

Minutes

Nevada State Board of Fire Services

June 21, 2019 at 9:00am

Locations:

Edgewater Resort, Taos Conference Room, 2020 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029

State Fire Marshal Division, 107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, Nevada

And teleconference:

Teleconference to 775-687-0999, Participation Code 47525#

Board Members Present:

Nicholas Moriarty – by phone
Eric Guevin – by phone
Elaine Pace – by phone
Bart Chambers – Edgewater Resort
Domingo Cambeiro – by phone
Terrence Wilferd – by phone
Kacey KC – by phone

Board Members Not Present:

David Fogerson
Kelli Baratti
William Erlach
Jeffrey Buchanan

Others Present:

Gwen Barrett, Administrative Assistant, State Fire Marshal Division, Carson City
Mike Heidemann, Executive Director, Nevada State Firefighters' Association
Nathan Hastings, Deputy Attorney General – by phone
Dennis Pinkerton, Training Bureau Chief, State Fire Marshal Division, Edgewater Resort
Tom Martinez, Training Officer, State Fire Marshal Division – Carson City
Richard McKnight, Training Officer, State Fire Marshal Division – Edgewater Resort

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR** (Non-Action Item.)
The meeting was called to order at 9:12am by Chair Guevin.
2. **VERIFICATION OF NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**
(Non-Action Item.) Gwen Barrett Confirmed compliance with the Open Meeting Law.
3. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS** (Non-Action Item.) Gwen Barrett called roll. Six (6) Board members were present. A quorum was established. Introductions were made.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-Action Item.) There was no public comment.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES** (Discussion/For Possible Action.) Elaine Pace noted grammatical errors to correct.

Elaine Pace motioned to approve the minutes with the grammatical errors corrected. Nick Moriarty seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

6. **TRAINING UNIT REPORT** (Non-Action Item.) Presented by Dennis Pinkerton, Bureau Chief, Training Unit updated the Board: IFSAC and Pro Board are still under review. Will ask for the Board to approve some changes on qualifications in a future meeting. The Fire Trex system has been released to two agencies to test, there are some problems but so far they are happy with the progress.
7. **REMOVAL OF INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE ON TRAINING CERTIFICATES** (Discussion/For Possible Action.) There was discussion on the difficulties of obtaining the Instructor signature of some certificates completion. The Board was assured that the State Fire Marshal signs all certificates and the Instructor signature would be in addition to the State Fire Marshal signature for course completions. Once the new software program is in use, all signatures will be electronic.

Domingo Cambeiro motioned to proceed with Instructor signature or that of the chief until such time that the data base is up and running at which point an electronic signature will be attached to the certificate when the training is completed. KC Kacey seconded the motion. Chair Guevin added that Chief Chambers made a valid point that we have a system in place this is for an action item or discussion Domingo Cambeiro's motion does cover more flexibility to the Training Bureau because it is the signature from the instructor or from the Bureau. **No further discussion. Motion carried.**

8. **PRO BOARD – LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION** (Discussion/For Possible Action) Dennis Pinkerton, Bureau Chief, Training Unit explained that the Pro Board certification levels will be Hazardous Material Awareness, Hazardous Material Operations, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Instructor I and Instructor II. In the future we are going to do the prevention side; Inspector Investigator, and Plans Examiner.

Elain Pace motioned that the Pro Board the certification levels be Hazardous Material Awareness, Hazardous Material Operations, Firefighter I and II, and Instructor I and II. Terry Wilferd seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

9. **2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION** (Non-Action Item.) Chief Chambers reviewed bills that touched parts of the State Fire Marshal Division or are significant in fire service: Assembly Bill 297 – smoke dampers and fire dampers. The Governor signed the bill and it gave SFM an additional Investigator and Accounting Assistant III. Senate Bill 338- the fireworks bill, died, but anticipates it may surface next session. Senate Bill 57 – the fire prevention for plans in schools and school safety sponsored by the AG's office left out fire prevention and the SFM for plan review, we were able to clean up that verbiage and it passed. Senate Bill 89 – school safety, addressing drills. Senate Bill 215 – cancer enhancement bill. Training Officers were placed in there. Senate Bill 329 – sponsored by NV Energy, we added verbiage to enhance defensible space. Assembly Bill 440 – Red Cross introduced to ensure funding secured for smoke alarms for residents.

Kacey KC added bills of interest: Senate Bill 56 – a statutory change to modernize standards, approved. Senate Bill 508- replacement of information technology, approved. Senate Bill 525

appropriate of equipment, including helicopters, chippers, and crew carriers. A budget approval was made to increase from 5 million dollars for wildland fire suppression to about 19 million dollars over the biennia with a 10 million reserve. A natural protection plan for vegetation plans with NV Energy. ACR 4 was approved directing interim study on wildfires.

10. **FireShowsWest** (Discussion/For Possible Action)

Dennis Pinkerton indicated there are a few slots left. A good Hazardous Material class would be good.

Chief Chambers added that he and Dennis Pinkerton just got back from Las Vegas area where they toured cultivation, extraction, and dispensing marijuana facilities. They were very clean, had fire protection in the facilities, good housekeeping. Some of the best he has seen. He commended Clark County for their due diligence on fire prevention, plan review for fire protection systems in these buildings and working with industry. We would like to see industry and the fire service together make a presentation on hazardous materials at FireShowsWest to kill some of the myths that are out there. Other states and Canada are contacting the State of Nevada due to our success.

Mike Heidemann indicated the FireShowsWest dates are October 27 – 30, 2019. FireShowsWest is now a non-profit organization and shall be known as the FireShowsWest Training and Education Foundation. This will enhance all training aspects.

11. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** (Non-Action Item.) Reports to include, Arson Hotline, SAFER Funds, and Budget Requests.

Chief Chambers: In addition to Pro Board and IFSAC we are looking at enhancing the Fire Officer certification. Finishing up the development of the Fire Investigator series; it will be for career firefighters and law enforcement personnel, we will not allow volunteers unless recommended by their chief and vetted through the agency. We are working with California on reciprocity; with a letter from our division vetting the firefighter. Homeowner's checklist is on the website, local agencies can add their logo if they want to use it. Fire code, Assembly Bill 297 will be worked on. Not all agencies have adopted the Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI.) The code was adopted by the State. The City of Las Vegas and City of Henderson, have adopted high-rise of 75 feet. It is possible that there will be an AG review and discussion in regards to the adoption. We are starting to get school inspections requests, as per NRS 477.030 (1.) In 2009 the SFM was removed from plans review and inspections on new and remodel, however some schools have not been inspected in 10-plus years. A fireworks store in Battle Mountain has been looked at; due to several code violations. When we site administratively the funds go to SFM, criminal citations do not go to SFM.

Elaine Pace: terming off of the Board as of this meeting and has enjoyed serving.

Domingo Cambeiro: termed out as well and has been honored to serve. Looks forward to maintain relations and is proud of the work done and looks forward to its continued success.

KC Kacey: has worked diligently on a formula for costs for fire bills; keying on prevention, mitigation, and rehabilitation. Looking forward to working with all jurisdictions.

Nick Moriarty: no report.

Eric Guevin: This is his last meeting and values relationships and the work done. He will continue to work with Fire Prevention Association of Nevada. A grave concern is the power outages; NV

Energy instituted a program much like California, a de-energization program for public safety, in the tier III areas, some around the Tahoe Basin where during wildfire threats of sustained winds, dry conditions, and heat, NV Energy will preemptively shut down the power grid. Rural areas should plan on up to three days without power. Working with Chief Chambers and Bob Sullivan with NFPA, for FPAN membership; it is time to unify North, South, and rural areas educating the public to stand behind fire sprinkler systems; establishing a fire sprinkler coalition. Home hydrant with a standalone pump, you roll into the home and connect to sprinkler system, especially good for homes on a pump, poly tanks. A fire sprinkler system can cause as much water damage as a washing machine, and people allow those in their homes.

Terry Wilferd has no reports from any training chief. He is also terming out and will see you as a member of the regular public at the next meeting.

12. **SCHEDULE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES** (Discussion/For Possible Action.) The next Board of Fire Services meeting will occur during the FireShowsWest conference in October. Gwen Barrett reviewed the status of Board member applications and hopes to have a full Board by October.

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

Chief Chambers recognized terming out Board members. The statewide fire prevention signs are getting cooperation from NDOT. We are moving forward with on a regional approach with BLM, Living with Fire, NV Energy, and the local jurisdictions.

Eric Guevin offered Kudos to Chief Chambers for the statewide poster contest and billboard campaign. Eric Guevin will pick up the Sparky award to update names.

Mike Heidemann reinforced the appreciation for the SFM getting out to the rurals. There has been a lack of inspections and now the they are out there we may be able to get some things fixed and would like to see the Board support the efforts to go after funding to get out to the rurals. Referencing the February 8th meeting in regards to an AG opinion in regards to fire drills in schools. Nathan Hastings pointed out that in meeting with Chief Chambers a few times and the proximity of the Legislative Session; the bill described in his report obviated that question. Bart Chambers added that we still need to address the private charter schools and we can get back to Mr. Heidemann and he will keep everyone abreast at the next meeting.

Dennis Pinkerton thanked all Board members for their support.

It was announced that Gwen Barrett is resigning as of July 2nd.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**