

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
MAY 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Rick Bailey	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member
Jason Poulsen	Board Member
Attorney Kevin Bolander	Assistant Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brian Cottam	Board Member
Pete Hackford	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Monica Todd	Board Secretary
Mark Burton	State Fire Marshal Office
Oliver Moore	State Fire Marshal Office
Deanne Mousley	State Fire Marshal Office
Kim Passey	State Fire Marshal Office
Mike Riley	State Fire Marshal Office
Bryan Thatcher	State Fire Marshal Office

PRESENT

Many members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting, recording and all other related paperwork.

Item #1 on the agenda, Board meeting called to order by Board Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

Item #2 on the agenda was the approval of the March 10, 2015 Fire Prevention Board meeting minutes. One alteration to the minutes was required – Board Member Eric Miller had been excused from the meeting. Motion was made by Board Member Rick Bailey to approve the minutes with the correction, motion seconded by Board Member Mike Phillips, motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Council Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Chief Deputy Black addressed the Board. He stated that the former Council Chair Phil Roberts has retired and so the Council voted to make Gary Hodson the new Chair of that Council. Mr. Hodson had a conflict and was unable to attend today's meeting and asked that Deputy Black let the Board know what took place in that meeting. Some changes were approved to the documents used for the reaccreditation of non-affiliated education facilities and they will be used during the next reaccreditation process that will take place four years from now. Additionally the Council plans to begin the audit process that was approved by the Board on UFRA within the next few weeks. These audits will be done every three years.

Item #4 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer addressed the Board. He stated that several different standards were approved at their last meeting including the aerial upper ADO that several as well as several technical rescue standards. They took vehicle and machinery rescue out and made them their own stand-alone certifications. He stated that the Certification Office stays very busy with the applicants, requests for tests and certifications.

Item #5 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Ryan Perkins, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Chief Perkins had a scheduling conflict with this meeting so asked Chief Deputy Black to address the Board for him. Deputy Black stated that at the last meeting there was not a quorum but they were able to have some good discussion. The council requested that the Board approve one change in the representative from Law Enforcement to be Cody Barton who is with the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. He attended the last meeting and is excited to be part of that Council. Action by the Board will be taken at the next meeting as it was not an agenda item. There is interest in working with UFRA to create an Instant Emergency Management course for Hazardous Materials. There is already a course by the National Fire Academy which the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Hazardous Materials Institute division is happy to teach. And rather than go through all of the time and expense to develop a new curriculum from the ground up, they feel the needs for that class can be met through these means. There will not be a certification associated with that class, but the participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Item #6 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Utah State Fire Marshal Coy Porter on the progress of appointing new members to the Fire Prevention Board. State Fire Marshal Porter addressed the Board. He stated that the appointment of the Board Members by the Governor is a four year appointment with a one-time renewal for a total not to exceed eight years. Board Member Newberg, Board Member Miller will both be completing their first four year term on June 30, 2015, and Board Member Bailey will be completing eight years of service to the Board. Board Members Newberg and Miller's names have been submitted to the Governor for reappointment. Names have been submitted for consideration for Board Member Bailey's replacement. State Fire Marshal Porter thanked Board Member Bailey for his eight years of service to the Board and there was a round of applause.

Item #9 on the agenda was addressed next (along with item #10) as State Fire Marshal Porter needed to get to another meeting. Presentation was made to the Board by Fire Marshal, Coy Porter, explaining the requirements for Fireworks storage by local fire departments. What is required and why it is required. Last year the State Fire Marshal's Office was approached by the

local ATF regarding appropriate storage of Fireworks due to the recent bombings in which bombs were created with black powder from inappropriately dropped off or stored Fireworks. In order to avoid these lapses and any possible citations the Office of the State Fire Marshal wants to get the word out to the fire departments around Utah as to proper transfer and storage of these Fireworks. A mass email has been sent out to the Departments across the state explaining the proper transfer and storage that is required and there will also be an article in the Straight Tip Magazine written and researched for the most part by Mr. Richard Moseley. The fire departments are exempt from licensure. One of the options that the distributor suggested was that delivery could take place the same day as the shoot. For those areas where that would be impractical, then the container industry and the distributors have some agreements where they can drop off a temporary rented proper storage container to insure that the fireworks were stored properly until the shoot, and then picked back up afterward. Purchase of a storage container is also a possibility, though the most costly and not really feasible for the smaller departments. Each community will have to decide how they want to address that issue. Board Member Miller asked if there were many fire departments that still did their own fireworks. Marshal Porter replied that there are and that its actually good to have the fire department there at the community shoots.

Item #10 on the agenda was a Presentation to the Board by Fire Marshal, Coy Porter, explaining the changes to the Board make up imposed by SB 234 and other legislative updates. State Fire Marshal Porter stated that this bill added three additional members to the Fire Prevention Board representing different county classes. There was an outcry from the fire service so the presenter of the bill modified it to include a new Board Member from each of the six county classes, which would make the Board have sixteen board members. As the bill moved through the legislative session, the bill was modified back to adding just the three additional board members. One member will represent the county of the first class which would be Salt Lake County as it is the only one, one member representing counties of the second class of which there are four so they would have to come from either Davis, Utah, Washington or Weber County. The final member would represent all of the rest of the county classes three through six. As the State Fire Marshal's office has been meeting with the different county chiefs and associations around the state, they will be selecting individuals to submit for recommendation to the governor for appointment to the Board. Any individuals can apply online, but they must be actively involved in the fire service. This will increase the number of Board Members that need to be present to have a quorum and another venue may need to be secured to accommodate so many Board Members.

Item #7 on the agenda was a presentation by Hugh Connor, Director, UFRA, concerning budget issues. Mr. Connor addressed the Board and stated that he had three items regarding the UFRA's budget. The first was in regard to the increase in wages for the adjunct instructors. This issue was resolved in working in conjunction with HR as they created a new classification for their instructors and testers so that they would not be at risk of unpredictable adjunct increases. The second issue is the budget for the next fiscal year. That information will be sent to the Board for their review at the first part of June so that it can then be voted on in the next Board Meeting. The third item is the issue of land acquisition. The current lease will terminate in about fifteen years so it is time to start planning for the new location for UFRA in order to have time to secure land and a building strategy. Mr. Conner provided a map to the Board of the old Geneva Steel Mill Property. The land that they are interested in purchasing is contiguous to the North end of

the UVU property. He visited the property along with the Dean of UVU, State Fire Marshal Porter and Chief Deputy Black. He feels that the property would be ideal for UFRA due to its location, proximity to I-15 and UVU, the size, 30 acres, which would allow for growth of UFRA over the coming years. The price is \$3.5 million which is the same price per square foot that UVU paid for their 225 acres. He has been told that this is a fair price. He stated that a formal proposal will be brought to the Board at the July Board Meeting.

Item #8 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Chief Deputy, Ted Black, reporting on the presentations to the County commissions, concerning the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) code. Chief Deputy Black addressed the Board. He stated that a few years ago they had been getting some feedback from some of the smaller, more rural counties that the codes were not meeting their needs. Upon doing some research on this, it was discovered that they were not really having problems with the building or fire code, but with the WUI code. A proposal was then presented to each of the county commissions relevant to this. The presentation clarifies what code they're actually adopting, it clarifies what kinds/sizes of structures the code actually applies to and clarifies what an 'approved' road is. Representative Noell did not run any legislation related to this issue in the last session and he is very pleased with the information that has been presented to the counties, and it seems to have met the needs of the counties that had concerns.

Item #11 on the agenda was Old Business. There was no old business.

Item #12 on the agenda was New Business. Chief Deputy Black stated that, as was mentioned earlier, Cody Barton would be presented for appointment as the law enforcement representative on the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Additionally, with the retirement of Phil Roberts, they will be presenting the name of Richard Dekorver, the Battalion Chief of Sandy City to take the Fire Marshal's Association seat on the Standards and Training Council at the next Board Meeting. Scott Adams from Park City Fire District and Chair of the Unified Code Analysis Council addressed the Board next. He stated that the Council has some vacancies that need to be filled. Andrew Baxter that serves in the position for the Department of Health is unable to fulfill that obligation and has recommended that Bill Hall, his assistant, be appointed to that position. Also, with the retirement of Mike Pederson, who was a representative of the industrial commission, they will need someone appointed to replace him. He said as they are going through the final code reviews and voting on such, they need to get those vacancies filled as soon as possible. Brandon Thueson, Fire Marshal's Association President addressed the Board next. He wanted to acknowledge and thank the several people that expressed interest in filling that vacancy on the Standards and Training Council. He also wanted to make the Board and the members of the audience aware that they would be having another two hour anti-freeze related class/discussion in Herriman the following day. Chief Deputy Black stated that the law which will require three additional Board Members will take effect July 1st, and as those positions will be probably still vacant, it is vitally important that at least seven current Board Members attend the July meeting so that there will be a quorum. Board Chair Newberg acknowledged that and urged that all Board members attend the next meeting. Dave Powers, first vice-chair of the Fire Marshal's Association addressed the Board next. He stated that on May 27th he will be attending the Utah Building and Fire Code Officials Legislative Affairs Committee meeting in order to actively stay involved in that process.

Item #13 on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting will be on July 14, 2015 at the South Salt Lake Council Chambers starting at 8:30 A.M. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice-Chair Humphreys, motion was seconded by Board Member Miller; the meeting was adjourned.