

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
March 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES
INFORMATIONAL ONLY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair
Brian Cottam
Frank Park

David Olsen
Eric Miller

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair
Jared Larson

Mike Phillips
Jason Poulsen

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal
Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary

Mark Burton
Jon Ritchie
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 Vice Chair Craig Humphreys. The meeting started at 8:35 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

There was not a quorum of Board Members present. No action was taken and the minutes are informational only.

Item #2, Approval of previous meeting minutes – will take place at next meeting.

Item #3, Report to the Board by Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Report presented by Lori Howes as Chief Spencer was unable to attend. The council met in January.

- Certification office hired 24 new testers to meet demand. Currently at 185 testers state-wide.
- Preparing for tester update which will be March 25-28
- Moving forward with the transition from 472 to 1072 (HazMat Awareness & HazMat Operations).
- Currently preparing their office for re-accreditation.
- Making a shift in how they do business. There are 3 specialists in the office with 1 over testing, 1 over certifications, and 1 over grading. Each specialist will now cover a region of the State and handle everything for that region. A map was provided showing the regions. This will be implemented no later than July 1.
- Next meeting of the council is March 20.

Item #4, Report to the Board by Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. A representative was not present – no report given.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Robert Dekorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Last meeting was in January. The Council is participating with UFRA in the re-accreditation of non-affiliated training organizations. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1.

Item #6, Report to the Board by Jon Ritchie, Deputy State Fire Marshal, concerning reported conflict between NFPA 96 and the International Mechanical Code. Mr. Ritchie provided a handout, a copy of which is filed with the minutes. Discussion is on type 1 hoods or UL 300 hoods and what is/is not behind the filters, mostly applying to access points. Mr. Ritchie reviewed information contained in the handout. Fire Marshal Porter provided additional information, and Jody Hilton from Sunrise Engineering also spoke to the Board.

Vice Chair Humphreys requested the Fire Code Committee to look into this issue and provide a recommendation.

Item #7, Report from Utah State Fire Marshal Coy Porter on current fire prevention issues, UFRA budget and contract, and legislation. Fire Marshal Porter provided a handout listing some of the legislative bills being watched and reviewed the status of some. The 2018 International Fire Code was adopted. Board member Cottam took a few minutes and reviewed several bills affecting Wildland issues, highlighting the grant program.

Fire Marshal Porter advised the Board that there are two after-market door locks that could be used for schools. Those devices appear to meet the current code in Utah. SFMO is working with legal staff at DPS on the exact way to release this information. That information will be passed on to the State Board of Education.

Fire Marshal Porter advised the Board on the new “glamping” recreation areas and associated concerns. He has been assisting Garfield County in preparing an ordinance and addressing emergency response to the glamping areas.

Budget for UFRA – not expecting a problem, but must wait for the final budget from the legislature.

Item #8, Old Business:

- Vice Chair Humphreys noted the Fire Marshals’ training and annual meeting took place in St. George in January. The Utah Chapter of IAAI conference was held in Wendover. Both are partially funded by UFRA. Thanks were expressed to UFRA for that support.

Item #9, New Business:

- Kelly Snow from the State Fire Marshal’s office presented information on the use of antifreeze in fire sprinkler systems. In August of 2010, NFPA issued a directive restricting the use of antifreeze. NFPA issued other addendums stating that as of July 30, 2022 all antifreeze systems in their entirety shall be eliminated in the absence of a listed antifreeze. Tyco now has an antifreeze that holds a UL listing. A packet of information was provided to the Board and a copy is filed with the meeting minutes. However, there are conditions that apply when using this antifreeze and at this time it does not meet the requirements for use in Utah.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am. Next meeting will be May 14, 2019 at 8:30 am at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.