

Utah Fire Service Standards and Training Council
January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Robert DeKorver (Chair), Ted Black (standing in for Art Deyo), David Larsen, Gary Hodson, Chris Trevino

UFRA Representatives: Brad Wardle, Jolene Chamberlain

STAFF: Jana DeMille

EXCUSED: Paul Hewitt

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Chair Robert DeKorver. Recognized Ted Black as the Hazardous Materials representative and acknowledged a majority of council members were in attendance.
2. Gary Hodson noted a correction to be made in the meeting minutes on Item #3. Minutes read "Chris Trevino of UFRA" which is incorrect. Mr. Trevino is the Certification Council's representative to the Standards and Training Council. **Motion made** by David Larsen to approve the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes with correction as stated. **Motion seconded** by Ted Black. **Motion passed.**
3. Report from Chris Trevino of the Certification Council: They are now testing on the new Hazmat standard. Also, there are 30 new certification testers and they are at UFRA today for training.

Agenda items 4 and 5 on agenda were switched.

4. Recognition of RCA's that have recertified.
 - Bryan Davies from Bridgerland Technical College arrived at the meeting. He was presented with the Accreditation plaque for Bridgerland by Chair DeKorver and David Larsen. David commented that Bridgerland was very well prepared and does a wonderful job.
5. Report on the re-accreditation of non-affiliated training organizations.
 - a. West Valley Fire Academy (a private entity) – David Larsen reported this evaluation was completed on November 9, 2019. Recommendations for improvement were submitted to the Academy and they were well received. The audit team recommends full accreditation for Firefighter 1 and 2, and Hazmat Ops Awareness be granted to the West Valley Fire Academy, with follow-up to assure compliance with recommendations. **Motion made** by Gary Hodson to grant the 5-year re-accreditation to West Valley Fire Academy. **Motion seconded** by Chris Trevino. **Motion passed.**
A second motion was made by David Larsen to do a follow-up or pop-in visit with the West Valley Fire Academy prior to the end of 2020. **Seconded** by Gary Hodson. **Motion passed.**
 - b. Davis Technical College – Gary Hodson reported the evaluation was completed on November 19, 2019. DATC is very much behind the fire program. It is recommended that Davis Technical College be reaccredited for another 5 years. **Motion made** by David Larsen to grant the 5-year re-accreditation to Davis Applied Technical College. **Motion seconded** by Chris Trevino. **Motion passed.**
6. Review of proposed changes to R710-10. Ted Black reported there are no changes needed to the Standards and Training section of the R710-10 rule. Ted reviewed the purpose of the Standards and Training Council and that it mainly covers three areas: the training being provided; the standard they are tested to; and the certification. As such, the Certification Council should provide a report to S&T on what is happening with the Certification Council and any changes/updates being made in those areas. There was also discussion on disciplinary actions that come up before the Certification Council and if those actions should be brought to the S&T Council. Jolene Chamberlain was asked to check on the policy relating to disciplinary action and the procedure for appeals, notifying S&T Council, etc. Chair DeKorver noted the R710 rule states that council members can be dismissed for two or more unexcused absences during a 12 month period. Ted Black was tasked with contacting council members to determine if they are able to fully participate with the Council and then report back. It was noted that council members can send a representative if they are unable to attend meetings.

Agenda Items 7 & 8 were struck as they are duplicates of 10 & 11.

9. Report from council members and staff. David Larsen reported PFFU convention is on May 6. He will provide notice if he is unable to attend the next Council meeting.

10. Old Business: None
11. New Business:
 - a. Brad Wardle, UFRA
 - Reported on the upcoming Winter Fire School, Jan 24-25. Over 800 firefighters are registered.
 - Senator Harper is actively engaged in a bill for the legislative session that will secure long-term funding for UFRA and SFMO.
 - b. Chair DeKorver
 - Thanks to everyone involved in the reaccreditation process
 - The roster of S&T Council members on the Fire Marshal website needs to be updated, with a look on when terms need to be renewed. Chair DeKorver and Todd Smith have terms that expired in 2019. Ted Black will work on this.
 - c. David Larsen thanked Jolene Chamberlain for the great help in the reaccreditation process.
12. Next meeting will be May 6, 2020.

Motion made by Ted Black to adjourn meeting. **Seconded** by Gary Hodson. Meeting was adjourned.