

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD NOVEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Rod Hammer	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member
David Olsen	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member

BOARD MEMEBERS NOT PRESENT

Brian Cottam	Board Member
Frank Park	Board Member
Jason Poulsen	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal
Monica Todd	Board Secretary
Mark Burton	State Fire Marshal Office
Art Deyo	State Fire Marshal Office
Shane Maughan	State Fire Marshal Office
Jon Ritchie	State Fire Marshal Office
Kelly Snow	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 approval of the September 12, 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Humphreys, motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer addressed the Board and stated they have been discussing the fees being charged to affiliated vs. non-affiliated members of the fire service. They are in the

process of restructuring the fees to accommodate the actual costs that it takes to send testers out to test for certifications. They are also in the process of reviewing the Officer II standard. The current standard no longer meets all of the NFPA requirements, so those already in the program will be able to finish but then that program will be phased out and the new NFPA requirements/standards will be applied to future programs. The Council is also working on updating the Wildland Firefighter I and II standards and policies. Board Member Hammer asked questions about the fee structure. 1st test is no charge, 2nd attempt is \$40, subsequent attempts are \$60. This was put in place to encourage firefighters to really study and pass the test the first time. There will now be a flat fee to test per student to reflect actual costs. Lori Haues added clarification on the fees; it would not affect fire departments – the current fee schedule will remain for them. The new fee schedule will only affect non-affiliated members.

Item #4 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Ryan Peterson, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Chief Deputy Black addressed the Board in Mr. Peterson's absence. He stated that the Council did meet, various items such as curriculum were discussed. They determined after teaching the new IFSTA standard class once they found that it is now necessary to review the 2nd Edition of the IFSTA manual to apply to the curriculum for HazMat Technician and will then make a recommendation to the Board.

Item #5 on the agenda; Fire Service Standards and Training Council meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Item #6 on the agenda; Appointment by the Board of Deanne Mousley, Chief Dave Powers, Dan DeVoogd, Malcolm Campbell, Jake Smith, Don Brinkerhoff and Dave Vickers to the Fire Advisory and Code Analysis Committee. Chief Deputy Black stated that the appointments are a three year commitment to review the code. Motion was made by Board Vice Chair Humphreys to approve the above appointments, seconded by Board Member Olsen, motion carried.

Item #7 on the agenda was a review of the possibility of increasing the grant money provided for Wildland grants from the Fire Fighter restricted fund. State Fire Marshal Porter addressed the Board and stated that because of the continued issues with the Restricted Account it is unsure whether the full funding will be available. It was previously decided that \$210,000 would be given from the Restricted Account to match the contribution of the Forest Service and the committee met to prioritize how that money would be granted. Until the Restricted Account stabilizes its extremely difficult to predict what funds may be available and he feels it is premature to try to increase the amount to give to the grant out of the account at this time.

Item #8 on the agenda was annual report to the Board by Brad Wardle, Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. Mr. Wardle addressed the Board. He presented his report using a power point presentation to illustrate some of the highlights from the past year. A copy of the report is contained in the hard copy of the minutes from this meeting. Last year a total of 590 classes were delivered to 7600 students. As the budget has gone up, the number of classes and students being served has increased. However, classes are now being cut off as funding is not there to provide them. The proposed budget for next year will accommodate salary increases to correspond to the university increases but no increases for any new programs/classes/props, etc. He reviewed the various programs, classes, and areas of emphasis within the revised curriculums that they have been working on during the year. He discussed the increased numbers and

successes of Winter Fire School. Mr. Wardle then discussed the land acquisition needed for the future location of UFRA. He discussed the location of the land and the fact that there will now only be 15 acres for the \$3.2 million – the cost of the land having doubled. Board Member Hammer asked how it was determined to stop classes at the end of the year due to budget constraints...if it was first come first served, etc or if they were prioritizing based on the core elements/core mission of UFRA. Mr. Wardle stated that they did not prioritize, they merely set a cut-off date. He stated that if they have to cut classes again that he thinks it would be a good idea to prioritize. He then showed a promotional video created by UFRA staff showing what UFRA is all about to show to various city councils and jurisdictions around the state.

Item #9 on the agenda was approval by the Board of the appointment of Lt. Colonel Chris Caldwell, to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee, representing the Utah National Guard. This is a request from the Utah National Guard. Chief Deputy Black stated that this has been a difficult position to keep filled due to transfers and promotions within the Guard. Motion to approve the appointment as stated above made by Board Chair Newberg, seconded by Board Member Hammer, motion carried.

Item #10 on the agenda was Old Business. There was no Old Business.

Item #11 on the agenda was New Business: Chief Steve Higgs has resigned from the Board citing increased duties at UFA. The Board will be looking for a replacement to represent Class 1 counties. State Fire Marshal Porter addressed the Board. He stated that he had met with the Alliance Chiefs and they have made a recommendation for a replacement for Chief Higgs, however that individual may have a conflict of interest so they are working with the Attorney General's office to look into that before presenting that individual for recommendation to the Board. In addition, Attorney Bolander has left employment with the AG's office. Hopefully that position will be filled quickly so that we have attorney representation again. Fire Marshal Porter also provided the Board with a list of legislative bills that have been opened that may affect the fire service. A copy of that list is kept with the physical copy of the minutes. There are several bills regarding fireworks; specifically dates, jurisdictions, restrictions, etc. Additional bills include issues such as access roads during construction, drones, food trucks, school security locks, Uniform Building Code, employee and surviving spouse disability/retirement/survivors benefits. He also let the Board know that Chief Deputy Black presented at the State Building Board regarding the land banking of the \$3.2 million for the new site of UFRA. The issue of land banking has been tabled until December as DCFM might be able to fund a different request made at that meeting for land banking. Chair Newberg thanked him for the information and continued efforts at the legislature.

Item #12 on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting January 9, 2018, beginning 8:30 A.M., South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue (2430 South), South Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Board Members Hammer and Miller, meeting adjourned.