>
<b>9/9-10/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and 911 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil and Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Fire Rescue Memorial Site</b>	<b>Kearney</b>

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**Page 2: Norman Hoeft 2010-2011 Year End Activities Report**

- 9/11/11**      **Sumtur Amphitheater, Papillion, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Remembering Honoring Military, Police, & Fire Personnel  
and their Families. Also honoring those who died on  
on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, The Pentagon  
and the tragic plane crash in Pennsylvania and our brave military  
killed since then in the fight against terrorism.      Papillion**
- 9/18/11**      **Work at Museum and Museum Board Meeting (1pm)      Kearney**
- 9/22 to  
10/3/11**      **State Benefits Summit at Lake George, New York, followed  
by 2011 National Volunteer Fire Council Board of Directors  
meeting. These events were attended by Norm & Marie Hoeft,  
James and Bernie Egr and John Bomar.      Lake George, NY**
- 10/20-23/11**      **NSVFA Annual Conference      Fremont**

**Thank You for allowing me to serve you.**

**Norman E. Hoeft  
Nebraska Delegate to the National Volunteer Fire Council**

**JOHN BOMAR  
NSVFA NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL  
NEBRASKA ALTERNATE DIRECTOR  
2010-2011 YEAR END ACTIVITES REPORT**

As your Alternate Director to the NVFC I have attended

**Four Northeast Mutual Aid Association Meetings**

**Four Mid-Nebraska Mutual Aid Meetings**

**Four Elkhorn Valley Mutual Aid meetings**

<b>10/20/10</b>	<b>Nebraska Pipeline Association Meeting</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>
<b>12/4/10</b>	<b>NSVFA E-Board Meeting</b>	<b>Grand Island</b>
<b>12/11-12/10</b>	<b>National Fire Academy Training</b>	<b>Ralston</b>
<b>12/11/10</b>	<b>Nebraska Fire Chiefs Meeting</b>	<b>Ralston</b>
<b>1/8/11</b>	<b>Valentine Annual Banquet</b>	<b>Valentine</b>
<b>1/18/11</b>	<b>Senator's Appreciation Breakfast</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
<b>1/21/2011</b>	<b>Gering Fire Department banquet</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/22/2011</b>	<b>STICO Training</b>	<b>Scottsbluff</b>
		<b>Rural Department</b>
<b>1/22/11</b>	<b>Gering Fire Chiefs Meeting</b>	<b>Gering</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>Legislative meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>NSVFA Board meeting</b>	<b>Schuyler</b>
<b>1/29/11</b>	<b>Annual Awards Banquet</b>	<b>Pierce</b>
<b>2/11-12/11</b>	<b>Les Lukert Winter Conference</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>3/5/11</b>	<b>Snyder fund raiser</b>	<b>Snyder</b>
<b>3/12/11</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Banquet and Awards Night</b>	<b>North Platte</b>
<b>3/19/11</b>	<b>Battle Creek Dept. Stag Night</b>	<b>Battle Creek</b>
<b>3/22-26/11</b>	<b>FDIC</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>
<b>4/2/11</b>	<b>Howells Steak Fry</b>	<b>Howells</b>
<b>4/3-14/11</b>	<b>NVFC Spring Meeting</b>	<b>Washington DC</b>
<b>6/4/11</b>	<b>Nebraska Professional Firefighters Conference</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>
<b>7/19/11</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue Steak Fry</b>	<b>Plainview</b>
<b>8/6/11</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue Fund Raiser</b>	<b>Hadar</b>
<b>8/19/11</b>	<b>Department Chicken Feed</b>	<b>Norfolk Fire Division</b>
<b>8/27/11</b>	<b>Legislative Planning Meeting</b>	<b>Clarkson</b>
<b>9/10/11</b>	<b>NE Fallen Fighters &amp; 911 Memorial Service</b>	<b>Kearney</b>
<b>9/11/11</b>	<b>9-11-01 Remembrance Service</b>	<b>Papillion</b>
<b>9/24-28/11</b>	<b>State Benefits Summit</b>	<b>Lake George, NY</b>
<b>9/28-10/111</b>	<b>NVFC Fall Meeting</b>	<b>Lake George, NY</b>
<b>10/20-23/11</b>	<b>NSVFA Conference Hosted by Nickerson Fire</b>	<b>Fremont</b>

**John Bomar  
National Volunteer Fire Council  
Nebraska Alternate Director**

**JIM EGR**  
**N.S.V.F.A. LEGAL ADVISOR**  
**2010-2011 YEAR END SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

**235 Telephone Conferences**

**35 Letters and E-mails on various questions by Departments, Rural Boards, Cities, etc.**

**20 Meetings with Rural Districts, Volunteer Fire Departments, Cities, Mutual Aids, etc.**

**Attend October, 2010, Annual Conference in Chadron as a speaker and to assist Executive Board with legal matters**

**12 Nebraska Firefighter Articles**

**Attended four (4) N.S.V.F.A. Executive Board Meetings since October, 2009**

**Attend Legislative Breakfast in Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Attend Benefits Summit Conference in New York in September, 2011**

**Attend N.V.F.C. Quarterly Meeting in New York in September, 2011**

**2010-2011  
NSVFA LOBBYIST,  
GERALD M. STILMOCK  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES (Page 1 of 2 pages)**

- **39 Telephone Conferences**
  - **29 Written Correspondence and Memorandums**
  - **11 Conferences**
  - **67 Lobbyist Activities (Draft Testimony, Attendance at Legislative Committee Hearings, Conference with Senators Regarding Legislation) Attend 2011 Annual Meeting, 2011 Fire School, Board Meetings**
  - **5 Legislative Alerts/Updates**
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- 10/03/10 Attend Republican event in Johnson, NE;**
  - 10/06/10 Prepare speech for Joel Cerny in presentation to Senator Lathrop; travel to Ralston for presentation to Senator Lathrop award;**
  - 10/12/10 Prepare Memorandum of Understanding; Legislative Committee meeting; telephone conference;**
  - 10/14/10 Meet with Board of Directors;**
  - 10/14/10 Attend General Assembly; attend Fire House of Delegates and EMS House of Delegates;**
  - 10/29/10 Attend interim study hearing;**
  - 11/19/10 Prepare for interim study hearing regarding sprinklers; meet prior to interim study hearing; attendance at interim study hearing;**
  - 12/02/10 Conference with Annette Dubas regarding prescribed burns;**
  - 12/02/10 Telephone interview with Omaha World-Herald regarding specialty license plates.**
  - 12/09/10 Conference with Senator Lavonne Heideman regarding MFO and Nebraska Forest Service;**
  - 12/13/10 Conference with Dr. Ronnie Green, head of Institute of Ag and Natural Resources;**
  - 01/18/11 Attend senator appreciation breakfast; conference with Senator Cornett's staff regarding firefighter bill; conference with convenience store lobbyist regarding novelty lighter bill; conference with Dave Hall regarding donation to Palmyra Volunteer Fire Department; telephone call with Mike Dwyer regarding KFAB radio show regarding novelty lighters;**
  - 01/31/10 Attend legislative review meeting;**
  - 02/03/11 Lunch with Senator Karpisek and staff regarding novelty lighter bill;**
  - 02/08/11 Meet with group regarding sprinkler bills;**
  - 02/23/11 Conference with Fire Marshal Falgione and Cathy Won regarding Appropriations hearing; conference with Senator Heideman after hearing;**
  - 02/25/11 Attend Committee hearing;**
  - 03/03/11 Prehearing conference with testifiers for NSVFA; attendance at LB 441 hearing;**
  - 03/09/11 Conference with Senator Bob Krist regarding LB 546; draft Legislative Update;**
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**Page 2: Gerald Stilmock Summary of Activities**

- 03/17/11** Conference with Bill Lock regarding LB 106; conference with Senator Fulton regarding budget;
- 04/13/11** Attend Governor proclamation signing;
- 05/19/11** Attend Board meeting;
- 05/20/11** Attend opening ceremonies; meet with Senator Heidemann;
- 08/27/11** Attend legislative planning meeting;
- 09/13/11** Meet in Lincoln with representatives of workers' compensation industry regarding workers' compensation for volunteers;

**In this past legislative session, I participated in lobbying activities concerning several different issues. Those legislative issues included income tax credit for volunteer fire and rescue personnel; restore taxing authority to fire districts; MFO funding; prescribed burning; and dwelling sprinklers.**

2011  
NEBRASKA FIRE SCHOOL FINAL REPORT

The Following information is details from the 2011 Nebraska Fire School.

**1730** Registration Records in the System (7/21/2011)

**1174** Students in Classes 111 through 1128 including 24 Students in Elected Officials Class. This number is 68 less students than the 2010 fire school.

**210** Non-Members enrolled in classes 111 through 1128

**964** NSVFA Members enrolled in Classes 111 through 1128

**102** Students cancelled attendance for the 2011 Fire School Compared to 88 students in 2010.

Non-Member Fees Collected = 196 @ \$60.00 = **\$11,760.00**

## REFUNDS

Total Refunds per Quick Books **\$9930.00** compared to 2010 Refunds which were **\$6960.00**

Total Process Fees Collected \$2270.00 for student cancellations.

Of the 1174 students, 929 NSVFA members of the 964 NSVFA members registered for class completed all class requirements of 9 or more hours, 31 NSVFA members did not complete class requirements. Four (4) NSVFA members did not cancel or attend classes. The 210 Non-Members registered, 207 completed class requirements and 2 non-members failed to complete class requirements, 1 non-member neither canceled or attended class.

Total Monies collected for fire school registration as of 6/30/2011 per Quick Books

Non-Member	\$ 36,000.00
Member	\$101,010.00

Note: Quick Book registration monies show collection of class fees prior to refunds being made. These monies would later be reduced by refunds such as:

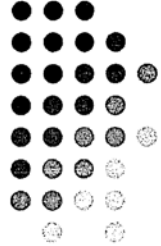
1. Reduction in fees for non-members who paid their memberships after registering for Fire School as non-members requiring refunding change in class fees from non-member fee to member fee.
2. Cancellations
3. Equipment donation compensations

There were a total of 246 Fire Departments and individuals not associated with a fire department registered into the Fire School Database.

All class certificates have been printed and refund checks have been mailed to all departments and individuals.

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Board of Trustees  
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
York, Nebraska

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities and fund balances – modified cash basis of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2011, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balance – modified cash basis for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association/

A review consists principally of inquiries of Organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note A.

*Mierau & Co., P.C.*

York, Nebraska  
October 13, 2011

**NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**  
York, Nebraska  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
June 30, 2011

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Overview** – The significant accounting principles and practices followed by the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association are presented below to assist the reader in evaluating the financial statements and the accompanying notes.

**Nature of Activities** – The Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association provides heightened professional competence for its members. Lobbying at state and national levels by this organization promotes the safety, welfare and professionalism of its members. It is supported primarily through donor contributions.

**Basis of Accounting** – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under that basis, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligations are incurred. The Organization has not recognized pledges receivable from donors, accounts payable to vendors, and their related effects on the change in fund balance in the accompanying financial statements. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Income Taxes** – The Organization is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**NOTE B – INVESTMENTS**

Investments purchased by the Organization are initially recorded at cost. Interest is added to the value upon receipt.

At June 30, 2011, investments were composed of the following:

General Fund NPAIT	\$ 141,800.07
Fire School Fund NPAIT	<u>172,815.06</u>
Total	<u>\$ 314,615.13</u>

**NOTE C – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Management has elected not to include depreciation of fixed assets.

**NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND  
 FUND BALANCE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

June 30, 2011

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire School</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Assets:			
Cash in bank - operating	\$ 18,010.26	\$ 78,033.53	\$ 96,043.79
MMDA savings	5,471.31		5,471.31
Investments	141,800.07	172,815.06	314,615.13
Equipment	5,632.82	5,448.96	11,081.78
Building		32,072.02	32,072.02
	<u>\$170,914.46</u>	<u>\$288,369.57</u>	<u>\$459,284.03</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>			
	<u>\$170,914.46</u>	<u>\$288,369.57</u>	<u>\$459,284.03</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>			
Fund Balance	<u>170,914.46</u>	<u>288,369.57</u>	<u>459,284.03</u>
	<u>\$170,914.46</u>	<u>\$288,369.57</u>	<u>\$459,284.03</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>			
	<u>\$170,914.46</u>	<u>\$288,369.57</u>	<u>\$459,284.03</u>

**NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

For The Year Ended June 30, 2011

	General	Fire School	Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Memberships	\$125,132.00		\$125,132.00
Convention	12,812.90	\$100,460.00	113,272.90
Fire school		11,960.00	11,960.00
Fire Chiefs	3,500.00		3,500.00
Interest	88.73	93.56	182.29
Non-member fee		36,000.00	36,000.00
Fire hose sales		1,566.00	1,566.00
Forestry grant		5,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	7,572.07	1,854.66	9,426.73
Contributions	14,569.65	4,285.00	18,854.65
RV parking		580.00	580.00
Advertising sales		2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Receipts	<u>163,675.35</u>	<u>164,199.22</u>	<u>327,874.57</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Salary - office	34,371.47		34,371.47
Part time help	3,470.27		3,470.27
Payroll taxes	3,309.11		3,309.11
Rent	3,985.00		3,985.00
Telephone	500.00		500.00
Office supplies	3,142.24	979.32	4,121.56
Postage	1,517.56	976.23	2,493.79
Officer reimbursement	1,000.00		1,000.00
Committee expense	15,934.11	12,233.54	28,167.65
Accounting & legal	8,425.16		8,425.16
Scholarship	750.00		750.00
Lobbyist	27,019.04		27,019.04
Memorial & appreciation	683.93		683.93
Utilities	1,092.03		1,092.03
Materials		85,407.67	85,407.67
Plaques	4,053.25		4,053.25
Refund pre-registration		9,930.00	9,930.00
Miscellaneous	2,759.56	700.00	3,459.56
Pre-reg materials & expense	1,440.52		1,440.52
Insurance	4,350.00	3,339.00	7,689.00
Computer supplies	834.03		834.03
Legislative breakfast	2,064.51		2,064.51
Newspaper publication	40,067.11		40,067.11
Conference expense	8,990.29		8,990.29
Safer grant expense	15,922.28		15,922.28
Total Disbursements	<u>185,681.47</u>	<u>113,565.76</u>	<u>299,247.23</u>
Net Receipts before Transfers	(22,006.12)	50,633.46	28,627.34
Transfers In (Out)	30,000.00	(30,000.00)	-
Net Receipts	<u>7,993.88</u>	<u>20,633.46</u>	<u>28,627.34</u>
Beginning Balance	<u>162,920.58</u>	<u>267,736.11</u>	<u>430,656.69</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$170,914.46</u>	<u>\$288,369.57</u>	<u>\$459,284.03</u>

**NSVFA 2010-2011 BUDGET/ACTUALS AND 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGETS**

<b>NSVFA Budget</b>	<b>2010-2011 Budget</b>	<b>2010-2011 Actuals</b>	<b>2011-2012 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Membership	\$131,575.00	\$114,263.00	\$152,000.00
Annual Conference	\$5,500.00	\$6,812.90	\$6,000.00
Fire School	\$32,000.00	\$31,467.00	\$32,000.00
Fire Chiefs	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$88.73	\$75.00
NPAIT Sponsor Fees	\$500.00	\$638.67	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$2,417.99	\$2,500.00
Ball Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NVFC Expense Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$749.60	\$0.00
NSVFA Expense Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$594.20	\$0.00
Non-Member Subscriptions	\$2,500.00	\$3,215.00	\$3,200.00
Shirt Sales	\$500.00	\$346.00	\$250.00
TMG Financial Credit Card	\$1,000.00	\$412.93	\$400.00
Over Payment NSVFA Dues	\$0.00	\$845.00	\$0.00
General Income Other	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Funds to be Transferred	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Safer Grant	\$1,200.00	\$14,569.65	\$0.00
Corp Sponsorship Fees	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00
Savings Transfer			\$5,050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$181,875.00</b>	<b>\$186,050.67</b>	<b>\$206,875.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Salary	\$8,000.00		\$8,500.00
Salary, Office	\$27,000.00	\$34,624.88	\$29,500.00
Part Time Help	\$4,000.00	\$3,470.27	\$4,000.00
SS-Med Tax and Unemployment (NSVFA)	\$4,000.00	\$2,995.49	\$4,000.00
Rent	\$4,500.00	\$3,985.00	\$4,200.00
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$2,570.52	\$2,750.00
Bond Insurance	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
LODD Insurance	\$4,300.00	\$4,225.00	\$4,500.00
AD&D Insurance			\$13,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,453.21	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,517.56	\$1,800.00
Equip Repair/Maint	\$500.00	\$403.39	\$500.00
Officer Reimbursement	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Committee Expense	\$17,500.00	\$14,972.97	\$15,500.00
T-Shirts & Polos	\$1,000.00	\$768.27	\$1,000.00
Class "A" Uniforms, Hat Badges, Name Tags	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Auditing	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
NVFC Committee Expense	\$9,000.00	\$7,590.29	\$9,000.00
NVFC Dues / Registration	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Scholarship	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Lobbyist Service Contract	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,000.00
Lobbyist Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,019.04	\$2,000.00
UNO Survey			\$5,000.00
Memorial/App	\$500.00	\$683.93	\$1,500.00
Utilities	\$1,400.00	\$1,092.03	\$1,300.00
Legal Advisor Retainer Fee	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
Legal Advisor Expenses	\$1,700.00	\$925.16	\$1,250.00
Benefits Conference Expenses / Registration	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Plaques & Awards	\$5,000.00	\$4,053.25	\$5,000.00
Computer Software & Support	\$2,000.00	\$324.05	\$1,500.00
WEB Hosting	\$700.00	\$509.98	\$600.00
Grants and Awards (Training Reimbursement)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Legislative Education	\$750.00	\$2,064.51	\$2,000.00
Safer Grant Support	\$400.00	\$15,292.28	\$0.00
Nebraska Filings Logo/ Biennial Registration	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$50.00
Membership Refunds	\$0.00	\$1,455.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Fire Chief's Fund	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Newspaper	\$40,000.00	\$40,067.11	\$42,000.00
Gifts	\$750.00	\$483.78	\$750.00
Misc		\$190.78	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$181,875.00</b>	<b>\$185,142.75</b>	<b>\$206,875.00</b>

**NSVFA FIRE SCHOOL 2010-2011 BUDGET-ACTUALS and 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>NSVFA FIRE SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Education Assistance (Forestry)	\$5,000.00	5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Registrations Member	\$100,000.00	101,010.00	\$101,000.00
Registrations Non-Member	\$32,000.00	36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Contributions	\$3,500.00	4,285.00	\$4,000.00
Interest from investments	\$250.00	93.56	\$100.00
Display Receipts	\$14,000.00	11,960.00	\$14,000.00
RV Parking	\$500.00	580.00	\$600.00
Fire Hose Sale	\$1,500.00	1,566.00	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	1,154.66	\$1,000.00
FS Book Advertising	\$2,500.00	2,675.00	\$2,500.00
Hall County Visitors Bureau	\$2,000.00	0.00	\$2,000.00
Corporate Sponsorships			\$3,600.00
Transfer from Savings	\$4,500.00	0.00	\$0.00
Registration Over Payment	\$0.00	150.00	\$0.00
Income 2010-2011			\$5,650.00
75th Anniversary Sales Income			\$4,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$166,750.00</b>	<b>164,474.22</b>	<b>\$180,950.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Instructor and Committee Expenses for FS	\$6,000.00	\$9,914.90	\$9,000.00
Noon Lunches	\$20,000.00	\$19,130.91	\$21,000.00
Committee Expense	\$15,000.00	\$11,478.39	\$12,500.00
Hose	\$3,000.00	\$2,621.82	\$3,500.00
Class Room Material & Demo	\$3,000.00	\$2,843.18	\$3,000.00
Lodging Expense Fire School	\$15,000.00	\$16,072.80	\$16,000.00
Tables	\$3,000.00	\$2,353.57	\$500.00
Fuel for Burns (propane)	\$3,500.00	\$2,323.32	\$3,500.00
Diesel Fuel Trucks & Misc	\$2,000.00	\$1,688.73	\$2,000.00
Fonner Park	\$6,000.00	\$4,128.00	\$4,300.00
Misc Facility Expense Trash/Toilets	\$1,500.00	\$1,572.01	\$1,800.00
RV Parking	\$500.00	\$580.00	\$600.00
Part Time Help Payroll	\$1,700.00	\$1,467.68	\$1,500.00
Registration Material & Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$2,404.16	\$2,400.00
Printing & Fire School Reg. Materials	\$3,500.00	\$3,705.70	\$3,700.00
Telephone	\$200.00	\$288.23	\$200.00
NSVFA General Funds	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Hall of Fame	\$250.00	\$128.40	\$150.00
Memorial Expense	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Insurance	\$3,300.00	\$3,339.00	\$3,500.00
Bus Service	\$3,000.00	\$2,673.00	\$3,500.00
Clothing Allowance	\$300.00	\$134.95	\$300.00
Travel to Other Schools	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Office Equipment (Computers)	\$1,500.00	\$101.58	\$1,500.00
Museum	\$6,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$6,000.00
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$1,064.23	\$1,500.00
Contract Classes	\$15,000.00	\$5,954.00	\$6,500.00
Registration Refunds	\$8,000.00	\$9,930.00	\$8,000.00
Security	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash School	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
SFM Training Support	\$11,000.00	\$7,370.00	\$25,000.00
MISC Expense	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Support Staff Additional Workers	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$800.00
75th Anniversary Expenses			
Special Speaker			\$1,000.00
Pins/Patches/Coins			\$3,500.00
Book			\$2,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$166,750.00</b>	<b>\$150,403.56</b>	<b>\$180,950.00</b>
		<b>\$14,070.66</b>	



