

# FAST Team

# Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association FAST Team

"A tool for fire chiefs to use to help maintain and supplement the fire department in your community during a community emergency, LODD, or disaster."

# ACTIVATION:

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# When to call the FAST Team?

These teams have been developed by MSFCA to help the Minnesota fire service. Train derailments, floods, tornadoes, explosion, LODD, or any event that affects your ability to sustain pre-event fire and emergency services protection levels may be the time to call for assistance. Sometimes your firefighters need time to recuperate and rebuild their lives as well. The FAST Team is the tool to find the people to sustain day-to-day activities, while allowing your people time off to deal with their personal lives.

# What can the team do for my fire department?

The FAST Team can provide an assessment of your capabilities, make recommendations, and find resources to provide pre-event service levels. The team is a management tool made up of highly trained and experienced fire department professionals. They are from active fire departments in Minnesota and provide a wide variety of skilled backgrounds.

#### Who does the team work for?

The team is under the direction and control of the local fire chief that requests the team. Team members also work collaboratively with the State Fire Mashal Division - Fire Service Specialists and other SFM Division staff on scene.

#### Who pays for the team?

It is the intent of the MSFCA that a FAST Team will respond at no cost to the requesting agency. It is requested that meals and lodging be provided. During times of disaster, reimbursement may be requested if local, state or federal funding is available.

#### Who is responsible for workers compensation and liability insurance?

The sending jurisdiction maintains the workers compensation and liability insurance for the employees the same as if they were in their own jurisdiction.

#### Want to be part of the team?

If you are interested in being part of the MSFCA FAST Team, go to the MSFCA website and sign up.

# Questions

MSFCA Website: <u>https://msfca.memberclicks.net/fast\_team</u> MSFCA Emergency Management Committee Chair: Scott Gerber, 952-949-8336 MSFCA Emergency Management Committee Member: Ulie Seal, 952-563-4811