

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

October 9, 2014

Topic: Belt Rural Volunteer Fire Department

Acceptance of past Certificates that increase members' years of service

Staff recommendation:

Staff recommends the 17 members for FY2010 the Belt Rural VFD be granted the year of credited service. The members were listed on the late filed FY2009-2010 Annual Certificate and verified to receive credit for that fiscal year within 19-17-112(5), MCA.

Board Motion:

Uphold Staff Recommendation

Other.

Moved by

Seconded by

Vote

INFORMAL CONSIDERATION

October 9, 2014

Petitioner: Belt Rural Volunteer Fire Department
Fire Chief: Travis Johnson
Contact: Travis Johnson

Retirement System: VFCA

Request for Board Consideration:

The Belt Rural VFD is requesting that the Board accept the late filed Annual Certificate filed originally on November 10, 2010 and refiled on August 29, 2013 for the fiscal year 2010. The Annual Certificate was signed by the Fire Chief and notarized. Included was the training documentation by fiscal year as is required. See details below.

How many fiscal years is the department requesting to file?

One; 2010

How many specific years of service are being requested?

1 year; 17 members

Has the actuary evaluated the impact of these years of service on the VFCA plan?

NO

Has the volunteer fire department filed the necessary qualifications as required by State law?

Yes

Was the appropriate training documentation submitted?

Yes

How many times has the department filed late in the last 10 years?

One year – FY2010

Give details of any problems:

No problems were encountered

Correspondence:

November 10, 2010 – Annual Certificate received from Fire Chief Travis Johnson, for FY2010; considered late because was not received by the filing date, September 1, 2010.

November 10, 2010 – Letter sent to Travis Johnson requesting certified training documentation and a letter of explanation from the fire chief for the late filing of FY2010.

January 26, 2011 – Letter received from Travis Johnson with explanation of late filing and certified training documentation.

June 14, 2011 – Letter sent to Travis Johnson requesting additional information on membership eligibility and training descriptions. The letter also informed Travis that MCA 19-17-112, late filing within 3 years of the original Annual Certificate due date, would go into effect on July 1, 2011.

February 4, 2013 - Letter sent to Travis Johnson requesting additional information on membership eligibility and training descriptions. Letter also informed Travis that he would need to respond within 90 days for his request to be considered.

August 29, 2013 – Letter received from Travis Johnson with additional training information and a copy of the original, notarized filing of the FY2010 Annual Certificate with two members added. The two members that were added were members that had either retired or moved. Not asking for credit for these two.

Belt Rural Volunteer Fire Department

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Summary:

Pursuant to § 19-17-112 (5), MCA a late filed certificate must be filed within 3 years of the due date. FY2009 – FY2010 Annual Certificate was due on September 1, 2010 and must be filed no later than September 1, 2013.

The original, notarized filed Annual Certificate was received on November 10, 2010; a copy of the annual certificate was received on August 29, 2013 with two members added but not receiving credit.

This should be a grandfathered consideration due to the original notarized annual certificate being received within the 3 year filing period. The last correspondence was received from the fire department on August 28, 2013. The Annual Certificate was received November 10, 2010 and continuous contact was maintained with the fire department until the final Annual Certificate was received on August 28, 2013.

RELEVANT LAW AND RULES:

Montana Code Annotated (Effective before July 1, 2011)

19-17-108. Credit for service as volunteer firefighter – records. (1) The annual period of service that may be credited under this chapter is the fiscal year. A fractional part of a year may not count toward the service required for participation in this system. To be eligible to receive credit for any particular year, a volunteer firefighter shall serve with a fire company throughout the entire fiscal year.

(2) The years of service are cumulative and need not be continuous. Separate periods of service properly credited with different fire companies must be credited toward a member's eligibility for full or partial benefits.

(3) A volunteer firefighter must receive credit for service during any fiscal year if:

(a) during the fiscal year, the volunteer firefighter completes a minimum of 30 hours of training in matters pertaining to firefighting under a formal program that has been formulated, supervised, and certified to the board by the chief or designated official of the fire company;

(b) the volunteer firefighter's participation in the training program is documented in the fire company's records filed and maintained by the chief or designated official; and

(c) the fire company maintained firefighting equipment that is in serviceable condition and owns, rents, or uses one or more buildings used for the storage of that equipment that all together are valued at \$12,000 or more.

(4) The chief or designated official of each fire company shall keep and maintain training records for each current and former volunteer firefighter who is or was a member of the fire company.

Montana Code Annotated (Effective July 1, 2011)

19-17-108. Credit for service as a volunteer firefighter – records. (1) The annual period of service that may be credited under this chapter is the fiscal year. A fractional part of a year may not count toward the service required for participation in this system. To be eligible to receive credit for any particular year, a volunteer firefighter shall serve throughout the entire fiscal year with a single fire company that is organized under Title 7, chapter 33, and continues to meet the requirements of 19-17-109.

(2) The years of service are cumulative and need not be continuous. Separate periods of service properly credited with different fire companies must be credited toward a member's eligibility for benefits.

(3) A volunteer firefighter may not receive credit for service during any fiscal year unless:

(a) during the fiscal year, the volunteer firefighter completes a minimum of 30 hours of training in firefighting duties as outlined in 19-17-105 under a formal program that has been formulated, supervised, and certified to the board by the chief or designated official of the fire company; and

(b) the volunteer firefighter's participation in the training program is documented in the fire company's records maintained pursuant to 19-17-111 by the chief or designated official.

Montana Code Annotated (Effective July 1, 2011)

19-17-112. Filing required reports – limitations. (1) The chief or designated official of each fire company that claims eligibility under this chapter shall, on or before September 1 of each year, file with the board an annual certificate, the current year's roster, and a membership card for each new member.

(2) (a) The annual certificate is a form reporting a fire company's membership eligibility for the previous fiscal year.

(b) The annual certificate must be completed on a form prescribed by the board and contain the date of organization of the fire company and the full name, social security number, and date of birth of each member of the fire company who was a member for the entire fiscal year and who successfully completed 30 hours of training during the preceding fiscal year, as required by 19-17-108.

(c) The chief or designated official shall subscribe and verify under oath, before a notary, that the fire company and members qualified under 19-17-108 and 19-17-109.

(d) The board shall maintain the certificate for the purpose of establishing service for members and eligibility for benefits.

(3) The roster must be signed by the fire chief or designated official, filed with the board, and contain information in writing that provides the names of the fire company, its date of organization, officers, and roll of active and inactive members for the current fiscal year. A roster may be updated to report new members but may not be retroactive.

(4) A membership card must be completed and filed with the board for each member who was a member on or before July 1, 2011, and for each new member who joins after July 1, 2011.

(5) The current fire chief shall file any late or amended annual certificates and the associated certified training records within 3 years of the original annual certificate due date. An annual certificate may be amended only once. The board shall consider and may approve late filings. Information provided to the board by the fire chief must be in accordance with the board's rules.

(6) The current fire chief may request to appear before the board for consideration of the request to file a late or amended annual certificate.

Montana Code Annotated (Effective before July 1, 2011. Repealed in 2011 Legislature and added to 19-17-112, MCA)

19-17-402. Certificate of eligibility. The chief or designated official of each fire company that claims eligibility under this chapter shall, on or before September 1 of each year, file a certificate on a form to be provided by the board, subscribed and verified under oath before a notary, stating whether the company qualified under [19-17-108](#)(3) during the preceding fiscal year. The certificate must contain the date of organization. The certificate must list the full name, social security number, and date of birth of each member of the fire company who was a member for the entire fiscal year and satisfactorily completed 30 hours of training during the preceding fiscal year, as required by [19-17-108](#)(3). The certificate must be maintained by the board for the purpose of establishing service for members and eligibility for benefits.

MPERA ARM

2.43.5001 BASIC UNIT OF SERVICE (1) As of July 1, 1965, the basic unit of service for volunteer firefighters is one fiscal year. Volunteer firefighters not continuously on the active membership list of a single qualifying volunteer fire company for the entire fiscal year shall not be listed on the annual certificate and shall not receive credit for service under the Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA) for that fiscal year. A volunteer fire company qualifies to participate in the VFCA if the requirements of 19-17-402, MCA, are met.

(2) A volunteer firefighter shall receive one year of credit for service under the VFCA for each two full fiscal years of service performed prior to July 1, 1965. (History: 19-17-203, MCA; IMP, 19-17-201, 19-17-401, 19-17-402, MCA; NEW, 1986 MAR p. 1454, Eff. 8/29/86; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1188, Eff. 6/13/03; AMD & TRANS, from ARM 2.43.801, 2008 MAR p. 2467, Eff. 12/01/08.)

2.43.5002 FAILURE TO FILE REQUIRED REPORTS (1) In order to receive credit for service under the VFCA, volunteer fire companies must file an "annual certificate" with MPERA. The certification is a report by the fire chief that the members listed on the certificate were active for the full fiscal year and also had the required 30 hours of training. This report is on a fiscal year basis (July through June) and is due by September 1 of each year. The annual certificate is signed by the fire chief and notarized. Annual certificate forms are provided by MPERA.

(2) Annual certificates filed after the September 1 due date must be appealed to and considered by the board for approval. Information provided to the board by the fire chief or designated official must include:

- (a) the original, notarized annual certificate;
- (b) certified training documents showing the required 30 hours of training per listed member;
- (c) a letter from the fire chief explaining why the annual certificate was not filed timely; and
- (d) if requested by the fire chief, oral argument before board. (History: 19-17-203, MCA; IMP, 19-17-201, 19-17-402, MCA; NEW, 1986 MAR p. 1454, Eff. 8/29/86; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1188, Eff. 6/13/03; AMD & TRANS, from ARM 2.43.802, 2008 MAR p. 2467, Eff. 12/01/08.)

Belt Rural VFD

Training records for FY2009-2010

Date	Class	Hours	Gene Cantley	Meghan Sederholm	Kenneth Cullen	Jerry Durbin	Matt Hoyer	Doug Hoyer	Danny Hoyer	Mike Hoyer	****Marty Johnson	Travis Johnson	Trevor Johnson	Mark Kasube	Mike Miszler	Rory Perman	Russel Roberts	Wes Schmidt	****Dusty Thompson	Dave Wharton	Colton Wootan	Description
05/10/10	Semi Fires/Hazmat concerns/traffic issues	3				3	3	3	3		3	3	3	3			3	3	3		3	12
05/24/10	OFA w/Horizontal Ventilation defined times of use disadvantages vs advantages	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3	3	3	3		3	3			3	15
06/14/10	OFA in conjunction w/vertical ventilation	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3		3	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3	16 chain saw use/ladders procedures
06/21/10	Urban Interface Highwood Mtns/Table top Exercise	4					4		4	4			4			4			4	4		7
06/28/10	Urban Interface Highwood Mountains onsite training & multi-company training	4					4		4	4			4			4			4	4		7
TOTALS			46	56	66	77	62	39	40	41	83	77	86	70	53	60	36	64	38	52	57	
			Gene Cantley	Meghan Sederholm	Kenneth Cullen	Jerry Durbin	Matt Hoyer	Doug Hoyer	Danny Hoyer	Mike Hoyer	****Marty Johnson	Travis Johnson	Trevor Johnson	Mark Kasube	Mike Miszler	Rory Perman	Russel Roberts	Wes Schmidt	****Dusty Thompson	Dave Wharton	Colton Wootan	
All members have the minimum 30 hours of training. However, Marty Johnson retired and Dusty Thompson moved and were indicated on certificate not to receive credit.																						
Martin Johnson retired effective 7/1/2009; therefore, was receiving a retirement benefit during FY2010.																						

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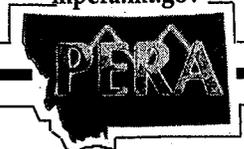


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HELENA, MT 59620-0131

November 10, 2010

Travis Johnson, Fire Chief
Belt Rural VFD
PO Box 531
Belt, MT 59412

Dear Fire Chief Johnson,

This letter is in regard to the receipt of the late filed Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA) Annual Certificates for FY2009-2010 for the members of Belt Rural VFD. The annual certificate is to be received in the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA) office no later than September 1 of each year.

The Public Employees' Retirement Board has decided that late certificates, when filed properly, accompanied by a letter of explanation from the fire chief and **certified** training documentation for the 30 or more hours of training, will be considered for acceptance.

The training information must be based on fiscal years (July 1st thru June 30th) and in an easily readable format. Training documentation must include the following:

- ❖ The date the training was offered;
- ❖ Title of the training;
- ❖ Description of the training;
- ❖ Hours of training;
- ❖ Each member's hours of training for each class.

Training does **not** include business meetings, emergency calls or vehicle or hall maintenance.

If you have questions, please call me at 406-444-3193 or toll free 1-877-275-7372 ext 3193.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Diann Levandowski".

Diann Levandowski
Assistant Fiscal Services Bureau Chief

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BELT RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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Belt, MT 59412
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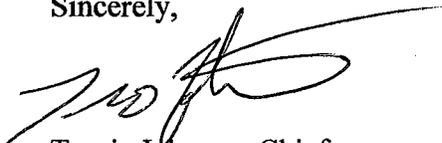
January 18, 2011

Diann Levandowski
Public Employees' Retirement Board
P.O. Box 200131
Helena, MT 59620-0131

Dear Public Employees' Retirement Board,

I am writing this letter of explanation in regards to filing our departments VFCA Annual Certificate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 late. Please find our certified training records enclosed. The reason for our report being late was that one of our members had not given his Social Security Number when he filled out his application to join the department. I had to have a special meeting with this individual to explain to him why we needed his Social Security Number. This member had great concerns on whom we were sending this information to, how records of it were kept in our station, who in our station would have access to the records, and how this would benefit him. This meeting did not take place until after the reporting date of September 1, 2010. Our training officer has the training records on our station computer and updates them weekly. I am sorry it has taken me this long to get a letter written but have had a multitude of personal and business issues that I had to tend too before I could dedicate a few more minutes to the fire district. I am very proud of the dedicated members that I have here in Belt and would hate to be the reason for them to lose their potential benefits for the time which is far greater than 30 hours of training required. If you have any other questions or would like to attend a scheduled training or tour our station please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 406-788-5202.

Sincerely,



Travis Johnson, Chief
Belt Rural Fire District

CC: Belt Rural Fire District Board of Trustees

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Belt Rural Volunteer Fire District 7/1/09-6/3/10

Date	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total	Should be
GENE CANTLEY	6	3	86	3	9	30	0	5	0	11	3	3	54	49
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	6	3	0	9	6	120	3	5	0	8	3	3	58	56
KENNETH CULLEN	0	6	9	9	3	97	6	3	6	11	3	3	68	66
JEREMY DURBIN	6	6	12	9	9	120	0	5	3	8	6	3	79	77
MATT HOYER	6	3	3	9	9	97	0	0	0	8	6	11	64	62
DOUG HOYER	6	6	0	0	6	97	0	0	0	8	6	0	41	39
DANNY HOYER	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	6	11	40	OK
MIKE HOYER	6	0	9	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	11	41	OK
MARTY JOHNSON	6	9	142	9	9	120	3	8	6	8	6	0	90	86
TRAVIS JOHNSON	6	6	86	9	9	97	6	11	3	8	6	3	84	80
TREVOR JOHNSON	6	6	142	9	6	90	3	11	6	3	6	11	90	89
MARK KASUBE	6	6	9	9	6	63	0	11	0	11	6	3	73	70
MIKE MISZLER	9	6	14	6	9	30	0	0	0	11	3	3	61	56
RORY PERMAN	6	3	6	0	0	3	6	11	3	11	0	11	60	OK
RUSSEL ROBERTS	0	3	0	0	0	34	6	6	0	8	6	3	35	36
WES SCHMIDT	6	6	142	9	9	63	0	5	0	8	6	3	72	67
DUSTY THOMPSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	6	4	3	8	38	OK
DAVE WHARTON	6	6	6	9	6	30	0	0	0	8	0	11	55	52
COLTON WOOTAN	6	6	86	3	3	67	3	3	3	8	6	3	50	57

Belt Rural Volunteer Fire District

7/1/09-6/3/10

Date	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
GENE CANTLEY	6	3	8	3	9	3	0	5	0	11	3	3	54
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	6	3	0	9	6	12	3	5	0	8	3	3	58
KENNETH CULLEN	0	6	9	9	3	9	6	3	6	11	3	3	68
JEREMY DURBIN	6	6	12	9	9	12	0	5	3	8	6	3	79
MATT HOYER	6	3	3	9	9	9	0	0	0	8	6	11	64
DOUG HOYER	6	6	0	0	6	9	0	0	0	8	6	0	41
DANNY HOYER	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	6	11	40
MIKE HOYER	6	0	9	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	11	41
MARTY JOHNSON	6	9	14	9	9	12	3	8	6	8	6	0	90
TRAVIS JOHNSON	6	6	8	9	9	9	6	11	3	8	6	3	84
TREVOR JOHNSON	6	6	14	9	6	9	3	11	6	3	6	11	90
MARK KASUBE	6	6	9	9	6	6	0	11	0	11	6	3	73
MIKE MISZLER	9	6	11	6	9	3	0	0	0	11	3	3	61
RORY PERMAN	6	3	6	0	0	3	6	11	3	11	0	11	60
RUSSEL ROBERTS	0	3	0	0	0	3	6	6	0	8	6	3	35
WES SCHMIDT	6	6	14	9	9	6	0	5	0	8	6	3	72
DUSTY THOMPSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	6	4	3	8	38
DAVE WHARTON	6	6	6	9	6	3	0	0	0	8	0	11	55
COLTON WOOTAN	6	6	0	3	3	6	3	3	3	8	6	3	50

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date	7/14/2009	Trained on	7/21/2009	Trained on	7/28/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH							0
GENE CANTLEY	3	Officers Meeting			3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
KENNETH CULLEN							0
JEREMY DURBIN			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
JEREMY BLOCK							0
MATT HOYER			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
DOUG HOYER			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
DANNY HOYER							0
MIKE HOYER			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Officers Meeting	3	Driver Training			6
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	Officers Meeting			3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	Officers Meeting			3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
CHAD KNUCKLES							0
MARK KASUBE			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
MIKE MISZLER	3	Officers Meeting	3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	9
RORY PERMAN			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
RUSSEL ROBERTS							0
JOHN PARDUN							0
WES SCHMIDT	3	Officers Meeting			3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
JAY SWISHER							0
DAVE WHARTON			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6
COLTON WOOTAN			3	Driver Training	3	SCBA/ Mutual Aide	6

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Date	8/11/2009	Trained on	8/18/2009	Trained on	8/25/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH							0
GENE CANTLEY					3	Reading Smoke	3
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	3	Long Hose Lays					3
KENNETH CULLEN	3	Long Hose Lays	3	LPG Fires			6
JEREMY DURBIN			3	LPG Fires	3	Reading Smoke	6
JEREMY BLOCK							0
MATT HOYER	3	Long Hose Lays					3
DOUG HOYER	3	Long Hose Lays	3	LPG Fires			6
DANNY HOYER	3	Long Hose Lays					3
MIKE HOYER							0
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Long Hose Lays	3	LPG Fires	3	Reading Smoke	9
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	Long Hose Lays	3	LPG Fires			6
TREVOR JOHNSON			3	LPG Fires	3	Reading Smoke	6
CHAD KNUCKLES							0
MARK KASUBE	3	Long Hose Lays	3	LPG Fires			6
MIKE MISZLER	3	Long Hose Lays			3	Reading Smoke	6
RORY PERMAN					3	Reading Smoke	3
RUSSEL ROBERTS	3	Long Hose Lays					3
JOHN PARDUN							0
WES SCHMIDT	3	Long Hose Lays			3	Reading Smoke	6
JAY SWISHER							0
DAVE WHARTON			3	LPG Fires	3	Reading Smoke	6
COLTON WOOTAN	3	Long Hose Lays			3	Reading Smoke	6

Date	9/8/2009	Trained on	9/15/2009	Trained on	9/22/2009	Trained on	9/29/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH									0
GENE CANTLEY			3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness			8
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM									0
KENNETH CULLEN			3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	9
JEREMY DURBIN	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	12
JEREMY BLOCK									0
MATT HOYER	3	Extrication							3
DOUG HOYER									0
DANNY HOYER			3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	9
MIKE HOYER			3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	9
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	14
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	Extrication			3	HazMat Awareness			8
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	14
CHAD KNUCKLES									0
MARK KASUBE			3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	9
MIKE MISZLER	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness			11
RORY PERMAN	3	Extrication					3	Grain Elevators	6
RUSSEL ROBERTS									0
JOHN PARDUN									0
WES SCHMIDT	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness	3	HazMat Awareness	3	Grain Elevators	14
JAY SWISHER									0
DAVE WHARTON	3	Extrication					3	Grain Elevators	6
COLTON WOOTAN	3	Extrication	3	HazMat Awareness					0

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Date	10/13/2009	Trained on	10/20/2009	Trained on	10/27/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH							0
GENE CANTLEY	3	DFA, Exposures					3
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
KENNETH CULLEN	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
JEREMY DURBIN	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
JEREMY BLOCK							0
MATT HOYER	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
DOUG HOYER							0
DANNY HOYER							0
MIKE HOYER							0
MARTY JOHNSON	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
CHAD KNUCKLES							0
MARK KASUBE	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
MIKE MISZLER	3	DFA, Exposures			3	IC, Interface	6
RORY PERMAN							0
RUSSEL ROBERTS							0
JOHN PARDUN							0
WES SCHMIDT	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
JAY SWISHER							0
DAVE WHARTON	3	DFA, Exposures	3	Ventilation	3	IC, Interface	9
COLTON WOOTAN	3	DFA, Exposures					3

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Date	11/10/2009	Trained on	11/17/2009	Trained on	11/24/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH							0
GENE CANTLEY	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS			6
KENNETH CULLEN	3	NIMS ICS					3
JEREMY DURBIN	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
JEREMY BLOCK							0
MATT HOYER	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
DOUG HOYER	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS			6
DANNY HOYER							0
MIKE HOYER							0
MARTY JOHNSON	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	NIMS ICS			3	Building Const	6
CHAD KNUCKLES							0
MARK KASUBE	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS			6
MIKE MISZLER	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
RORY PERMAN							0
RUSSEL ROBERTS							0
JOHN PARDUN							0
WES SCHMIDT	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS	3	Building Const	9
JAY SWISHER							0
DAVE WHARTON	3	NIMS ICS	3	NIMS ICS			6
COLTON WOOTAN	3	NIMS ICS					3

Date	12/15/2009	Trained on	12/22/2009	Trained on	12/29/2009	Trained on	Total Hrs
TYREL ANTONICH							0
GENE CANTLEY							3
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	12
KENNETH CULLEN	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201			9
JEREMY DURBIN	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	12
JEREMY BLOCK							0
MATT HOYER	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201			9
DOUG HOYER	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201			9
DANNY HOYER							0
MIKE HOYER					3	OFA	3
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	12
TRAVIS JOHNSON			4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	9
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	Driver Op E201	4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	9
CHAD KNUCKLES							0
MARK KASUBE					3	OFA	6
MIKE MISZLER							3
RORY PERMAN					3	OFA	3
RUSSEL ROBERTS			4	Driver Op E201			3
JOHN PARDUN							0
WES SCHMIDT	3	Driver Op E201					6
JAY SWISHER							0
DAVE WHARTON							3
COLTON WOOTAN			4	Driver Op E201	3	OFA	6

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Date	1/12/2009	Trained on	1/26/2010	Trained on	Hours for Month
GENE CANTLEY					0
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM			3	OFA/Search	3
KENNETH CULLEN	3	ICS, OFA	3	OFA/Search	6
JEREMY DURBIN					0
MATT HOYER					0
DOUG HOYER					0
DANNY HOYER					0
MIKE HOYER			3	OFA/Search	3
MARTY JOHNSON			3	OFA/Search	3
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	ICS, OFA	3	OFA/Search	6
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	ICS, OFA			3
MARK KASUBE					0
MIKE MISZLER					0
RORY PERMAN	3	ICS, OFA	3	OFA/Search	6
RUSSEL ROBERTS	3	ICS, OFA	3	OFA/Search	6
WES SCHMIDT					0
DUSTY THOMPSON	3	ICS, OFA	3	OFA/Search	6
DAVE WHARTON					0
COLTON WOOTAN			3	OFA/Search	3
					0

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Date	3/9/2010	Trained on	3/16/2010	Trained on	Hours for Month
GENE CANTLEY					0
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM					0
KENNETH CULLEN	3	Urban Interface	3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	6
JEREMY DURBIN			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
MATT HOYER					0
DOUG HOYER					0
DANNY HOYER			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
MIKE HOYER			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Urban Interface	3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	6
TRAVIS JOHNSON			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	Urban Interface	3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	6
MARK KASUBE					0
MIKE MISZLER					0
RORY PERMAN			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
RUSSEL ROBERTS					0
WES SCHMIDT					0
DUSTY THOMPSON	3	Urban Interface	3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	6
DAVE WHARTON					0
COLTON WOOTAN			3	Urban Int/Porta tanks	3
					0

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Date	5/10/2010	Trained on	5/24/2010	Trained on	Hours for Month
GENE CANTLEY			3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	3
MEGHAN SEDERHOLM			3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	3
KENNETH CULLEN			3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	3
JEREMY DURBIN	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
MATT HOYER	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
DOUG HOYER	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
DANNY HOYER	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
MIKE HOYER					0
MARTY JOHNSON	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
TRAVIS JOHNSON	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
TREVOR JOHNSON	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
MARK KASSUBE	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
MIKE MISZLER			3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	3
RORY PERMAN					0
RUSSEL ROBERTS	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
WES SCHMIDT	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
DUSTY THOMPSON	3	Semi Fires			3
DAVE WHARTON					0
COLTON WOOTAN	3	Semi Fires	3	OFA with Horizontal Ventilation	6
					0

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date: 7/14/09

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:
Officers Meeting
-SOG Review
-IC NIMS

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 7/21/09

TRAINER: Matt Hoyer

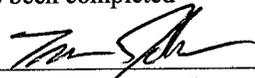
Hours: 3

Description:

Driver Operator Training Driving Course
NFPA 1002

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 7/28/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

SCBA

-Timed Drill

-Times for use

-Proper Use

Mutual Aide

-Calling for additional resources

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 8/11/09

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

Long LDH hose lays

-friction loss

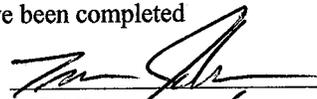
-relay pumping

-proper placement

-difference between 3" and 5" hose

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 1/30/10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 8/18/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

- LPG Fires
- classification
- cooling cool tanks vs. letting hot tanks vent
- how to extinguish

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11/30/10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 8/25/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

The Art of Reading Smoke PPT

-Dave Dodson

-Table top exercises

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 9/8/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

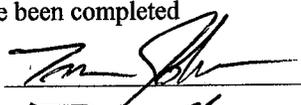
Hours: 3

Description:

- MVA
- Vehicle Stabilization and Extrication
- Hybrids
- SOG
- SKED use and set up

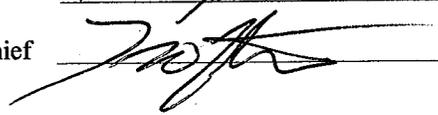
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Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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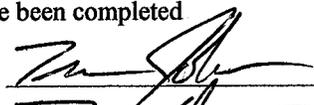
Hours: 3

Description:

HazMat Awareness

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 1/30-10

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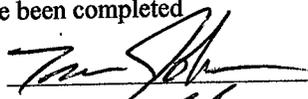
Hours: 3

Description:

HazMat Awareness

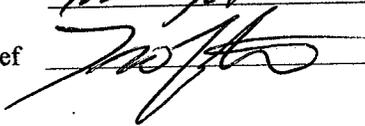
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Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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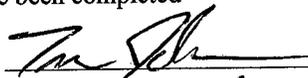
Hours: 3

Description:

Pre Plan local grain elevators
Fire attack
LDH operations
Collapse and Explosion Concerns

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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Date: 10/13/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

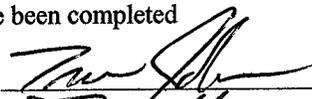
Description:

Defensive Fire Attack
-Defined
-Correct hose lines

Exposure Protection
-Defining an exposure
-How to protect them

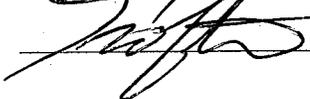
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

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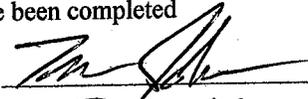
Ventilation

-Types

-Demonstration in station

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



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Chief or Assistant Chief



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Date: 10/27/09

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

Incident command in the urban interface
-Multi agency response
-Tactics and Strategies

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 1/30-10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 11/10/09

TRAINER: FSTS

Hours: 3

Description:

NIMS

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11/30/10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 11/17/09

TRAINER: FSTS

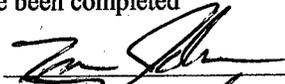
Hours: 3

Description:

NIMS

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Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 11/24/09

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

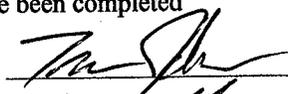
Hours: 3

Description:

Building Construction
-Type IV and V

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/20/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date: 12/15/09

TRAINER: Heiman Fire

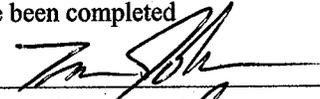
Hours: 3

Description:

- New Engine 201 Driver Training
- Training by Bill Wagner on new engine
 - Pump and Roll
 - Pumping
 - Driving
 - Trouble Shooting

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 12/22/09

TRAINER: Heiman Fire

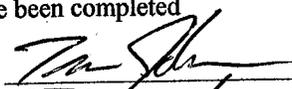
Hours: 4

Description:

New Engine 201 Driver Training
-Training by Bill Wagner on new engine
-Pump and Roll
-Pumping
-Driving
-Trouble Shooting

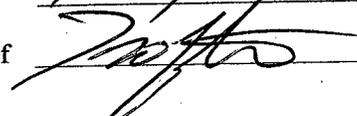
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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Date: 12/29/09

TRAINER: Mark Kassube

Hours: 3

Description:

Offensive Fire Attack Structural
-Advancing hose lines interior
-Fire Attack

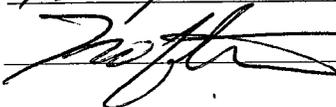
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 1/12/10

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

Incident Commands System
-Structural

OFA
-Tactics

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 1/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 1/30-10

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Date: 1/26/10

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

OFA w/Primary Search
-Search patterns interior
-Rescue methods

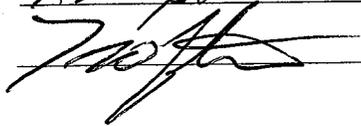
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 2/9/10

TRAINER: Mark Kassube (City Fire)

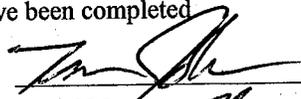
Hours: 3

Description:

Live Fire Training
IC
Offensive Fire Attack
Defensive Fire Attack
RIT
Masterstreams

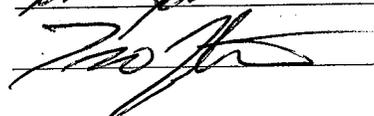
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date: 2/16/10

TRAINER: Mark Kassube (City Fire)

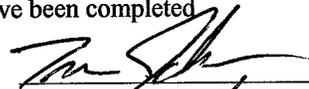
Hours: 5

Description:

Live Fire Training
IC
Offensive Fire Attack
Defensive Fire Attack
RIT
Masterstreams

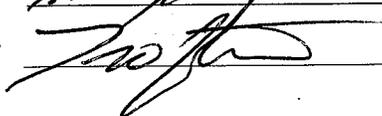
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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Date: 2/23/10

TRAINER: Travis Johnson

Hours: 3

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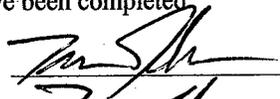
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Proper Radio Communications

Multi Alarm Responses

Training hours above have been completed.

Training Captain



Date 1/13/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



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TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

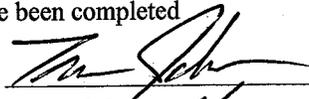
Hours: 3

Description:

Urban Interface

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

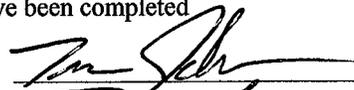
Hours: 3

Description:

Urban Interface
Porta Tank Use

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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Date: 4/13/10

TRAINER: Gene Cantley

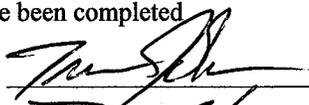
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Description:

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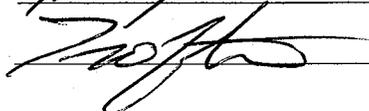
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

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TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 4/20/10

TRAINER: Gene Cantley

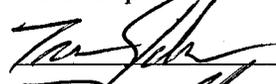
Hours: 4

Description:

EMS

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date: 4/27/10

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

Ranches at Belt Creek Urban Interface
Offensive Fire Attack
Structure Protection
Driver operator
 Drafting
 Positioning

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 1-30-10

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RETIREMENT BOARD

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

Date: 5/10/10

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

Semi Fires

-Hazmat Concerns

-Traffic issues

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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Date: 5/24/10

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

OFA in conjunction with Horizontal Ventilation

-Defined

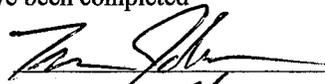
-Times for use

-Advantages vs. Disadvantages

-Benefits to possible entrapped occupants

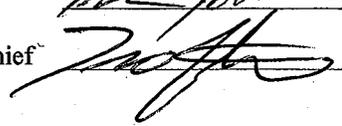
Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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RETIREMENT BOARD

Date: 6/14/10

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 3

Description:

OFA in conjunction with Vertical Ventilation

-Defined

-Times for use

-Advantages vs. Disadvantages

-Benefits to possible entrapped occupants

-Ladders Procedures

-Chainsaw use

Training hours above have been completed

Training Captain



Date 11/30/10

Chief or Assistant Chief



Date 11-30-10

TRAINING DISCRIPTION

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Date: 6/21/10

TRAINER: Trevor Johnson

Hours: 4

Description:

Urban Interface Highwood Mountains
-Table Top Exercise

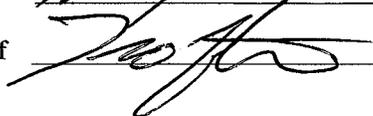
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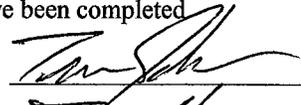
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Description:

- Urban Interface Highwood Mountains
- On site training
- Multi company training

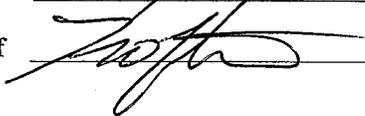
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June 14, 2011

Travis Johnson, Fire Chief
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Sincerely,

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February 4, 2013

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Beginning July 1, 2011, only late Annual Certificates that are filed within 3 years of the original Annual Certificate due date will be considered. The due dates of annual certificates are September 1 of each year for the previous fiscal year (ie FY2007-2008 was due September 1, 2008). An annual certificate may be amended only once.

The **certified** training information must be based on fiscal years (July 1st thru June 30th) and in an easily readable format. Training documentation must include the following:

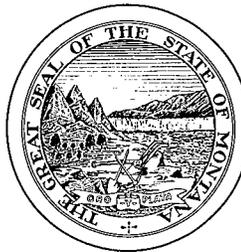
- ❖ The date the training was offered;
- ❖ Title of the training;
- ❖ Description of the training;
- ❖ Hours of training;
- ❖ Each member's hours of training for each class.

Training does **not** include business meetings, emergency calls or vehicle or hall maintenance.

The late Annual Certificate and all documents must be received within 90 days of the letter date in order for your request to be considered.

Note: The three year filing period is ending in June 2013 for FY2010.

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If you have any members who have not filled out a membership card, you may find the membership cards form out on MPERA's website at <http://mpera.mt.gov/forms/BeneficiaryVFCA.pdf>. We use the information on the card to send an annual statement to the members, which details the credited years of service the member has on account with MPERA. These annual statements are sent out by the end of October.

If you have questions, please call me at 406-444-9173 or toll free 1-877-275-7372 ext 9173.

Sincerely,

Ali Sturm
Accountant

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August 28, 2013

Ashley Fregoso, DC Accountant

MT Public Employees Retirement Administration

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Helena, MT 59620-0131

Dear Ashley,

This letter is in regards to training documentation that you had previously rejected due to clarity issues on our training description for the fiscal year 2009-2010. I do apologize that this hasn't been resolved sooner. After a successful audit from your office earlier this year which did require the same information you had requested for a different year I feel confident that my explanations for some of the descriptions you had in question can easily be clarified.

Clarification to the descriptions in question are as follows, by training date:

7-14-2009 Officers Meeting, This meeting is a training for Chief(s) and Captains of the department to ensure that they are kept up to date with the rules and regulations of the department but as well as the National Incident Command System. This training is partially internet testing for NIMS as well as a more localized classroom training of how we implement this system in our operations as well as with our cooperators. The SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) Review portion of this training is to inform our Captains of their duties while on a scene and how the department will operate. This is essential training but is in a class room setting.

11-10 & 11-17-2009 NIMS Class, This training must also be provided to the general population of members as well. They also must take tests via the internet as well as walk-throughs of how the system works in our environment. This includes class room discussion as well as implementing it on scenarios of how it will work in the field, which we do practice out of the class on off air channels. This training is a very repetitive process because it is used at every scene and while working with any other cooperators

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or agencies (ex: Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol, Road Department, Disaster and Emergency Services, along with any other agency at a scene)

11-24-2009 Building Construction Type 4 & 5 Class This class is essential for structural firefighting. The class is again both classroom models of how these structures are built and potential dangers, as well as hands on training within structures in our protection area to visualize what could go wrong with these structures and pre-plan and identify problems with this type of construction.

2-9 & 2-16-2010 Live Fire Training, IC, OFA & DFA Classes These classes were not actual emergent calls. These are fires that we ignited to practice the whole scenario as if it were an emergency to find our weaknesses as well as strengths in a controlled atmosphere.

3-16-10 Urban Interface Class This class was modeled in the classroom from fuels maps to identify problem areas as well as how to deal with these emergencies as they arise. We have computer simulators to train with. The simulator gives you a wild land fire that crews must utilize their resources as well as know at what times more and/ or different types of resources will be needed. The class is also done on a dry erase board with past scenarios that we have encountered as well as what should have been done if a scene were to change.

4-13 & 4-10-10 EMS Class This was a class that was offered by the ambulance service that some members could use for continuing education for their licenses or for those without licenses it was general medical knowledge that could be used as we run on all medical calls and vehicle accidents within our district as well as mutual aide to other areas. Members are only allowed to use up to 15 hours of medical training per year towards their 30 hours or they would have no need fire training on years that they were perhaps enrolled in a 140 hour EMT-B course.

In closing, I hope this helps to clarify our classes. Our department is an extremely aggressive department that provides professional level training as well professional level protection and care. We rarely have a member that is borderline on his or her training hours, many of our member go above and beyond to take advantage of trainings outside the department that are often not recorded in our department training logs. I hope to hear back from you that our members that deserve credit for their hours of training for the FY 2009-2010 will be receiving it. If you have any further questions please feel free to call me or send a letter of our progress so I am able to report back to our Board of Trustees with our progress.

Thank You,



Travis Johnson, Chief

Belt Rural Fire District

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VFCA Annual Certificate - FY 2009-2010

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To be filed on or before SEPTEMBER 1st, in the office of the PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD - PO BOX 200131 - HELENA MT 59620-0131 in accordance with the Volunteer Firefighters Compensation Act (VFCA).

NOV 10 2010

I, Travis Johnson, as Chief of the BELT RURAL VFD, a rural Fire Company organized in an unincorporated area, town or village in the State of Montana on MAR 10, 1981 (date organized), hereby certify as follows:

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A. That the above Fire Company qualified under the provisions of section 19-17-402, MCA, throughout the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

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B. That the following members of the above Fire Company satisfactorily completed 30 hours of instructional training during the fiscal year, under provisions of section 19-17-402, MCA and served with the Fire Company throughout the entire fiscal year (sections 19-17-108 and 19-17-402, MCA).

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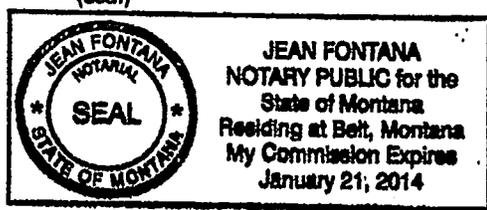
Name	SSN	Birthdate	VFCA Entry Date	Total VFCA Service	FY 2010 Credit? (YES/NO)
CANTLEY, GENE					Yes
CULLEN, KENNETH					Yes
DURBIN, JEREMY					Yes
HOYER, DANIEL					Yes
HOYER, DOUG					Yes
HOYER, MATT					Yes
JOHNSON, TRAVIS					Yes
JOHNSON, TREVOR					Yes
KUSSUBE, MARK					Yes
MISZLER, MIKE					Yes
ROBERTS, RUSSELL					Yes
SCHMIDT, WESLEY					Yes
SEDERHOLM, MEGHAN					Yes
WHARTON, DAVE					Yes
WOOTEN, COLTON					Yes
<u>Hoyer, Mike</u>					Yes
<u>Reidman, Racy</u>					Yes
<u>Johnson, Martin</u>					No - Retired
<u>Thompson, Dustin</u>					No - moved

As Fire Chief, I have read the foregoing Certificate. The facts and matters stated on the Certificate are true to the best of my knowledge.

Fire Chief of the BELT RURAL VFD Travis Johnson

Subscribed to and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 24 day of September, 2010, by Travis Johnson

Printed name of notary Jean Fontana
 Notary Public for the State of Montana
 Residing in Belt, MT
 My Commission expires 1/21/2014



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Fire Service Common Terminology

Apparatus	Firefighting Vehicle
CAN	Conditions Actions Needs
CAPT.	Captain
DFA	Defensive Fire Attack
FF	Firefighter
GPM	Gallons Per Minute
IC	Incident command
LDH	Large Diameter Hose
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
NIMS	National Incident Management
OFA	Offensive Fire Attack
Ops.	Operations
PAR	Personnel Accountability Report
PPE	Personnel Protective Equipment
Preconnect	Hose connected to the Apparatus for quick deployment
PS	Primary Search
PS2	Primary Search Second Story
PSI	Pounds Per Square Inch
RECEOVS	Rescue, Exposure, Confinement, Extinguish, Overhaul, Ventilation, Salvage
SCBA	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus