

Nevada State Board of Fire Services  
June 23, 2017  
10:00 am  
Churchill Fire Department  
20 N. Carson Street  
Fallon, NV

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

### **Members Present:**

Chair Eric Guevin – Fire Marshal Tahoe-Douglas Fire Protection District  
Bart J. Chambers – State Fire Marshal  
William Erlach – Captain, Reno Fire Department  
Dave Fogerson – Deputy Fire Chief, East Fork Fire Protection District  
Jeff Buchanan – Deputy Chief, Clark County Fire Department  
Elaine Pace – Volunteer Chief, East Fork Fire Protection District  
Nick Moriarty – Executive Director of Fire Protection, JBA Consulting Engineers  
Terry Wilferd – Division Chief, Henderson Fire Department  
Kacey KC – Acting State Forester Firewarden, Nevada Division of Forestry

### **Members Not Present:**

Domingo Cambeiro, Principal, DCC Architects

### **Also Present:**

Gwen Barrett – Executive Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal  
Nathan Hastings – Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Mike Heidemann – Executive Director, Nevada State Firefighters Association  
Ben Jenkins – Nevada State Firefighters Association

### **1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR (Non-Action Item.)**

Chair Guevin called the meeting to order.

### **2. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW (Non-Action Item.)**

Chair Guevin verified with Gwen Barrett that compliance has been met in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### **3. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-action Item.)**

Chair Guevin moved Item 6 to be included with the introductions. Chair Guevin then introduced Bart Chambers as the Nevada State Fire Marshal. Chief Chambers commented that it was a pleasure to be here. Chair Guevin asked for introductions. A Quorum was

established. Chair Guevin asked the guests to introduce themselves. Chair Guevin again welcomed Chief Chambers and sent congratulations from CAL-FIRE, they lost an asset but we gained an asset. Kacey KC from the Nevada Division of Forestry was welcomed aboard. It was announced that Jo Anne Hill had resigned from the Board because she moved out of state. Ms. Hill will remain active and supportive of the Board.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item.)**

Chief Guevin commented that he had just returned from a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) conference in Boston. There was a different spin on home fire sprinklers with a focus on realtors and trying to get them engaged in the process and understanding how they can sell sprinkler systems in residential homes. Another angle they were taking is the fact that when homes are being sold, some places are calling them substandard homes because they do not have sprinklers in them. In Nevada we do not want to be known as substandard housing but they are saying the standard is to include fire sprinklers. There is some potential litigation activity that will take place in some areas where they can make some money, due to substandard housing. Some arguments in the construction industry are that fire sprinklers are too expensive, newer homes don't burn; in actuality they burn much quicker than homes of the past. A case came to light with a Habitat for Humanity home in which sprinklers were not installed and a young girl died in a fire in that home. Fire sprinklers save lives and that's why it is in the code. Chair Guevin asked that the Board watch this issue closely and suggested that maybe there is something the Board can do to help with the education aspect.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action.)**

**Elaine Pace motioned to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Dave Fogerson seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**6. STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES MEMBER UPDATE (Non-Action Item.)**

Item 6 was moved to Item 3.

**7. REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (Non-Action Item.)**

Chief Chambers indicated that he hit the ground running in regards to session and budget and is trying to stick to the 100 day plan that was presented in December. Dennis Pinkerton through his Certified Public Manager Program (CPM) project has put together a database that will help with our training certification. We are working with the Legislative Council Bureau

(LCB) to ensure that we can appropriate the monies effectively, being that session is over. We are looking at a work program to present to LCB and we were trying to get it going by September but that has been pushed back. The best part about the database is that it will reduce impact on administrative assistants in regards to data entry as well as our firefighter's and their agencies. When firefighters test, they and their agency will have results right away, streamlining the process. Maintenance of the database will be approximately \$5,000 per year. Startup costs are approximately \$60,000. Other entities might be interested as well; Department of Emergency Management and other components of the State Fire Marshal.

An overview of Training was reported by Chief Chambers on behalf of Dennis Pinkerton. There were 242 testing events, 668 certification candidates, and 340 successful certifications through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC.) Certificates issued include Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, Firefighter I and II, Fire Service Instructor I and II, Fire Officer I and II, Driver Operator, Investigator I and II, Plans Examiner, Inspector, and Public Safety Educator. Courses completed include: Fire Officer I series in the Elko area; Eight (8) Capstone courses of which 15 students successfully completed the series and nine (9) Adjunct Instructors; SCBA maze; car prop in Spring Creek, Ely, White Pine County and Carson City. Fire Service Inspector I, a 40 hour course was held for 20 firefighters in Las Vegas. Overall we had 256 students receiving some sort of training, let alone certification. Dennis Pinkerton and Tom Martinez have been doing a phenomenal job even with the Training Officer I vacancy. We have pulled in a contractor, Richard McKnight, to assist with IFSAC certification for auditing which will allow Tom Martinez to do the required audits to maintain our IFSAC certification. Chief Chambers is working with Dennis Pinkerton to upgrade the Training Officer I position to a Training Officer II position. We need to get that position filled by making it enticing to someone with the qualifications and the desire to be there to assist.

Dave Fogerson asked about the status of the Fire Officer Series update that Dennis Pinkerton has been working on. Chief Chambers replied that he could not give a specific update but it is one of the items on the hit-list and has spoken with the chief from Henderson, where the program there seems to be robust and he indicated that as soon as he has evaluated the program we should be seeing it up at the State Fire Marshal Division (SFM) for a look. We are also looking at the Fire Investigator Series. There was an issue of cheating a couple of years ago; therefore we are looking into an Ethics course for our Instructors that is similar to what other states have done. It should be available within a year to get our Instructor trained to alleviate any future issues and will teach our firefighters in the basic portion of it.

The Plans Examiner and Inspector I were pushed out to Dennis Pinkerton to enhance the certifications to maintain the current trends. If at any time there is something from the agencies in your normal day to day operation or something pops up, please send us an email so we can address and identify. I want to try and push that next step to where our firefighters and agencies have the ability to take it to the next level. The new database will help Dennis and staff to get these courses out there. I want a global approach – municipalities and rurals.

Dave Fogerson asked about the IFSAC; we have done a really good job on the IFSAC the operations side, but we have completely forgotten about the prevention side. Do we have a

plan to exceed what we are currently doing on the IFSAC? Chief Chambers indicated that he has been in dialogue with Dennis Pinkerton and after we get the Training Officer vacancy filled that will be one of the items to take care of, Chief Chambers wants to see the training portion and the IFSAC certification for this state grow.

The database management system that was referred to earlier will instantaneously produce a certification to an individual for the successful completion of a training program or certification testing. The Nevada fire departments will have the ability to enter their personnel into the program, obtain results of certification testing, and print their personnel's new or existing certifications, the individual fire department members will be able to print their own certification. The goal of the project is to save time and money for both the Department of Public Safety and the Nevada fire services. Money savings will be achieved from direct personnel costs and expanded goods and services such as certification. In the scope of the work, the contractor will input at least 17 years of data to put into the system. All participating fire departments in the State of Nevada will have access to the database. Chief Chamber's showed the Board members what the testing envelopes look like that the tests come in. If the envelope is tampered with, you see the red on the envelope. There is one (1) envelope per person. And if you have 30 individuals it gets to be a much bigger pile. All this goes away when we get the database.

Chair Guevin asked if this would also cover the cards for the alarm companies; we have had comments in the past that the little paper cards do not work well, and card holders would like something more substantial and representable. Chief Chambers indicated that the SFM is looking at working with Danny Brennan, Licensing Bureau Chief. What is given to the Special Deputies for the agencies on behalf of the SFM is a hard plastic card and we are looking at giving that out to industry as well, so that it is not paper, it is solid and would come out of SFM's existing Hazardous Material storage fee. In the long run it will have very minimal costs.

The SFM is also looking at, after speaking with our cooperators and Acting State Forester, are prevention signs; you get a cooperative partnership at what we are looking at in themes. Key locations come across the state line from California to Nevada; 395, 88, 80, looking at themes for targeted areas. The idea has been pushed to CAL-FIRE; everybody is in favor of it. We are also looking at where we can obtain the monies. Chief Chambers is ready to open up dialogue with local agencies from East Fork as well as the Nevada Division of Forestry to see what we can do. It is favorable and something we can get long-term use out of.

The Poster Contest has been presented to FPAN and is being brought to the Board of Fire Services as well. We can reach our young adults and we can use the NFPA theme. Those who are selected from the poster contest statewide will be posted in key locations on billboards in Elko, Reno/Sparks, Carson City, and Las Vegas. Chief Chambers will have a meeting with Jeff Donahue and Eric Guevin to find out where we can get support from NFPA; to show a united front with the fire services of the state. Getting this information out and supported, not only follows the theme of NFPA, but it reaches out to our children. If we address the kids, the adults will listen a little bit more; and parents on a drive can say "my kid's poster is on the board!"

Plan Reviews update: Albert Ruiz came on board in December and along with Marty Larsen, the former bureau chief – we are looking at a nine (9) to 14 day turn around on plans. We are moving forward. We went to Las Vegas a couple of weeks ago to meet with University of North Las Vegas (UNLV) and we talked about streamlining submittals. The Clark County area agencies are using software, like Iplan, to move the product back and forth quickly. Currently, plan review time frames, that included mailing, going back and forth, corrections, plans are printed, etc., costs UNLV about \$800 to \$1,100 to submit for changes, but if you do it on a digital system, it is easier to correct and there is a cost savings. The university is looking at partnering with us with that type of system. We met with the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) two weeks ago, and they are on board as well. We are getting the two major schools in the state working with us.

Chief Guevin is looking at something in Tahoe Douglas, partnered with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. It saves a lot of money. They found out that there is a significant costs savings when you have a revision, getting it updated, the comments are right there real time, and correction can be made. The other advantage with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party is the cut sheets can be bid on electronically. Dave Fogerson commented about the ability to share electronically with other agencies. Chief Chambers commented that we may not be able to get the staffing right now but what can we do right now? How can we assist with Training and Plans. The Licensing certification will be Phase II. Our time delays will be reduced significantly. Danny Brennan and Albert Ruiz were asked how to streamline, and Iplan was mentioned, and we reached out to Iplan because it came from an NFPA notification. It was asked what public safety agencies has Iplan been working with, there were a lot of universities but only two (2) fire agencies: Reno and Consumnes in California. Staff was directed to work with those two agencies to find out how they made their decision. I want this streamlined by the end of the year. Nathan Hastings suggested that SFM contact him or Melissa Carr about a possible RFP type notification.

A review of statewide Interlocals has been made. We want interactions with agencies. We have finalized our Interlocal with UNR, it has been positive. We are finalizing an Interlocal with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF). Our next meeting is with Carson City. Those of you within the agencies that we will be giving a potential Interlocal, I will be meeting with respective entities and will have an annual meeting date to go out and talk, find out what is working, find out what is not working, how can we support those agencies to meet the requirements of not only Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 477, but have the ability to have it more stringent within their jurisdiction. How can the State Fire Marshal Division assist you in these areas?

Senate Bill 67 concept was very good, but it was lacking communication and open dialogue. With the outgoing fire marshal and the new one coming in, there was a communication disconnect. The bill would have had a negative effect on NRS 477, not only affecting some municipalities but increasing the possibility of a catastrophic event like the MGM and Hilton fires. Once the bill was pulled, we had dialogue with Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, the authors, and told them whatever your needs are, let us work collaboratively. In speaking with Chief Cassell, Clark County supported it in some areas but there were some concerns as well.

Senate Bill 477 was dealing with code residential sprinklers in care homes. Clark County as well as the cooperative from Clark County supported part of it. How we won the support of the author to move forward, it was more of a zoning issue, but they made mention of some fire sprinklers. They put in it that care homes have residential fire sprinklers. We told them remove “residential” and at that point it did not impact NRS 477. They were in agreement with that. Las Vegas Fire & Rescue has been working on residential fire sprinklers, I reached out to them and stated to them that if there is anything from the State Fire Marshal Division that we can support you with, please let us know, they said thank you very much and we will be in contact with you.

During the legislative session we had an issue with Halfway Homes or Transitional Living Facilities (TLFs) that became high profile with Parole & Probation and my counterpart Chief Wood. I turfed questions from Mr. Edwards with the Assembly, and told him I would be more than happy to talk with him offline. There is a push to get our offenders out of these homes. My staff is working with Health and Human Services to identify a more streamlined system instead of having to pay for something or something comes up to where an individual wants to start a business and they know up front what their needs are, instead of at the end having to put in a sprinkler system, and at the end they are \$50,000 in to it and cannot do it. That is what we experienced with After Orange in the Las Vegas area.

Instead of calling them TLFs or Halfway Homes we are putting them all in the category of “Social Rehabilitation Facilities,” which is how it is listed in the International Fire Code (IFC.) Health and Human Services seems to be in agreement. Again, streamline the process and be more effective for those who are end users as well.

Lastly, a review on elevators: The elevator industry had concerns that Industrial Relations was not taking into account some significant issues. Out of the violations or concerns that they had on some elevators and escalators, there were 50 violations they brought to the attention of the SFM. We want to open better dialogue between industry and Industrial Relations. There were certain fire code violations that were surfacing and Industrial Relations staffing issues and their philosophies on how to interpret the fire code. They have a new manager, J. D. Decker, which is what sparked some of the better dialogue between industry, SFM, and Industrial Relations. Jeff Buchanan asked what some of the specific issues were. Chief Chambers indicated some of it was the recall of elevators, some things were being overlooked by certain facilities, but a lot of it was months ago. They got rid of some of the staff in Industrial Relations that were saying they needed this, but it wasn’t required by code. It was opening up dialogue with Industrial Relations and the elevator industry; was it an in-house maintenance item, or was it a fire code violation, or was it something the AHJ needed to be identified or contacted with? Some items were not reported to the local agencies, some items were minor maintenance. We currently have 12 vacancies, so that is part of the issue as well. Chief Chambers’ main concern is they are not fire inspectors, they are not doing anything pertaining to fire code, and if there is a problem that they are contacting the AHJ’s, and if it is something that needs to come to the SFM and the regulatory control, then so be it and contact us. And in turn, chief is reaching out to the local jurisdictions to give them a heads up so they can deal with it. Dave Fogerson asked if Industrial Relations got the guy carrying the gun who was pretending he was a law enforcement elevator mechanic and a fire

inspector. Chief Chambers answered “yes.” Chief Chambers met with industry, their training, union, and spokesperson and they willing to help Industrial Relations. Chief asked point blank, what is the fiscal impact to the state and what are you lining your pockets with. They replied they were not looking for a monetary settlement or support; they are willing to help for free. Mr. Decker has been in the elevator/escalator business, not the fire business. We agreed that if something comes into his lane, if it is a fire code issue, he will turf it to us or the AHJ. Elaine Pace indicated that this has been going on for about two years, and the minutes will give some history. Chief Chambers indicated he wanted to keep the Board informed and get Industrial Relations on board. If there is a fire code issue, bring it to the fire service.

Bill Erlach indicated that marijuana sales are one week away. His concern is a number of issues: We need to get fire services in the state educated on it; security, new machinery, chemicals, and pesticides – they can be remedied with inspections. He would like to see revenue generated out of marijuana used to educate the state fire services industry. Bill Erlach asked if there is anything the Board can do on the State Fire Marshal side to guarantee state revenue from that for training. Chief Chambers indicated that it needs to be addressed, especially the training aspect and is looking at two sides: prevention and operations. You get a working fire, what kind of security system, how do you gain egress, what is your forcible entry, how to shut down equipment. The other is oil secretion, now it’s a hazardous material. Are these exits going to be tasked with hazardous material teams as well? The state will be looking at Colorado, Washington, and Oregon; what are they doing in the fire service? If they are not doing anything we might be in the forefront. There are four (4) components: law enforcement aspect, EMS, prevention, and suppression concerns. Chief Chambers will keep the Board posted.

David Fogerson inquired about the legislative budget approval and Chief Chambers indicated there were no changes. We thought we were going to have to give up some Hazardous Material fees, but we did not.

David Fogerson asked if the relationship with SERC is still good, Chief Chambers answered yes. Eric Guevin asked if the vacant positions are funded positions. Chief Chambers said there are problems with qualified individuals taking the position due to money. Plans Examiner position does not pay what other local jurisdictions pay. If we can’t get another body we have to look at other means to try to streamline the system so we are not backlogged. Senator Ford made mention of it in hearing, it was not only specific to the SFM, it was state wide. We are not getting qualified candidates for the Training Officer I position, and those we do get, there are some concerns. We do not want to fill the position just because it is vacant; we want to fill the position because we have somebody that is motivated, willing to be there. Speaking to the Director, we have the need to upgrade the Training Officer I to a Training Officer II, and we will have to go through the process to make that happen. It is a little bit more palatable and a little bit more money and we do have individuals that would be interested who have been working in Nevada in fire services that are retiring that may come over.

Bill Erlach asked who designates salaries for each of the positions. Chief Chambers indicated that the state determines the salary. For Examples, the Training Officer was is put into a blanket and is very similar to the Training Officer for DMV. Kacey KC added that all state agencies have similar class titles, they look at it across all agencies, some of us have some that are different than others but for the most part, every year the State Personnel office picks five (5) to ten titles and they look at local jurisdictions, other state agencies surrounding us, and comparable areas and they do a classification survey to see if we are in the realm of reason, but it doesn't really change anything, for example, they report back that we are at 85% lower than most. One thing we could do, we can push some positions forward that we want them to look at and we really need support and use the classification survey to take to legislation to say we need more money. We don't need to be where California is, but we need something comparable to get decent candidates. Chief Chambers added that it doesn't mean we have to be at the same pay as Reno but it has to be enticing. We can train people at the SFM, then they go to a higher paying agency, we see that in industry all the time. Bill Erlach clarified that we can ask that an audit be done. Chief Chambers said it would be routed through DPS and on up from there and will get you more specific information on how the process works.

Chief Chambers added that another issue SFM is forecasting is the retirement of three (3) investigators in the next three years; John Boykin, Dennis Ely, and Mike Dzyak. We are also looking at getting additional bodies: Investigator/Inspector, Plans Review Inspector.

Chief Chambers is looking at everything right now to keep the State Fire Marshal Division moving forward, especially with the inundation we are seeing throughout the state. Clark County is facing a huge influx of new businesses and schools. Albert Ruiz and Martin Larson are knocking it out; whatever I can do to support them is key. If we can't do it, who is going to? Clark County and Henderson are dealing with the same thing. Chair Guevin commented that a lot of positions are open and changing, East Fork has some issues.

Dave Fogerson mentioned that our next Board meeting will be during FireShowsWest and that Chief Chambers had a great 100 day plan and commented that the Board is your advocate, since you are not allowed to advocate. Chief Chambers agreed and mentioned where he has attacked some items. Dave Fogerson added that Chief Chambers is our Fire Marshal, tell us ways the Board can be sure that we are all supporting one another. Chief Chambers will get information on where he needs support.

Eric Guevin mentioned the MGM Blue Ribbon panel recommended a new position be created in the SFM that was later removed. Is there any chance of getting more help from that? Chief Chambers answered yes and no. Looking at the Blue Ribbon Commission from the MGM, it was stated to have a full time ward to be part of the SFM to identify this. After 2006, where we saw many of the positions removed due to the downturn in the economy, we either relocated or retired, so nobody in a sense lost their job. In regards to going after additional positions, we have to take a look at that. Staff has been instructed in three meetings, the first one was in March 16, 2016 asking for a plan, a biennial review if you will, for additional positions and it is to be in place by the end of this year. I don't want a last minute request for more positions, it will be shot down by the Director and rightly so. We



don't have the numbers in place, we don't have the support. That is one of the items that I will be presenting to the Board. That's why I say yes and no, there is more than one position. In turn Kacey KC and I were talking about something I am looking at; to support our state cooperators to ensure they are moving forward, how is it going to impact – am I going to take away from NDF or is it going to help them in the future as well. My plan is not only looking here today but also looking five years down the road where it will assist us as cooperators. Eric Guevin confirmed a one year plan and then five years.

David Fogerson asked how involved the Chief is with NDF on collusive strategies for the Wildland Fire because he hasn't heard much from the ops groups that we had during the big meeting at the Nugget a few years ago and it has kind of nosedived. We have to figure out how to live with fire in Nevada and get those three groups back together: the ops, the planning/prevention, and resilient landscape. The SFM has a lot of the enforcement ability in NRS 477 that isn't used a lot but allows you to enforce the resilient landscaping. Chief Chambers indicated that part of his conversation with Kacey KC while driving to Hawthorne was with the dynamic changes that we have seen within the two agencies, both of us are getting our feet on the ground, I think we are along those lines. David Fogerson commented that we have to bring DEM in as well because Wildland Fire is an Emergency Management issue. I think Caleb Cage gets it, but the previous people at DEM did not understand the connection. Getting the three (3) together to talk about the Wildland Fire threat in our state would help out a lot, especially when you start talking strategy, to blend all that together well.

Chief Chambers indicated that the state has 11 fire deaths so far this year, the majority in the southern end of the state. Some have been multiple fatalities, but when you look at the trend nationally in what we saw last year, hopefully we stop at 11. We are still far below due to our population. Eric Guevin asked if oxygen was still the big one. Chief Chambers only shows one death from oxygen. Chief Chambers requested that fire fatalities be reported to his office and include the date and cause. This allows for tracking for the National Fire Incident Reporting System report that goes to the governor's office. We have streamlined some things; we want to get the information out. This last report that was sent in was different that what was reported by Mineral County; there was a fire fatality that we knew nothing about. If we show a pattern that there is something, the State Fire Marshal can support those entities were needed, and thus the Board of Fire Services knows where our potential problems are.

Eric Guevin also requested that marijuana related stuff gets reported. It is very important statistics for the SFM as well as agencies.

#### 8. REPORT FROM NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY (Non-Action Item.)

Kacey KC indicated that there have been a lot of changes recently. She was put in as Acting Firewarden about half -way through session. Gains were made this year; we had the Governor's Drought Initiative and we got the three type three engines and will be looking for homes for them, working with cooperators for placement. The model concept was a pilot program, we would get three, build it up, send it out, and the jurisdictional agency can staff it for their use but when the state calls it will run to a state fire and then we will pay for it out of

our Suppression Account. I have spoken with Chief Cassell and will be meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We got a rescue voice for our helicopters that will be available to all cooperators. We won't have that capability until next fire season; we need to get them and train on them. We are open to partners training as well; if you have staff wanting to learn it they are welcome. We got a new helitech module. As you all know we have three (3) helicopters in Minden. We run two (2) of the helicopters seven (7) days and week with a full crew and one (1) runs limited. I have never seen them move as much as last year; they were out to Winnemucca, Elko and Clark County. We have a state FMO starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Going into what Chief Fogerson was talking about, cooperation and the collusive strategy because we had so much turnover...we will need our cooperators more than ever as we move forward.

We are starting with a foundation building discussion as NDF transferred out of all risk, we never defined the Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP) as our statutes require for the coverage, so we will be working with the Board to see where we can help fill that niche; what is the staffing level needed for statutory responsibility and for our WFPP partnership, trying to get support through the next legislative process that will start now so we can build that support looking forward to where we are staffed to the level that helps you and us, this all ties into the cohesive strategy. The floods were hard but helped us to work together with DEM and the SFM. Our fire crews are well trained. We have to get back to the cohesive strategy implementation; a meeting is coming up soon. The WFPP program; we are still working with Clark County and the City of Reno on getting them in, the other two are not trying as hard because they do not have a fire risk. Getting full partnership and redefining the program, working on a new calculation of the formula, what it entails, traditional fire costs, what is provided to the WFPP partnerships, hopefully it will become clearer to us and to you.

Our prescribed burn program - we will be looking to you; we are obviously on a self-imposed burn moratorium at this time. We have piles out there and partners willing to help burn some of those piles. We will be rolling back into a burn program; hopefully this fall baring any issues. We have run through all of our training certificates and have updated policies and procedures. What we are looking for from our cooperators and partners is the opportunities that you will have on burns to send our burn bosses back through as trainees. We will be asking for support and help in that.

David Fogerson asked if there were any plans to move the WFPP to a legislative intent, right now it's the governor's budget, the governor goes away soon and the next governor could make it go away. We have been pushing for years through a couple of foresters to put it in some kind of law, because you are saving local government a lot of money on these fires. Kacey KC answered that the WFPP partners have seen the most help in floods this year, so , yes, we are looking at that. We have statute that covers it right now, but it is not like 473 which was direct in statute, this is kind of sideways, it is there but it will be part of this whole redirection going into the next biennium. David Fogerson stated that they have the statutory ability to do it, what we are looking for is a statutory requirement that this will be done. Kacey KC agreed, and added that is what the process of the formula change and saying what the formula is, because it was economic study of logic. Getting it statutorily based and figuring out how we actually can fill those holes for you fire service, because you have your own response equipment and personnel. Every county has a different list and we need to

build a flexible program. David Fogerson added that in Douglas County there are two (2) fire departments; Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection Fire District has 11 square miles, no history of large fires and is paying the same amount as East Fore Fire Protection District that has \$2 million fires every year, Kacey KC agreed that that consideration has to go into the formula, and originally it was based off the Wild Urban Interface, then it turned into an economics game, and then became a lot less understandable. We will be working with you to figure out what will work best for everyone. We are also making improvements as far as sending you something like your insurance company sends every year; an “explanation of benefits.” What did we save you, what did you receive, before, during, and after a fire. We have focused so solidly on during a fire that we haven’t looked at the before and after and it is something that I am pushing staff to do, that is part of what we sold the program on.

Eric Guevin asked if there were any proposed timeframes for announcing the Volunteer Fire Assistance grants for employees. Kacey KC did not have an answer but will check.

Eric Guevin thanked Kacey KC for her hard work, and she thanked them for their support indicating that it has been a tough year.

9. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Non-Action Item.)  
Chief Cage was not present, there was no report.

10. SCHEDULE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES (Discussion/For Possible Action.)

FireShowsWest will move to November this year. Eric Guevin proposed that the Board of Fire Services meets, with the availability of room space, at the next FireShowsWest.

**Bill Erlach motioned to host the next Board of Fire Services meeting in accordance with the FireShowsWest. Eric Guevin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)

Terry Taylor mentioned that he is usually on the agenda and has an update from the Nevada State Firefighter’s Association. We too have been approached by FireShowsWest to partner with them and help with some of the operational side, classroom and training. Our training conference is going on as we speak. It started yesterday with an outstanding opening presentation by Chief Buchanan.

Terry Taylor invited the Board to go the Churchill County High School to see what is going on; there is a HazMat track, EMS track, CEU for the first responders, Extrication track, several live burn props from the SFM, and numerous other training.

We lost a board member this year in an accident in Elko. She was put on the National Memorial wall May 20<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. Next year's conference will be in Ely. The vacant Board position will be filled by her fiancé.

Chair Guevin thank Terry Taylor and Ben Jenkins for their service.

Chair Guevin indicated that NFPA announced their theme for Fire Prevention Week in October: Seconds Count/Two Ways Out." Last year's was Don't Wait Check the Date."

The Red Cross is installing smoke detectors free of charge-10 year detectors with a sealed battery. The nice thing about that is fire services has always been concerned over replacement and liability, but the Red Cross has the liability and the waiver. Studies show that going back to the concept of shutting doors at night when sleeping so the fire and smoke won't spread, really what it came down to is we need to entrapment issues, focusing on drills, knowing that homes burn quicker than ever before and they are not protected by sprinklers; our focus is let's get these people out. We are excited about the program and it will save lives. It is prevention basics and getting the kids out of the building. Two years ago the NFPA made all of their material available online and Jeff Donahue is the regional rep for NFPA and he can help get information out to you.

FireShowsWest is trying to fill their education tracks. If you have ideas to push in their direction, they are working hard to make the November program a robust program that meets the needs of our state. Jo Anne Hill is still working diligently on the programming.

It is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Angora Fire this weekends. A commemoration ceremony will be held at Valhalla at South Lake Tahoe, several senators will be present. They are talking about the bi-state Blue Ribbon panel came up with initiatives that should be completed. There is a report on where we are with that. This weekend's events are a commemoration to remember what happened at Angora and also to the resiliency of the community at what was done to rebuild and make a fire adaptive community. Bell ringing and first responder recognition will be at Lake Valley.

The MGM report is on the SFM website. It's hidden a little; maybe we can do something to bring it out. The Mizpah fire should be on there too. We need to highlight those fires so we don't forget, so when people come in and try to change and lessen our codes, they know why the codes are in place. Chief Chambers indicated that he will put the three (3) fires on the SFM website: MGM, Hilton, and Mizpah.

Chair Guevin also recommended that the business inspection form be placed on the website.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action.)

**Elain Pace motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Erlach seconded the motion. The motion carried.**