

MINUTES
UTAH STATE LPG BOARD
June 10, 2016

Approved

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Adams, Chair
Karl Humphrey
Les Whitney
Ellis Willson

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Amanda Clark-Cross
Tracy Halladay

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE STAFF

Ted Black, Chief Deputy
Boyd Cook
Kurt Nielsen
Robert Erickson
Jana DeMille

STAFF EXCUSED

Coy Porter, SFM
Kevin Bolander, Assistant AG

Item #1 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Don Adams presiding. Board Members Amanda Clark-Cross and Tracy Halladay were excused. State Fire Marshal Coy Porter and Assistant Attorney General Kevin Bolander were also excused. Board Member Les Whitney was helping with an accident and was delayed coming to the meeting.

Item #2 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes. To be addressed later in the meeting if Board Member Whitney arrives to make a quorum.

Item #3 Report to the Board by Boyd Cook, Deputy State Fire Marshal, on the Western Propane Gas Association Conference; Mr. Cook also reported on Item #5 CETP e-learning and Gas Check program forms. Deputies from the State Fire Marshal's office attended this conference. Good information was received on the increased use of Autogas, the new technology, and how this area is progressing. There is a lot of new equipment and new designs available to reduce the flow of product in the event of emergencies. The new "smart hose" looks like an excellent safety device and would be beneficial at bulk storage facilities.

A copy of the Rocky Mountain Propane Association 2016 Training Class schedule was provided to the Board, and a copy is filed with the meeting minutes. While no classes are currently scheduled in Utah, an item of interest is the new approach being taken with these classes. An individual must complete an online training module before attending the live training classes. This allows classes to be completed in one day, and they have achieved a 100% pass rate with this process.

There is a training map available called CETP Certifications Curriculum that shows the available courses with CETP. A copy was not provided, but it is available online. (CETP is Certified Employee Training Program).

There is also a program called Onboard Learning Management System. Employees can set up an account, then login to take training and do testing. This system will maintain documentation of the training which is critical for a propane company.

The “Gas Check” program has been simplified from 3 forms to 2. A booklet and companion video is available if a company would like to be involved in the Gas Check program (this is a trademarked program). Gas Check is designed to inspect all the way from the tank to the burner tips.

There was also a presentation on the liability gas companies are faced with, which zeroed in on pressure and leak checks. The presentation was by someone who helps propane companies know what to do to prepare for and prevent litigation. Documentation is vital, as well as having well-trained employees and the proper equipment. Mr. Cook reviewed some previous cases where gas companies were found at fault.

Item #4 Report to the Board by Robert Erickson, Deputy State Fire Marshal. On April 18, 2016, Mr. Erickson was called to investigate a propane incident in Eureka, UT. A Propane Network employee was making deliveries and had parked the truck at 150 Eagle Street. While the driver was away from the truck, the truck rolled. It travelled considerable distance narrowly missing a 500-gallon propane tank, rolling over a Chevrolet HHR, and ultimately came to rest on a chain link fence and retaining wall. The chock blocks were found with the truck where it came to rest. Other employees of Propane Network arrived on scene and transferred approximately 800 gallons of propane from the wrecked truck. There were no injuries and no loss of product. This is Propane Network’s second incident of a parked truck rolling away. In each incident, the chock blocks were not used. If chocks had been used, per NFPA 58 9.4.8 (2014), these incidents would most likely have been prevented.

Audience member Rick Maughan wanted to know at what point is public safety put first and action taken against a company with negligent actions of this kind. Board Chair Adams instructed the State Fire Marshal’s Office to send a cautionary letter from the Board to Propane Network. The letter should address endangering the public.

Mr. Maughan reminded the Board that Freeway Propane had an incident several years ago and heavy penalties were applied to Freeway Propane. He would like to see fairness in applying penalties. The Board instructed Chief Deputy Ted Black to report on the Freeway Propane incident and penalties applied at that time.

Item #5 was covered under Item #3

Item #6 Old Business – there was no old business.

Item #7 New Business – there was no new business.

At this point in the meeting, Board Member Les Whitney arrived. Chair Adams declared a quorum and asked if the Board would like to approve meeting minutes from December 11, 2015 and March 18, 2016. Board Member Willson made motion to approve the minutes from both previous meetings. Board Member Humphrey seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Item #8 Board Chair Don Adams adjourned the meeting and reminded all that the next Board meeting will be held Friday, September 9, 2016 at 10 am at the Murray City Hall, Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah 84107.