

MAC UPDATE MAY 11, 2010

The area fire chiefs responded to the Builders Associations remarks on adding/requiring sprinkler systems to new home construction. They will focus on local ordinances, not state legislation the estimated cost of installation is \$1.60 square foot (national costs range from \$3.66 to \$.38) annual maintenance costs should be covered by reductions in insurance costs.

The Iowa League of Cities gave an update on their activities:

- Working on legislative efforts for "Smart Planning" in 500-year flood zones.

- Looking at 411 and IPERS pension rate increases and needed benefit controls.

- Worked to prohibit limits on TIF and certain tax credits.

- Tried to implement alternative revenue streams for cities (increased hotel/motel tax or a "lodging" fee).

- Worked to stop the "Fair Share" bill.

- Opposed a (in their opinion) "very poor" Open Meetings/Open Records law.

The MAC members received a report on Bike Week.

The jurisdictions went around the table announcing the progress each one had made on the proposed wind turbine ordinance. A few have already passed ordinances, most have the issue still in P & Z.