

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD  
May 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair  
Eric Miller  
David Olsen  
Frank Park  
Mike Phillips  
Jason Poulsen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair  
Brian Cottam  
Jared Larson

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal  
Lynda Viti, Assistant Attorney General  
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary  
Kurt Nielsen, Deputy Fire Marshal  
Kelly Snow, Deputy Fire Marshal

STAFF NOT PRESENT

Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal

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.

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.
2. Approval of meeting minutes. The March 2019 meeting did not have a quorum present, so there are no official meeting minutes.
3. Report to the Board by Utah Fire Service Certification Council, Chief Scott Spencer, Chair.
  - With the updates to the NFPA Standards, the Council looked at the awareness and operations level in HazMat. Those minimal changes were reviewed, approved, and will take effect July 1.
  - Changes in the UFRA office with certification staff become effective May 15, 2019. One person will handle all certification services within a geographic area.
4. Report to the Board by Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Report given by Fire Marshal Porter as the Council is currently without a chairperson.
  - Continuing work on reformatting the HazMat Tech classes.
  - Expecting a new chairperson to be named at the next Council meeting.
5. Report from Standards & Training Council – will be heard later in the meeting.
6. Report from Fire Marshal Porter.
  - Provided handout addressing emerging issues and trends (copy attached) and reviewed several topics including firefighter cancer; peer support education suicide prevention; solar panels and fire suppression efforts; ultra low nox water heaters; air exchanges in residential structures; valet trash; mobile fueling; glamping.
  - UFRA contract – Fire Marshal Porter recapped the recent challenges in funding the UFRA contract; the necessity of providing UFRA with a 90 day notice that the contract may be terminated; and the ongoing

work to get this funding issue resolved. SFMO continues to work with GOMB and others to get a permanent solution.

- UFRA Director Brad Wardle and Assistant Director Darryl Pranger also addressed the Board on how this funding situation affects UFRA and the fire service.

Board Member Jason Poulsen suggested working as a group (SFM, UFRA Director, Legislators, etc.) to come up with permanent solution. Suggested the Board initiate a letter to legislators requesting a resolution to this funding situation. Chair Newberg agreed and requested input from Legal Counsel, Lynda Vitti, as to whether the Board can take action prior to the next meeting. Pending Counselor Vitti's response, Chair Newberg proposed the Board move ahead to generate a letter to legislators requesting a permanent fix to the funding issue.

Board Member Mike Phillips suggested a letter also be sent to the State Chiefs so they are aware of this situation. This will allow them to also engage in this process. Board Member Olsen voiced agreement.

Director Wardle will provide a letter to the Board.

5. Report to the Board by Standard & Training Council Chair Robert DeKorver.

- Biggest item last meeting was the reaccreditation of the non-affiliated programs. There are 4 non-affiliated programs in the State, UFRA RCA program, the Davis Applied Tech College, Bridger Training, West Valley Training Facilities. Some council members attended the evaluation of the RCA program at UVU and reported it is doing really well. They are fulfilling the requirements of the R710 rules and meeting their responsibilities. It was recommended to the Standards & Training Council that the RCA program receive full accreditation. The Council will continue with reaccreditation of the remaining 3 programs. The next Council meeting is September 4, 2019.

7. There was no old business to address.

8. New Business:

- Kelly Snow, State Fire Marshal's Office, presented information on telescoping bleachers. A copy of an "Interpretive Memo regarding Telescoping bleacher assemblies" was given to Board members and a copy is filed with the meeting minutes. This memo is to clarify whether or not sprinklers are required under telescoping bleachers. The formal interpretation is fire sprinklers are not required in an E occupancy when certain conditions are met. Please see memo for additional information.

9. Board Member Miller made motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Board Member Poulsen. Meeting Adjourned.

NOTE:

Councilor Vitti advised the Board that it is OK to take action on the UFRA contract as it is on the Agenda. Chairman Newberg requested a work meeting to discuss this issue in detail and asked Secretary DeMille to send a notice of work meeting times prior to the next Fire Prevention Board Meeting.