

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg, Board Chair
Jared Larson
Frank Park
Jason Poulsen

Craig Humphreys, Vice Chair
David Olsen
Mike Phillips
Brett Ostler, (attending for Brian Cottam)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Eric Miller

Brian Cottam

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal
Lynda Viti, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Burton
Clayton Peterson

Ted Black, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary
Richard Gee
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 Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers. Eric Miller and Brian Cottam were excused from this meeting. It was noted that State Fire Management Officer Brett Ostler was attending for Brian Cottam. Chair Newberg recognized Patriot's Day and thanked members of public service and armed service for their service to our country. A moment of silence was observed.

Item #2, Approval of the July 10, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion was made by Board Member Park to approve the minutes from July 10, and motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips. Motion carried.

Item #3, Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer reported that the Council has been dealing with the changes to the HazMat certification to meet the NFPA updates. They have also been working on the Red Card changes. Chief Spencer advised the Board that the Council also addresses issues of firefighters charged with felonies, or cheating during testing processes, etc. As a Council, they look at those instances to see if further action is needed (i.e., hearings, revoking certifications, etc). There were no questions from the Board for Chief Spencer.

Item #4, Report to the Board by Ryan Peterson, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Chair Peterson was not in attendance. Chief Deputy Black reported that the Council did meet and had a good discussion; however no specific decisions were made.

Item #5, Report to the Board by Robert Dekorver, Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. The Council has been addressing two main concerns, the first of which is the HazMat

Tech Certification. It was determined that not enough research has been done between the programs offered at Anniston (50 hour pro-board certified) and UFRA (120 hour pro-board certified). The Council recommended that Art Deyo complete a comparison between the two programs and identify any areas where UFRA's program may be pared down to allow for efficiency. Art will work with UFRA and the college to determine differences.

The second concern is the non-affiliated firefighter training program accreditation. This deals with re-accrediting those programs within the State that teach Fire I, Fire II, Awareness Ops, and Wildland Firefighter programs. This is an accreditation process that is covered in Utah Administrative Rule R710-10-9. It was determined by the Council that the current process used for re-accreditation on a non-affiliated program was adequate.

The next meeting for the Fire Service Standards and Training Council will be on November 7, 2018. There were no questions from Board Members for Mr. DeKorver.

Item #6, Report and recommendation from Chief Dave Powers, Chair, Fire Marshals' Code Committee on the proposed adoption of the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code. Chief Powers expressed thanks to those involved in the Code Committee, noting Deanne Mousley from the State Fire Marshal's Office created the matrix detailing code changes. The State Legislature is looking for financial or economic impact of the code changes. In doing the analysis, the committee didn't see anything significant across the board; however, some individual entities may be impacted as they conform to the new codes. Moreover, there are changes that should have some financial saving for people generally. Chief Powers reviewed some of the highlights and answered questions from the Board.

Motion made by Vice Chair Humphreys that the Board generate a letter to the legislature in support of adopting the 2018 Fire Code with the amendments as outlined by the committee. Motion was seconded by Board Member Olsen. Motion carried.

(An executive summary from the Fire Marshal's Code Council, along with the matrix, was provided to Board Members. Copies are filed with the Board Meeting Minutes.)

Item #7, Presentation of the 2019-2020 Utah Fire and Rescue Academy contract and budget, given by Darryl Pranger, Assistant Director of UFRA. Mr. Pranger expressed thanks to Coy Porter, State Fire Marshal, and the Commissioner of DPS for securing additional funding for the current contract year to help with COLA raises. The current contract was supposed to be \$4,138,667.00 and they were able to get an additional \$135,233.00, which brings the current contract to \$4,273,900.00. For the contract year of 2020, there are some ongoing and one-time requests to review. A copy of the 2020 UFRA Budget Request was provided to Board Members and is attached to the meeting minutes. Mr. Pranger reviewed the one-time and ongoing budget requests, and fielded questions from the Board. Fire Marshal Porter clarified that any action taken by this Board in regards to the UFRA budget will be dependent upon availability of funds. Motion made by Board Member Paulson to approve the 2020 UFRA contract and budget depending upon availability of funding from the State. Motion seconded by Board Member Phillips. The motion carried.

Item #8, Approval by the Board of an expenditure of funds from the contract with Utah Valley University, not to exceed \$100,000 to meet the 15% grant requirement of a \$627,000 AFG grant to replace SCBA and related expenses. Assistant Director Pranger advised the Board that UFRA

has been working hard to seek outside funding to augment the equipment they have. They were successful in receiving a grant award of \$627,000 to replace SCBA units which are in dire need of replacement. The 15% is a required match, and because that is over the \$50,000 threshold, Board approval is needed. Motion made by Board Member Olsen to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$100,000 to meet the 15% requirement of the AFG grant to replace SCBA and related expenses. Motion was seconded by Board Member Larson. Motion carried.

Item #9, Report from Utah State Fire Marshal Coy Porter on current fire prevention issues and potential legislation. Fire Marshal Porter informed the Board of several items:

- DPS Commissioner Squires has retired as of August 31. The Governor has appointed Jess Anderson as the new Commissioner. Deputy Commissioner Nanette Rolfe is also retiring.
- Utah hosted the National Association of State Fire Marshals for their annual conference. It was held in Park City on August 13-16. Several topics were discussed and are listed on a handout from Fire Marshal Porter.
- Legislation potential:
 - Fireworks – For this year’s fireworks season, preliminary numbers show a slight increase in the number of responses, but no significant events. Chief Deputy Ted Black met with Senator Iwamoto and Representatives Dunnigan and Arent, along with representatives from fireworks manufacturers and members of the fire service. A number of cities want more restriction/banning power. The decision was made by this group not to take any further action on fireworks. Other Representatives or Senators may choose to pursue additional fireworks measures.
 - Firefighter Retirement costs
 - 2018 International Fire Code adoption
 - Possible implementation of fees for plan reviews by the State Fire Marshal’s Office. This will be to offset the cost of having an additional person doing plan reviews.

Handouts from Fire Marshal Porter are included with the meeting minutes.

Item #10, Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

Item #11, New Business. Fire Marshal Porter introduced Bob Sullivan, Regional Representative for NFPA. Mr. Sullivan introduced himself and gave background on his fire service and code experience. He covers Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He reviewed NFPA’s position on a marijuana standard, as well as the new NFPA 3000 dealing with active-shooter situations.

Item 12, Next Board Meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 8:30 am at the South Salt Lake City Hall Council Chambers. Board Member Poulsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Humphreys. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.