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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by Jim Keating

**G**reetings! To the membership from the Association's new President. First, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement as I assume the Association's leadership role from Past President Andy Rocca. Chief Rocca has served the Association actively and honorably this past year. The strength and respect for the Association continues to grow and that has only been possible through caring and hard work of leaders like Chief Rocca. I pledge to carry on the tradition of strong Association support and leadership during my term as President.

Your Association directors and officers have just completed a very busy month of activities. The highlight of those activities was the MVD Conference held in Sioux City, Iowa, July 14 through 16, 2004. For those of you that were unable to make the trip to Sioux City, you missed a great conference. Chief Hamilton and his staff were great hosts. The educational track of the conference was informative and well proved beneficial to those who were in attendance. The theme night and banquet events were excellent and enjoyed by our members and their guests. Again, on behalf of the Missouri Valley Association of Fire Chiefs, thank you. Sioux City Fire Department and Chief Hamilton. Chief Hamilton, we wish you well on your upcoming retirement. The Missouri Valley sincerely thanks you for your outstanding and continuous support of the Association.

F.R.I. 2004 just closed out in New Orleans, Louisiana. Missouri Valley was represented well in New Orleans as indicated by the great crowd in attendance at our Association luncheon held Saturday, August 14, 2004, at the convention center. All of the incoming lead-

ership of the I.A.F.C. were in attendance and spoke at the luncheon.

F.R.I. 2004 attracted over 16,000 attendees this year and, as usual, a filled-to-capacity vendor expo area commanded attendance. Attendance was up considerably in most of the seminars held during the conference. In fact, many of the seminars actually turned away participants because of no standing room. The I.A.F.C. has indicated they will take a serious look at changes for educational seminars for next year, changes that will allow more folks an opportunity to attend.

In addition to the seminar attendance, the presidential banquet may have had the largest attendance ever with its over-capacity crowd. It is good to see, even in less than great economic times, membership and the fire service so strongly support this conference. The newly seated President of the I.A.F.C. Chief Robert Di Poli, has a strong platform for the coming year and has pledged his full commitment to the platform which consists of strong fire service political representation, increasing membership and promotion of health and safety incentives. We have pledged Missouri Valley's support to Chief Di Poli as his endeavors mirror the efforts of this division, both past and ongoing.

The Missouri Valley Division is a strong and respected division throughout the entire I.A.F.C. organization. This status was only gained through the dedicated leadership and work by the officers and support from the membership of this organization. As an Association member, I strongly encourage you to become active in Missouri Valley endeavors, find out more about the I.A.F.C. and the Missouri Valley Division. This

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### Calendar of Events

North Dakota Chiefs' Meeting  
September 23, 2004  
Ramada Inn • Bismark, ND

Nebraska Chief Association  
October 7, 2004  
9 am to 4 pm • North Platte, NE

Strategic Planning Meeting – I.A.F.C.  
October 15-16 2004  
Hyatt Regency Hotel • Denver, CO

Missouri Valley Division  
Leadership Partnership Conference  
October 28-29, 2004  
Des Moines, IA

Volunteer & Combination  
Fire Service  
Symposium in the Sun  
November 11-14, 2004  
Orlando, FL.

MVD Board of Directors' Meeting  
February, 2005

Missouri Chiefs' Conference  
February 25-26, 2005  
Big Cedar Lodge

I.A.F.C. – Fire-Rescue Med  
April 20-22, 2005  
Las Vegas, NV

Pub Ed Seminar  
April 28-30, 2005  
Wichita, KS

MVD Annual Conference  
July 6-8, 2005  
Columbia, Missouri

I.A.F.C. - F.R.I.  
August 11 - 14, 2005

# MVD Board of Directors' Meeting Sioux City, Iowa

The Board of Directors (BOD) of Missouri Valley Division met prior to the Sioux City Conference and conducted the following business:

- President Rocca said that Rich Carrizzo was elected 2nd VP of MVD for 2004 and that John Van Gorkon of Lee Summit would be the new Missouri State VP.

- Stipend has been used by South Dakota, Colorado and the Pub. Ed Section this past year. BOD voted to continue the Stipend program for another year.

- Board heard presentations from Columbia for the 2005 Conference and Omaha for the 2006 Conference and

both were accepted by the BOD.

- President Rocca urged members to attend the Leadership Partnership seminar in Des Moines.

- BOD to hold meeting in February 2005 to update MVD Strategic Plan. New member orientation was held and seven attendees learned about the operation of the MVD.

- Pub Ed. Seminar was a great success with over 95 attending the June seminar.

- Board voted to restart the EMS Section of the MVD with South Dakota VP Gary Shepherd and BC Mike Thompson of Rapid City Fire coordinating this process. □

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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Association has a very bright future, but we must have your interest, participation and full support to reach our goals.

For the next two years, the Missouri Valley Division is assured of having outstanding annual conferences. In 2005, our Conference will be held in Columbia, Missouri, July 6 through 8, and in 2006, Omaha, Nebraska, will be the site on July 19 through 21. In 2005, F.R.I. will be in Denver, Colorado, August 11 through 14, and in 2006, F.R.I. will be held in Dallas, Texas, later than normal, on September 14 through 17. Both of our future Conference hosts are already working hard to assure the quality of their events will be the best possible, yet affordable, to encourage strong attendance.

Our Division's Public Education Section continues its tradition of successful annual seminars and conferences. This year's event was held in Overland Park, Kansas, and had over 100 persons in attendance. The Section is currently working on its 2005 Conference which is currently scheduled to be held in Wichita, Kansas. The Section working on its organization structure is also working on a plan to increase its membership. As a Board, we have pledged our full support to this Section as it is a very vital asset to our Division as well as the I.A.F.C.

At our Conference in Sioux City, interest surfaced in bringing our E.M.S. Section back on line. Again, as a Board, we have pledged support to the individuals interested in bringing new life to the E.M.S. Section which we feel is important to our Division's future.

Your Association's Board and Presidents of the Division's State Fire Chiefs Associations will meet in February, 2005 in Kansas City to review and update the Division's Strategic Plan. The current plan can be found on the MVD web site. This effort will only be successful if our Board has input from you, our membership, as to what is important. What is important? What is your suggested priority? We want this document to be our road map for now and in the future. It's certainly my desire, and I am sure the entire Board's will, this not just be a document that we look at once a year but something realistic we can actually set priorities that, in reality, can and will be accomplished in the very short time frame allowed each year.

Again, thank you for your support. Our Board and I stand ready as your representatives and communication link to and from the I.A.F.C. Never hesitate to tell us how we can better serve you, our membership. □

## Fire Rescue G.P.O.

FireRescue GPO e-Newsletter Link: [www.firegponewsletter.com/](http://www.firegponewsletter.com/)

FireRescue GPO home site address  
[www.firerescue-gpo.com](http://www.firerescue-gpo.com)

About the Fire Rescue GPO  
[www.firegponewsletter.com/press/gpo.html](http://www.firegponewsletter.com/press/gpo.html)

New Advisory Council Appointed  
[www.firegponewsletter.com/archives/july04/council.html](http://www.firegponewsletter.com/archives/july04/council.html)

## The Amazing Safety Race Conference

by Michelle Brenner

There were 91 people that registered for the conference. That does not include speakers and conference committee members. Thursday was an emphasis on Youth Firesetting. Friday's emphasis was Chief Brunacini. Saturday's emphasis was working with special age groups. Conference attendees had great evaluations on the speakers and workshops all three days.

The 2005 conference will be in Wichita, April 28, 29, 30. There will be a pre-conference April 25 and 27, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist. The Planning Committee is talking with a group from Missouri who is interested in hosting the 2006 conference. □

## MVD Web Site

The Missouri Valley  
Division web site is  
[www.mvdiafc.org](http://www.mvdiafc.org)

# LABOR-MANAGEMENT TRAINING

## Sign Up Now

The I.A.F.C. and Missouri Valley Division is hosting a leadership partnership training program in Des Moines, Iowa October 28 & 29, 2004.

The Fire Service Leadership Partnership is a program designed to foster and enhance good labor-management relationships. The program was developed as a cooperative initiative between the International Association of Fire Chiefs (I.A.F.C.) and the International Association of Firefighters (I.A.F.F.) and is intended for fire departments with an organized workforce.

The program goals are:

- To start productive communication
- To understand the cooperative process
- To understand the benefits of a cooperative process
- To provide tools to enhance partnerships

The program is delivered in two separate two-day workshops. One fire chief and one Union President facilitate the workshops and take the participating fire chiefs and union presidents through the process of gaining trust and learning to work together as a team rather than behaving as adversaries. Through this program, fire chiefs and union presidents who graduate and develop partnerships will be unable to not only enhance

their labor-management environment, but also improve their departments and concentrate on critical issues facing departments and communities.

### Who Should Attend?

The Fire Service Leadership Partnership is delivered in cooperation with fire chiefs associations and fire fighter associations.

For a fire department to participate the fire chief and union president must attend both parts. The second two-day session will be held in about six months.

The program is limited to 25 departments or a total of 50 participants. Registration is \$300.00 per person for each two-day session.

The first program will be held October 28 & 29 at the Renaissance Savoy Hotel in Des Moines at 401 Locust Street. Phone 800-798-2151. Room rates are \$89 per night.

If your Department is interested, fax or mail the registration form to the MVD as soon as possible but not later than **September 3, 2004** and more information will be sent to you.

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## **LEADERSHIP PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 3, 2004**

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 Lincoln, NE 68501

# SIoux CITY CONFERENCE



The Sioux City Conference was a great conference that started with a memorable opening memorial ceremony featuring an outstanding audio-visual program that made each attendee think about their state and the fire service nationally and of the service and sacrifices fire service members have made.

Sioux City Conference organization and hospitality was outstanding and the men and women of the Sioux City Fire Department were great hosts.

The Conference kicked off with a new member orientation attended by seven first-time attendees. President Rocca presented a new power point presentation detailing the operation and benefits of the Missouri Valley Division. Speakers like I.A.F.C. President Ernie Mitchell who updated the membership on current I.A.F.C. programs; Andrew Forrester who told the members how they could make purchases through the new GPO program and save their departments money; Dr. Carl Swander discussed how to improve the hiring process; Randy Novak talked about the importance of grant writing; and Dick Hainje, former Chief Officer from Sioux Falls, SD and now Director of Homeland Security for Region V11 discussed the "Impact of Disasters on Your Fire Department;" each speaker gave information for each attendee to take home and apply in their own department.

Theme night gave each attendee insight into the Lewis & Clark expedition and the banquet saw the swearing in of new MVD President Jim Keating and other new MVD Officers.

Thanks Chief Hamilton and Sioux City Fire Department staff for hosting a GREAT Conference and allowing us to "Rediscover the Fire Service Along the Lewis & Clark Trail." □



# Proposed “Minimum Training Standard”

Submitted by Andrew J. Rocca, Iowa City, IA



The Iowa State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council recently developed for administrative rules the firefighter “minimum training standard.” The Iowa Department of Public Safety has filed a “Notice of Intended Action” proposing the adoption of these minimum training standards. Two public hearings were held in August allowing all interested parties the opportunity for written and verbal comments.

These proposed rules provide for the establishment of a minimum training standard for fire fighters in Iowa. The proposed standard would apply to fire fighters involved in structural fire fighting opera-

tions. Training requirements for fire fighters other than those engaged in structural fire fighting are also provided, as requirements for continuing training for fire fighters. All fire department members shall participate in at least 24 hours of continuing training annually.

As proposed, on or after July 1, 2006, any member of a fire department shall have completed the training requirements identified in the job performance requirements for the Fire Fighter 1 classification in NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2002 Edition, Chapter 5, prior to the member’s engaging in structural fire fighting. Each fire department shall identify its members who are or will be engaged in structural fire fighting and shall ensure that any member engaged in structural fire fighting on or after July 1, 2006 has completed the training requirements specified in this rule prior to the member’s engaging in structural fire fight-

ing.

Note: A fire fighter certification is not required to be certified to meet this requirement.

Exception: A fire fighter who received training which complied with the job performance requirements for the Fire Fighter 1 classification contained in an earlier edition NFPA 1001 shall be deemed to have met this requirement, provided that records documenting the training are maintained in accordance with rule 661-54.104(100B).

The Council has been considering the development of minimum training standards for Iowa fire fighters since its inception in 2000. These proposed rules result from that deliberation, and were approved by the Council at its meeting on February 5, 2004. For additional information regarding these proposed rules contact the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau toll free at 888-469-2374. □

# The ICC Code Development Process at Work

by Larry Bazaar, ICC Code Manager

On June 15-16, 2004 the International Code Council sponsored one of four Regional Code Action Committees, which was held in the ICC Chicago District Office. Other Regional Code Action Committee meetings were held in Reno, NV; Birmingham, AL; and Fishkill, NY. The express purpose of the Regional CAC was to develop and submit proposed code changes for any of the International Codes for this code change cycle. Most of the emphasis was placed on public and fire fighter safety of the International Fire Code and International Building Code.

The North Central Code Action Committee was made up of leaders from the International Association of Fire Chiefs (I.A.F.C.) Great Lakes and Missouri Valley Divisions, National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), and ICC regional fire service professionals. They included Deputy State Fire Marshal Supervisor, Robert Imholte (MN); Chief Mike Krafy, SFM Office (OH); Ed Ruckriehl, Director of Fire Prevention, Madison, WI; Jerry Cloin,

Fire Marshal, Rock Community Fire Protection District (MO); Brian Sauer, Fire Marshal (IN); Roger Jensen, Fire Marshal, IA; Dan Strohl, Fire Marshal (OH); Chief Jeff Hudson, Shawnee Fire Department (KS); Deputy Fire Chief Gerald Ambrosecchia, West Overland EMS & Fire Protection District (MO); and Chairman Marc Sampson, Longmont Fire Department (CO). Unfortunately CAC members Chief Bill Nelson (MI) and Robert Bettenhausen, Fire Marshal (IL) were unable to attend.

Larry Bazaar, ICC Regional Manager Fire Service Activities did a presentation on the ICC code development process, code action committees, and the Memorandum of Understanding with the I.A.F.C. In the course of the two-day meeting, 12 proposed code changes were presented, developed, intensely discussed, and finally completed. The code changes will be submitted to the ICC prior to the August 20th deadline for further consideration in the ICC Code Development Process. The 12 code changes, all to the IFC, covered the fol-

lowing topics: fire department connection locations, definition for decorative material, exit sign impairment and visibility, health care facilities fire drill, inspection approvals, fire alarm box requirements, regulations for open flame cooking devices, combustible materials distance requirements, signs and placard locations, smoke alarm requirements, fuel equipment storage, and fire hose threads and fittings approvals.

Attendees of the North Central Code Action Committee have reported that the meeting was a resounding success; with all members focused on improving the codes and working together. Much information was brought forth and exchanged hands. Those members who never experienced the ICC code development process learned first hand how extremely easy it really is to propose and submit a code change.

For more information on the ICC Code Development Process, view the ICC website at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org) or contact Larry Bazaar at: [lbazaar@iccsafe.org](mailto:lbazaar@iccsafe.org) or at 800-214-4321, Ext. 215. □

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## National Failed FireFighter Memorial

The Missouri Valley Division has donated \$1000 to the Foundation to purchase a brick to be placed on the Walk of Honor at the National Fallen Fighters Memorial Park with other I.A.F.C. Divisions as a lasting tribute to America's Fire Service. The brick will be identified as the Missouri Valley Division. □

## Candidate for 2nd VP of MVD 2005

Chief Robert Dahlquist a 23-year veteran of the Omaha Fire Department announced his candidacy for the position of 2nd VP of the MVD in 2005 at the Columbia Conference. Chief Dahlquist said the MVD is an outstanding organization which has been built by great leadership. Chief Dahlquist will use his leadership, integrity and communication skills necessary to reflect the commitment of the MVD to its members. □

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The Missouri Valley Association of Fire Chiefs is dedicated to supporting professional development of its members through educational, leadership, and networking opportunities, while serving as a liaison between State Chiefs' organizations and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.



## **MVD Web Site**

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