

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair	David Olsen
Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair	Frank Park
Mike Phillips	Jason Poulsen
Cornell Christensen (representing Brian Cottam)	

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair	Jared Larson
Brian Cottam	Eric Miller

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal	Art Deyo
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary	Deanne Mousley
Mark Burton	Kelly Snow

**OTHERS**

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.

**Item #1,** 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. The following individuals were excused: Fire Marshal Coy Porter; Board Member Cottam (attending in his stead was Deputy Director Cornell Christensen); Board Member Jared Larson, Vice Chair Craig Humphreys.

**Item #2,** Approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Board Member Park made motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Board Member Olsen. The motion carried.

**Item #3,** Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer reported that due to fires, they were unable to meet last month. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Nov. 14) at 10 am at the Fire Academy, and an invitation was extended to any Board members who would like to attend. The Council is looking at ADO Aerial and Pumper certifications, as well as the HazMat Tech. They continue to work on HazMat Awareness Operations with the NFPA 1072. The Board had no questions for Chief Spencer.

**Item #4,** Report to the Board by Ryan Peterson, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. At the suggestion of Chief Deputy Black, this was addressed later in the meeting (with #7).

**Item #5,** Report to the Board by Robert DeKorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. The Council met on the Nov 7; however, there was not a quorum present so no action was taken. The next meeting will be on January 2, 2019, 8:30 am, at UFRA. An invitation was extended to any Board Members who would like to attend.

**Item #6,** Reappointment of individuals to the Fire Service Certification Council. The following names were presented to the Board: Scott Spencer, Chief, Payson Fire Department; Paul Bedont, Chief, Price Fire Department; and Merlin Spendlove, Battalion Chief, Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District. Motion made by Board Member Poulsen to reappoint the named individuals to the Fire Service Certification Council. Motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips. Motion carried.

**Item #7 & Item #4,** Report from the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council, and approval of recommended changes to Utah Administrative Rule R710-12. Chair Ryan Peterson was not in attendance and the report was given by Ted Black, Chief Deputy. Deputy Black reported that the last meeting of the Advisory Council was to reconsider R710-12, which is the Hazardous Materials Training and Certification rule. As this rule expired, it must be handled as a new rule. A copy of R710-12, with changes from the previous version, was provided to the Board. A copy is also filed with the meeting minutes. Deputy Black summarized the rule as a path to provide a certification to people who are not fire service personnel (i.e., police, private industry, health department, etc.), but still need an OSHA sanctioned certification for HazMat. This rule will allow the State Fire Marshal's office to certify those personnel, and fire service personnel will continue to be certified through the Fire Service Certification Council. Moving forward in the rule process requires Board approval. Chair Newburg asked for comments from Chief Spencer, Chair of Fire Certification Council. Chief Spencer reported that the Council sees this as two separate issues and has no concerns. Deputy Black fielded additional clarifying questions from Chair Newburg. Motion made by Board Member Poulsen to approve the recommended changes to Rule R710-12. Motion seconded by Board Member Olsen. Motion carried.

**Item #8,** Report from Chief Deputy Ted Black on current fire prevention issues and potential legislation. We may see legislation on the following:

- Adoption of Fire Code - previously approved by Board, now moving through legislature
- There is a bill addressing ways to improve school safety. One item of note is the change in language relating to fire drills. The law will no longer say "fire drills" but will read "evacuation drills." Efficient evacuation of the school in case of an event (fire or otherwise) is the goal of the fire service.
- There will be several conversations about funding this year...for retirement, for reinstating the Wildland Grant, for the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Valet Trash
- Tall wood buildings which are several stories tall and constructed with panels of compressed lumber materials
- Exempting homes in remote areas from fire sprinklers

Deputy Black fielded questions from the Board Member Poulsen regarding retirement funding.

**Item #9,** Old Business: None

**Item #10,** New Business:

Director Wardle from UFRA wished to discuss some of the information presented in their annual report. A copy was given to Board Members (and a copy is filed with the meeting minutes). Director Wardle invited Board Members to call him if they have questions regarding this report. Highlights include:

- The Annual and Quality Assurance reports have been combined into one report. UFRA

has kept pace with classes and students this year, even though they were short one program manager.

- UFRA has established a clearinghouse for job openings in the fire service. It is on their website. Departments can send their recruitment notices to UFRA and it will then be posted. They have also increased their social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. Job openings will also be listed there. Lori Marshall is the main contact for posting job openings. They can also be sent to Director Wardle.
- An invitation was extended to the Board to hold the January meeting at UFRA. There has been a significant office remodel and Director Wardle would like to give the Board a tour of the improved facility.
- Program Managers are listed in the Annual Report. Russ Young, retired Battalion Chief from Orem City, has been hired to fill the vacancy.

Chair Newberg invited comments from the Board on meeting at UFRA in January. Mike Phillips made motion to hold the January 2019 Board Meeting at UFRA. Motion carried.

Chair Newberg asked for any other new business. There was none. Chair Newberg made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Paulsen. Meeting adjourned.