

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD**  
**July 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**  
**APPROVED**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Brian Cottam	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member
David Olsen	Board Member
Frank Park	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Jason Poulsen	Board Member
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**STAFF PRESENT**

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Lynda Viti	Assistant Attorney General
Jana DeMille	Board Secretary
Mark Burton	Staff
Richard Gee	Staff

**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. Board Member Paulsen was excused. Prior to starting the meeting, Chair Newberg, on behalf of the Fire Prevention Board, expressed condolences to the Thatcher Family at the passing of Draper City Fire Marshal Bryan Thatcher. He will be missed by the community. Condolences also expressed to Draper City Fire Department. A moment of silence was observed.

**Item #2,** Approval of the May 8, 2018 Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Board Member Miller, to approve minutes as written, seconded by Board Member Park. Motion carried.

**Item #3,** Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer was unable to attend today, so report was presented by Lori Howes. The Council met on May 16, 2018 at UFRA. The hot button item was the wildland and red card separation. This was approved and has been in process from that day. They also approved the issuing of light and moderate red cards for Fire Departments. They have created a new red card request form and it is included in the process packet. Departments can still test and receive a Wildland I and II certification, but it is not a requirement to receive a red card.

**Item #4,** Report to the Board by Ryan Peterson, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council.

Chief Deputy Black stated that Mr. Peterson requested to be excused and there is nothing to report at this time.

**Item #5,** Report to the Board by Robert Dekorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Mr. Dekorver stated the Standards and Training Council had not met recently. The next meeting is scheduled for September, prior to the next Fire Prevention Board meeting and he will have a report at that time.

**Item #6,** Appointment by the Board of Ron Henderson of Envirocare to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Chief Deputy Black stated that Mr. Henderson has been vetted to serve on this Council and the State Fire Marshal's Office recommends approving this appointment. Board Member Cottam made a motion to appoint Mr. Henderson to the HazMat Advisory Council. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Humphries. The motion carried.

**Item #7,** Appointment by the Board of Captain David Larsen to the Fire Service Standards and Training Council, representing the Utah State Firefighters Association. State Fire Marshal Porter stated that Captain Larsen is a long-time member of the South Salt Lake City Fire Department, has worked with the SFMO at the legislature over the past several years, and is very active in a variety of different pursuits outside of the fire service. He is an active member of the Utah State Firefighters Association. Captain Larsen took a few moments to address the Board. He is very interested in legislative issues, as well as the training of firefighters and just firefighters in general for Utah. It has been his pleasure to work on the Joint Council this year, along with various other committees to try to look out for the firefighters of Utah. He is excited to be part of the Standards and Training Council. Vice Chair Humphries made motion to appointment of David Larsen to the Standards and Training Council. Motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips. Motion carried.

**Item #8,** Report on the relocation of the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office by State Fire Marshal Porter. Fire Marshal Porter stated the move occurred on June 18 from the Murray office to the POST building on the Salt Lake Community College campus at 9800 South.

**Item #9,** Report on the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and the wildfire season. Fire Marshal Porter reported that it will take until September or later to get data on July's fire activities. He did, however, do a brief survey of several chiefs in the valley and found that although the number of vehicles responding was up from last year, the types and size of fires was considerably less. Board Member Cottam was asked to report on the wildland season.

Board Member Cottam received similar feedback from his staff regarding July 4th...a large number of responses, but not much that was newsworthy. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a huge relief. In terms of the fire season to date, until about 2 weeks ago, things were relatively calm. Since that time it has been very busy. The 3 biggest incidents are Trail Mountain Fire, the Cinema Court fire in Moab, and the Dollar Ridge fire. Mr. Cottam mentioned the fire in Moab is an example of Urban Wildfire...a term he is afraid we will hear more and more in Utah. Wildfires are no longer a just a wildland issue. The Dollar Ridge fire will likely be the most destructive in the history of the State as hundreds of structures (homes) have been lost. Mr. Cottam praised the response by the citizens of the Basin community. That community has been very supportive. He also expressed concern that the fire season isn't over yet and there is potential for much more to come. He also reported that there is a lot of wildfire activity requiring constant response. The response has been outstanding, not only by his staff, but the local fire departments and volunteer

firefighters all across the State. Mr. Cottam stated they are reporting to the Legislature and Governor's office that the local departments are making a huge difference. He stated conditions are as bad as they have ever been, probably worse, in terms of fuel moistures and what fire behavior is expected to, and the work local fire departments are doing is just remarkable. Board Member Cottam expressed gratitude and appreciation to the fire service.

Fire Marshal Porter expressed his appreciation to Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and all the work they do.

**Item #10, Old Business.**

- a. Fire Marshal Porter reported that he UFRA contract is in process. It was updated, renewed and has been reviewed by our legal counsel and is currently with UFRA for their review and awaiting signature.
- b. Fire Marshal Porter reported that a local fire chief received a complaint about the wording used for Consumer Fireworks on the State Fire Marshal's website. The website refers to Class C Common Explosives. The current term is 1.4G, which is a DOT classification for fireworks that has been in place for many years. Mr. Porter stated statute 53-7-225 still refers to consumer fireworks as Class C common fireworks. This will possibly be addressed the next time the Statute is reviewed.

**Item #11, New Business.**

- a. Chief Deputy Black requested time be given to our attorney, Lynda Viti, for the annually required Open Meeting training. Counselor Viti reviewed the requirements of open and public meetings. She emphasized the intention is that public meetings be open and transparent, so care should be exercised when closed meetings are necessary. Counselor Viti reviewed the necessary steps for closed meetings, as well as providing notice for public meetings, and she defined what is/is not a public meeting.
- b. Fire Marshal Porter informed the Board that Monica Todd, who has been the Board Secretary, left the State Fire Marshal's Office. Jana DeMille has been appointed to fill this vacancy.
- c. Chair Newberg recognized audience member, Ron Henderson. Mr. Henderson expressed thanks to the Board for being appointed to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. He wanted to introduce himself and share his qualifications. He is fairly new to Utah and works for Envirocare. His professional background is in Emergency Response and has spent the past 20 years in the eastern and southern parts of the United States with response planning and execution working with FEMA in the private sector. He is excited to be part of the HazMat council and be a bigger part of the community here.

There was no further business. Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Miller and seconded by Board Member Olsen. Motion carried.

**The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018, beginning at 8:30 A.M., South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue (2430 South).**