

MINUTES
Fire Service Standard and Training Council Meeting
May 11, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Gary Hodson, Jason Wynn, Robert DeKorver, Todd Smith

STAFF: Ted Black, Diane Shipp

UFRA: Chuck Querry, Brad Wardle, Hugh Connor, Joan Jensen

EXCUSED: Ray Stokes

Item #1: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Robert DeKorver. Gary Hodson is joining the meeting by phone.

Item #2: Approval of the October 28th minutes: Jason Wynn made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Todd Smith seconded the motion. Minutes are approved as written.

Item #3: Report from the Certification Council/Ray Stokes: Item was skipped as Ray was not present at this meeting.

Item #4: UFRA report: Given by Hugh Connor. Items listed were addressed out of order per Hugh:

- c. UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems): Brad is spearheading this project. The history on this is that West Jordan Fire Department contacted UVU Aviation and wanted to engage in a contractual agreement where the aviation department would create a curriculum and model policies and operator training for West Jordan to be the model for the Utah Fire Service in terms of UAS during fire operations. The aviation Dept. had some difficulty getting this thing off the deck, so the Dean contacted me and asked me if this was really in our lane at all and I told him that it was part of the strategic plan, that we would be doing some exploring in the area of UAS and he said great, it's now yours. There was a meeting with myself, Brad, the city manager of West Jordan, the Fire Chief of West Jordan and got a feel for what it was they wanted and needed. Brad indicated that the purpose of the UAS is to increase the situational awareness and to bring further information to the incident commanders on scene. Once we define the parameters for operating these drones, then what we will do is incorporate that into our command training curriculum. It is relatively inexpensive to implement and the benefits of it are going to increase. Things that we don't have right now at our command post, we will have with a UAS. This is not a law enforcement type tool, it's an incident commanders tool, utilized for increased situational awareness.

- d. General information – The blended learning programs continue to progress. We have made, especially with Company Officer Inspector and there is a UAS component to that and what next courses that he has lined up for transition from traditional to blended learning. Brad gave a quick brief on the Company Officer Inspector course. We are nearing the end of the development stages and starting the implementation of testing to see how this thing works. We have had two internal reviews, Chuck, Hugh, Brad, the people from blended learning; Dustin Berlin and Dalene Rowley, who is really the point person on the blended learning side for us. Those reviews and the subsequent comments and direction have been given and are implemented. We have one more review which is on the 24th with the program managers. We will finish that up internally. The next step to that would be our subject matter experts; Ted, Scott Black and Bob Silverthorn giving the course to kind of go through and it will be kind of a blend of your subject matter experts but we also want you to look at this from an instructor perspective but also a student perspective to make sure we've captured what we were intending here, which is basically to give an inspection course to those who are perspective Company Officers or Company Officers. It's turning out to be very nicely done as far as the videos and the information that you will see as you go through it. I would hope that based on the subject matter expert review which will be in June, that we will start our pilot courses either late June or in July where we'll invite people, and if you're interested in being in those courses or have people who want to be there, contact your Program Managers. They are the ones I looking to, to give me the names to bring to the course. It's basically 10 modules but it will be an eight week course. You will be certified not as Inspector I but there will be a certificate of completion that the academy will give you for use in most departments. Only half of the students can be in the flashover, the fire behavior prop. During that time, the other half are kind of left to their own demise to be doing whatever they want to do. Continual learning concept will someday be focused on this rather than an instructor in front of a classroom. It is a reality. There was a lengthy discussion about drones, the technology and the classes that are available and also FAA regulations.
- a. Strategic and Operating Plan: Handouts were given regarding goals and objectives and were addressed. Two or three year strategic plans are the way things are going. Seven to ten years are too far, can't hit the mark with time liens like those. The maxtrix is an internal document that UFRA uses to make sure they are on target for that operating plan year. Everything is cross referenced back to what the strategic goal, the strategic objectives are. This will be voted on in July. The days of strategic plans that are 7, 10 years are a thing of the past. As fast as technology is moving, things are moving in the fire service. The university has instituted a rolling strategic plan process and what happened is they understood even at three years out, things were changing so fast that they just couldn't hit the mark. Strategic goals have been identified, there are objectives and at the very back is a matrix. The matrix is really an internal document that we use to make sure that we are on target for that operating year. It's business as usual. 10 percent is the new and upcoming stuff like blended learning, UAS.

We talk about the core, protecting the core, the core is the mission. We put about 85 to 90 percent of our resources and assets to make sure that core is completed.

Understanding about ten percent is for the new, the upcoming stuff, blended learning, UAS, stuff that comes on the radar that we just didn't expect and we are willing to gamble a little to gain a lot. I think UAS, the driving simulators – although that wasn't a cheap gamble – but we were pretty confident that this would be successful.

- b. ATEC (Advanced Technical and Educational Consultants, Inc.): ATEC is a company which provides primarily hazardous materials and technical rescue training on an international level to both first responders and the military. They have some pretty significant military contracts. Up until recently, there only training facility was in Florida. The contracts that they have are all inclusive which means that they provide transportation, meals, housing, etc. They were looking for a facility in the intermountain west that had a lot of the things that the university had to offer. A major airline hub (Salt Lake City International Airport), a university that has a state fire academy embedded in it, UFRA, land to build a tactical rescue facility. UVU did have land available. One of the things they were looking for was both Pro Board and IFSAC certifications were one of the few states that offer both. So far ATEC has come out and done some modifications to our back property and I think probably to the tune of about \$20,000. They did some work on drainage and things like that. This month, we're expecting an advanced team to come out to do a site survey and do the design of the facility. We are expecting the courses to start in late summer/early fall.

This year, for the first time, we went over 500 courses ever. Because of that increase in courses, we had to stop taking new course requests in the middle of March. Business is good, the products we are delivering are good, yes EADS is completely out of control. Popular now and will continue to be. Firefighter mental health initiative. This coalition has been established to address the mental health issues of firefighters and to help curb suicide rates.

Item #5: Financial report from UFRA: Darryl Pranger was unable to attend – this item was tabled until the next meeting of August 10, 2016.

Item #6: First meeting of 2017: This needs to be moved to January 4th. A motion was made by Todd Smith to move the February 8th meeting 2017 to January 4, 2017. This was seconded by Jason Wynn. Motion carried.

Item #7: Old Business: Writing classes – This should be implemented by Chiefs. Reports need to be well written and readable. An action plan needs to be initiated.

Item #8: New Business: None.

Item #9: Report from council members and staff: None.

Item #10: Next meeting: August 10th @ 8:30 AM.

Item #11: Motion made by Todd Smith and seconded by Jason Wynn – meeting adjourned.