

DRAFT Minutes

Nevada State Board of Fire Services
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9:30am

State Fire Marshal Division, 107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, Nevada
With Video conferencing to
Clark County Fire Department, Station 18, 575 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 8919

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

Board Members Present:

Bill Erlach
Nicholas Moriarty – by phone
David Fogerson
Eric Guevin
Kelli Baratti – by phone
Elaine Pace
Bart Chambers
Jeffrey Buchanan
Domingo Cambeiro
Terrence Wilferd
KC Kacey – by phone

Others Present:

Gwen Barrett, Administrative Assistant, State Fire Marshal Division
Michael Heidemann, Executive Director, Nevada State Firefighters' Association
Nathan Hastings, Deputy Attorney General – by phone
Dennis Pinkerton, Training Bureau Chief, State Fire Marshal Division – by phone
Keith Westengard, County Manager, Lander County – by phone
Jack Snyder, Fire Chief, City of Elko – by phone
Tom Martinez, SFM, Training Officer, State Fire Marshal Division
Manu Kennedy, SFM Fire and Life Safety Inspector II
Dave Ruben, Fire Marshal, Carson City Fire Department

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR** (Non-Action Item.)
Chair Fogerson called the meeting to order at 9:40am.
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 Barret called roll. All 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 NOVEMBER 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES** (Discussion/For Possible Action.) Eric Guevin and Mike Heidemann noted some corrections to be made.

Eric Guevin motioned to approve the minutes with the changes stipulated. Domingo Cambeiro seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

6. **ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 1006 STANDARD FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE PERSONNEL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION 2017 EDITION** (Discussion/for Possible Action.)

Tom Martinez present for Dennis Pinkerton. Tom Martinez stated that they would like to adopt the 2017 NFPA 1006.

Jeff Buchanan asked where this would force a jurisdiction to have an unfunded mandate, what are the impacts to local jurisdictions by adopting Technical Rescue qualifications? Tom Martinez replied that there shouldn't be any impact. Jeff Buchan referred to the Cave and Dive Rescue for example with Clark County Fire Department, this wouldn't impede those teams from performing as they are today by implementing this. Tom Martinez answered that it would not affect their current certifications.

Dave Fogerson asked that when updates are made, can we track historically what was required at the time. Bart Chambers is not aware of a document; he will work the Bureau Chief to see if we have something showing the changes to the Professional Qualifications Manual of any set certification or adoption of new NFPA standards and guidelines. He will get that to the Board in the next couple of days.

Chief Chambers asked Tom Martinez about the status of updating of the 2016 Professional Qualifications Manual from the State Fire Marshal Division. Tom Martinez indicated they are in the process of the IFSAC reaccreditation, and hopes to get to the manual in the next couple of months.

Eric Guevin confirmed that the Level 2 is equal to the Tech. Tom Martinez replied that it should only affect people who are seeking new certifications. We would still honor the Level 1 and 2 if they requested reciprocity. Anybody with a Level 1 would be eligible for Awareness and Operations.

Jeff Buchanan asked the teams that are in place throughout the state right now; as those team members leave and the opportunity to train new team members presents, are we saying that in order to become a Tech in Reno Nv, now we have to go through Cave Rescue, Mine and Tunnel, Wilderness Rescue, Dive Rescue, Subterranean in order to achieve a level of proficiency that once did not include that or is it going to be up to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ?) Dennis Pinkerton answered that all the Rescue Levels are individual certifications. It is up to the AHJ as to what certification they want. Domingo Cambeiro asked if Level 1 was required before beginning Level 2. Dennis Pinkerton, replied that yes, it is progressive certification.

Bart Chambers asked Dennis Pinkerton to confirm, being that the Board is looking to adopt the new standards for Technical Rescue in the Professional Qualifications Manual, it has no current impact with the adoption of the Fire Code, meaning the Board has the ability to adopt this without impact. Dennis Pinkerton agreed.

Eric Guevin motioned to adopt the National Fire Protection Association 1006. Elaine Pace seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

7. **STATEWIDE ARSON HOT LINE** (Non-Action Item.)

Chief Chambers presented the Arson Hotline (844-NV-ARSON) to the Board. Many states throughout the nation have an Arson Hotline. The State Fire Marshal (SFM) has an available 800 number to use; there is no fiscal impact to any agency in the state. It will be housed out of Carson City through the SFM. We take the information and forward it as a clearinghouse for all agencies to utilize; if it is in the SFM purview we use it, otherwise we would send it to the proper agency.

There were a few concerns expressed about how the system would work and especially about emergency calls. Bart Chambers if something is “running and gunning” where you have potential suspect information, local fire and law enforcement agencies will have the information routed to their jurisdiction. Limiting access to retrieve messages on the line helps maintain good case law by limiting the risk of compromising a case. An 800 number is generally for something that has been percolating; and that is where we need to work with agencies. An example of the use of an arson hotline would be the Range Two Fire; calls were coming in on his personal cell from possible witnesses instead of utilizing a main number.

8. **STATEWIDE RESILIENCY STRATEGY** (Discussion/For Possible Action.)

Possible action is for the Board to discuss and potentially provide a recommendation for the State to adopt the Homeland Security Working Group’s resiliency strategy. Any position so provided by the Board may be used for any Legislative testimony by the Chair or Board members when representing the Board of Fire Services. Attachment: “Overview of the Statewide Resilience Strategy.”

Chair Fogerson noted that this is a big push from the Division of Emergency Management (DEM.) The DEM has 34 groups that provide advice and counsel to the Emergency Manager. Kelli Baratti added that there is now Senate Bill 35 that will put in statute that Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee, setting forth the membership and duties. It would provide certain exceptions to the Open Meeting Law because some subjects are not for the public, there would be the requirement to submit an annual report to certain entities.

Chair Fogerson added that he wanted this item on the agenda just in case we are asked about the State Fire Marshal or the BOFS opinion on the committee. The Nevada Resiliency Advisory Committee is looking at the four aspects of Emergency Management; plan, prepare, respond, and recover from an incident and trying to make us more resilient so that way when the next incident happens, we bounce back faster. A lot of this information has come from a study by the Rand Corporation of the “100 Most Resilient Cities.”

Kelli Baratti gave a little history on the numerous groups; many have not met in years; most were not in statute; some are in statute and will not go away with the SB 35. The Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee has 39 members; incorporating the subject matter experts from each one of those bodies and will meet monthly. The many previous boards and commissions had no teeth; the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee puts forth real action items.

Chair Fogerson added that the current Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee was done by executive order of the Governor. Eric Guevin clarified that one of the functions would be to vet the money coming through grant requests. Chair Fogerson concurred and added that just about every agency in the BOFS has got representation.

Jeff Buchanan motioned to adopt the position of the statewide Resiliency Strategy. Eric Guevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

9. **DISCUSSION OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, SECTIONS 404 AND 405**
(Non-Action Item.)

This is already in code. Discussion only because agencies in the state have not been proactive in the required implementation such as response and inspections, along with plan review as to address the additional alarm notification separate from the fire alarm. This includes the SFMD as this was not being addressed in the plans for schools with Clark County.

Bart Chambers clarified that some agencies have been somewhat proactive.

There have recent discussion about lockdown procedures with Duane Resop, Building Official for Clark County School District, Mike Wilson, Emergency Manager for Clark County School District, and Roy Anderson, Emergency Manager for Washoe County School District. There was really nothing in the plans that were coming forth. Some agencies were looking at NFPA 72 in regards to the alarms, panels, notification, mass notification but nothing specifically addressing the lockdown procedures and separate audible alarm. In speaking with Duane Resop and beginning this year we want to put something in writing between the State Fire Marshal Division and Clark County School District. We need to ensure that when this is implemented or if there is a lockdown alarm, whether actual or drill, that the fire department gets notified of what type of alarm it is. It helps with the Emergency Management Plan as well as what we are doing for plans in place. Our main concern is that this was implemented in 2009 to present in every code adoption and it has been adjusted and modified a little more to get into what is needed on the Emergency Management plan, the lockdown procedures, notifications to the fire department, as well as the separate audible alarm.

Assembly Bill 127 was passed last session and went into effect July 2017. Both NRS 392 and 394 states that four of the 12 mandatory fire drills were to be used for lockdown; we had no notification when this was coming up. We have violated the fire code because you cannot substitute any fire drill by code for lockdown or otherwise. It also states in code that a lockdown drill will be independent of the fire alarm drills or evacuation drills; if you have 12 a year you are going to get x number of lockdown drills in addition. Bart Chambers is concerned about the liability we face as a state and the jurisdictions.

Other dialogue with DEM personnel are the concerns as to what trumps - NRS 477 or Assembly Bill 127, being it was a reduction. Currently, NRS 477 states that the fire code will not be less stringent than the base code of the State of Nevada. When the bill was passed, it reduced statewide the minimum standards of fire code, it violated it. An inquiry has been made to the Department of Public Safety DAG as to where we stand legally, because the legislative, body based upon NRS 392 and 394 trumped the International Fire Code which has been adopted since 2012 to present.

The “2019 Preparedness Summit” is February with the schools, this will be brought forward to find out how to rectify this bill and move forward with better understanding. Our new Governor and

administration is looking at school safety, there are approximately 12 bills proposed bills for this session. We are watching to ensure we are embracing and working with those entities that are pushing this forward, not to compromise the fire code.

The late 50's was the last time we had significant loss of life in a school due to fire. Code has been in place, if we start reducing codes at what point do we say enough? In turn we need to address this and work with the schools statewide and especially in some of the local jurisdictions, rurals to ensure they are in compliance and to endure the fire code is not violated and that they are looking at the lockdown procedures as well.

The larger counties, especially Clark County is to ensure that the fire departments know that it is a lockdown drill and the understand that if there is an active shooter, there is a lockdown. What is in place for notification? And is the audible alarm different. Right now the pulling of an alarm, is the only way there is notification.

My staff, when reviewing plans, is to look at what is in place for differentiating of a lockdown audible alarm. Are they putting it in mass notification through the alarm system, fire alarm systems as well as communicating to the school. It is a concern. We can address this globally as to what these drills are but we need to make sure the right people are at the table to ensure safety of our schools, our children, staff members, and fire responders.

Domingo Cambeiro commented that the IFC establishes a fire notification and drills on a monthly basis in schools. According to code you cannot substitute those for the lockdown. But he does not see in code what the frequency is for a lockdown drill. Bart Chambers agreed, he referred to the code "the training and frequency that lockdown drill shall not substitute for any fire or evacuation drills required in Section 405.2. The training frequency shall be included in the lockdown plan." It will reside with the Emergency Manager to ensure that it is not imposing too much strain on the school's timeframes. The lockdown cannot be substituted. Clark County School District is doing a total of 16 drills after January 1st because of not wanting to violate the fire code; they are looking at four lockdown drills.

Doming Cambeiro spoke about a different audible alarm for lockdown and believes it will have a tremendous impact to all facilities; the simplest but costly would be to have a secondary alarm; a pull down has its own alarm. So separating the type of alarm audible would be tough.

Bart Chambers has been in contact with some school districts throughout the nations, one in particular; Midway ISD in Texas. Their philosophy was low cost to no cost. They have a Cisco phone system and if they have a lockdown they dial a four-digit code and the entire district goes in lockdown and the code goes to the police dispatch, police chief, fire chief, and administrators. They are able to access cameras, if in place, but most importantly they have the ability for mass notification and have the audible separate and only at high occupancy areas, gyms, and cafeterias. Otherwise it is verbal through the phone system with different audible with mass notification. They worked with local police and fire, embracing the code ensuring that code elements were met, looking at what the cost-effective needs were. Clark County has something very similar that they are moving forward with. The summit in February will tell us what the schools are doing to address this and looking at maintain code.

Lastly an active shooter alarm notification system put in place at the Carson City National Guard Facility, they had a demonstration with Roy Anderson and Mike Wilson, and they liked the system.

The alarms tend to override each other; the question... you have a fire in classroom A and an active shooter in classroom Z. The only to identify that is the main panel; if it is in the administrative office they can identify that.

There are hurdles. The main concern now is not only the students and faculty, but the first responders. We don't want to send them in for fire suppression without knowing what is going on, especially if drills are reduced and compromise code.

Jeff Buchanan suggested that some fire chiefs attend the summit to offer insights. He also commented that fire is a weapon. Any fire department should treat any fire as a weapon,

Dave Fogerson added that school safety focuses on law enforcement and then the school district; they leave out fire and EMS response. We need to be locked arms with those folks. Eric Guevin added that the likelihood of an active shooter and fire is very possible. But you can only go so far - what happens if you are in an earthquake when it happens? But we do need to look at different audibles; verbal announcements work because they are clear. There are several school districts doing drills monthly, substituting earthquake drills instead of fire drills, etc. We need to get the word out that the lockdown is an additional drill. One of the biggest things schools do is teach people how to be life ready and learn life skills; that include being prepared for these types of events.

Chief Chambers referred to "Unplanned Fire Alarms" and read a small portion: in 2018, the Indiana legislature directed the State Fire Marshal to provide written guidance to school administrators, teachers, and students regarding options available during an unplanned fire alarm. Recently we have seen fire alarms used to lure students and teachers out into the open during active shooter incidents instead of being used to save lives as they are intended. In collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, I am sending this message out to all schools throughout Indiana to provide guidance as to what is an appropriate response during an unplanned fire alarm in a school building."

Chief Cochran and Chief Cassell and I saw this, it is a three-minute delay put in legislation. The legislative body worked with the state fire marshal and the Board of Education collaboratively to ensure this was addressed. We have not seen this here, it has been a knee-jerk reactions.

This is a very good plan. It could potentially be better. It is everything we are looking at and what we need to have in place; they are still adhering to the current code.

Bart Chambers again mentioned the legislative bill versus 477 and needing a legal opinion. Nathan Hastings was not aware of a pending inquiry, he will follow up with Bart Chambers after the meeting.

Eric Guevin added that we need to this as the State Board of Fire Services because this is going to affect our state and of course our districts. In his district they run into things where drills have been substituted; law enforcement painted one of Knox boxes blue which doesn't change the key type, etc. We need to approach together and ensure Emergency Management components are tied in because there is a real threat. Perhaps this can be an action item for the next meeting and review of some bills. Eric Guevin supports Bart Chambers in his work and if there is any way he can help during the summit to let him know.

Bart Chambers appreciates the Board's support on this, and added that he is not taking away from any of the fire agencies in the state. All agencies within in Clark County; Chief White and Chief Cassell, have been proactive not only after October 1, but also the Florida incident. It's what we can

do for the schools. Clark County could be a good litmus test for a statewide response and can be adjusted accordingly. Most importantly it is how we identify this as a footprint for the state for the safety of children and faculty. If we do not address the fire and EMS response on safety, we are behind the power curve.

Kelli Baratti indicated that the Nevada Preparedness Summit February 12-13 is at the El Dorado in Reno. Bart Chamber will be presenting on the 12th. To all of you who are tracking the legislative session, it is important to add schools your tracking because from last session, AB 127, that Bart Chambers referred to earlier has a bunch of requirements for us in it. Non-practitioners do not always want fire and EMS into public safety; they tend to think law enforcement. Whenever you have an opportunity to provide testimony I encourage you to keep an eye on things with schools, especially in this particular climate because it is such a hot topic right now.

Domingo Cambeiro mentioned that school calendars changed from full year to nine month calendar. And that is when we look at the code and the monthly requirement for fire drills. You add earthquake drills, lockdowns, it is very tough for the principals to manage because they have so many days a year and the drill disturbs the entire curriculum for the day. Students are excited after a drill and become very distracted.

Bart Chambers mentioned an email that had proposed BDRs. He has highlighted areas that may impact the State fire Marshal Division. The handout will be added to the fire.nv.gov website.

10. **ENHANCED TRAINING STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS** (Non-Action Item.)

Presentation by Chief Chambers on changes to NAC 477 addressing the enhanced training requirements for Volunteer Firefighters, Career Firefighters, Wildland Firefighting, and Fire Brigades /Mines.

Bart Chambers indicated that the SFM has finished the last public workshop for NAC 477. That standards implemented will address the career firefighters first; the same foundation that currently have in place. The standard of training and well as addressing volunteer wildland firefighters, with Wildland firefighting not only NFPA but NWCG with emphasis. The reason we brought this to light from July 1st of last year to the end, we had a total of seven firefighters that had sustained burns, anywhere from first degree to third degree burns. We want to put something in place that was a baseline standard that we are currently addressing in the state and put into statute.

The other, in speaking with the mines, there was no standard that the mines had, but many were meeting or exceeding what would be seen for a Firefighter I. some passes a firefighter 2 baseline curriculum because of what the mines wanted to have in there, a lot was based upon insurance needs, based upon what they have for a fire brigade. These are baseline and minimums standards but it was never addressed. What support from NSFA, PulPac, as well as some of the local entities. The mines have supported this as well.

Dave Fogerson asked about the language to add to NAC 477. Bart Chambers read the portion: *For volunteer fire departments, local government, township, district as outlined in NRS-616A.145 or community that established a volunteer fire department that have been given responsibility of organization and deployment of fire suppression, operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations must follow as the minimum, training requirements a person will set forth in NFPA Standard 1720 as adopted by Reference NAC-477, operations to the public by volunteer fire department.*

Facility fire brigade. Industrial, commercial, and institutional and similar properties that establish a fire-or establish a facility fire brigade must follow as a minimum, the training requirements personnel has set forth in NFPA Standard 1081 as adopted by Reference NAC-477.

Wildland fire management. State of local government, township, district as outlined in NRS-616A.145 or community that establish a fire protection organization on the management of wildland fire suppression in local government, township, or community through an agreement to respond to wildland fire, must follow as the minimum training requirements of personnel as set forth in NFPA Standard 1051, 1143, or NWCG as adopted by Reference NAC-477.281, wildland fire management.

Dave Fogerson confirmed this was discussed last meeting because the Board has made a “Professional Qualifications Manual,” and some of this goes against that manual. Can it be massaged so our certification standards that we have adopted will work into this? Bart Chambers responded that under the statute on the proposed NAC 477, they have put the changes in the manual to mirror, this is a bit more broader stroke to adopt. It was brought to the Board about a year ago that the Professional Qualifications Manual was to be updated. Currently the one that we have in place is 2016 and it is in conflict. However, with the proposed verbiage in NAC 477, we will adopt one another to go in line with what the requirements would be.

Mike Heidemann was contacted by Nevada OSHA in regards to the Standard 1910.156, which at this time addresses fire brigades, is being changed to the Emergency Responder Preparedness Program Standard. It will apply to Emergency Services organizations that provide the following services as a primary or secondary function: firefighting, fire rescue, emergency medical services, technical rescue, confined space, rope/high angle, mine/cave, vehicle/machinery rescue, water recovery, hazmat spill/release mitigation. The basis of the conversation was that there are many states that are governed by OSHA on the career firefighters but not all are governed or monitored by OSHA on the volunteer side. The document specifically states that Nevada is both in career and volunteer. The final discussions are going on during January, this month. Mike Heidemann will send a copy of the document for posting to the BOFS website.

Keith Westengard indicated that Lander County’s Volunteer Fire Department did suffer three serious injuries this year related to what has been pointed out by OSHA, as well as several other reports, a lack of training, lack of PPE. He has done is submitted a job description to the County Commissioners to fund a County Training Officer. Lander County supports the changes that you want to put in place. This will hopefully give us some teeth here in the County for the training and safety they need to prevent his in the future. It is really important to us and we appreciate what is being done.

Domingo Cambeiro asked if the changes to NAC 477 address all freighters; paid, volunteer, wildland, fire brigades, mines. Bart Chambers indicated that when he first came on he visited many of the rural areas and the volunteer fire chiefs mentioned the old curriculum Entry Level Firefighter (ELF). We went instead to the External Support Firefighter (ESFF) Training Curriculum; it mirrored many of the items of ELF but is the foundation for establishing their Firefighter 1 certification. If they had ELF they would have to take that curriculum again if they wanted their Firefighter 1 certification under IFSAC or ProBoard. The External Support Firefighter Training program is the baseline for Firefighter 1 curriculum. We are working with Clark County volunteer system with Chief Haydu in establishing some of the items they have in place. Training staff have been directed to work with Keith Westengard of Lander County to help them with their volunteers. The curriculum

is there and we are pushing it out to the rural agencies. Currently, career firefighters meet or exceed that baseline of the ESF, we wanted to put something in place that fire chiefs could use as a baseline, whether it is a fire brigade or volunteer or career.

11. **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THEIR VARIOUS CONSTITUENT GROUPS THEY REPRESENT ON THE BOARD** (Non-Action Item) Report from Board members concerning their various constituent groups they represent on the Board or any of the various committees/assignments they are involved with as liaison to the Board or Fire Services and the public.

Kelli Baratti:

- Reminded everyone about the Preparedness Summit.
- A training portal is continuing to move forward and hopes to have it in place in May of this year.
- The Governor's recommended budget is now public knowledge and Kelli Baratti encouraged everyone to take a look at the parts that are near and dear.
- Legislation of interest to DEM: BDR 354; AB 71 about tribal governance for grants and loans from the State disaster Relief Account. They have a mechanism to opt into the State Mutual Aid Plan but there is no way for us to support them when possibly the county around them is able to access Disaster Funds. It would create an individual assistance account. The ability to move money from the general fund into our emergency assistance account; Senate Bill 16 cleans up some our NRS 414 Emergency Management; Senate Bill 66 is clean up; SB 67 creates the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council- we have 27 centrally recognized tribes around the state; SB 69 refers to emergencies and cyber security.
- Bill Erlach asked about the training program, tracking hazmat training building it to track all training for the State. Kelli Baratti replied that it would be the back end of the qualification part, to help with first responder credentialing. Bill Erlach recalls discussing a while back that it could be used almost as an all-risk loss program. Kelli Baratti said it would be too much now, sometimes we have to do things incrementally or in phases. This effort is being funded with Homeland Security Grant money, they are in desperate need of a comprehensive plan for tracking of training, training calendars, training classes and the records associated with those. If DEM gets the program they want, the records will be managed by the agencies.

Doming Cambeiro: Mentioned that he had heard of wild goats being used for a deterrent to wildfires. Kacey KC said that they NDF does that, they use sheep through a contract with a company in Carson City, on some areas that were affected by the Waterfall fire. In addition to that, during the sagebrush era Nevada was using cattle to help take care of grass issues. The NDF is looking at following these high fire years and using cattle differently than we in the past. Nevada was able to secure five (5) grants for different ranches. We are looking at an experimental stewardship that could drive the way that the BLM and forest service grant cattle permits. In the future it will be an outcome-based system that actually looks at the impact on the ground. Hopefully you will see new science on how we use animals to take care of fire issues in the future.

Kacey KC:

- The federal government shutdown is still in full effect; affecting NDF on the wildland fire side, the interagency dispatch servers are manned solely with NDF staff. Ely and Las Vegas, and Winnemucca are shut down. Assets ran out of Las Vegas and Ely are now moved to Elko. All wildland freighting resources for the federal agencies are on callback, there is nobody on staff right now. It will put a lot of pressure on state and local jurisdictions if we get a wildland fire.

- Senate Bill 56 is a clean-up of our statutes. We are looking for support wildland helicopters in our budget.
- Domingo Cambeiro asked about drones and Kacey KC replied they have not been able to secure wildland firefighting funding for drones, but the department has a drone and pilots are qualified to use drones. They are still working through the process of how and where to use them.

Nick Moriarty: Some of Nevada has gone through the amendment process with regards to key editions of the code. Those adopted will be formally enforced as of February 4th throughout all southern Nevada jurisdictions.

Elaine Pace: Since going to the Exterior Support Firefighter on wildland, her agency has doubled their volunteer ranks in the past six months.

Jeff Buchanan: Reminder of the upcoming legislative session and an ongoing effort for the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association and the Professional Firefighters of Nevada and the Volunteers of Nevada to be on the same page and alignment. For the benefit of all, we think that alignment is something we should strive for. He will give a report back on particular bill at a later date.

Dave Fogerson: Concerned about some of the BDRs .the state is updating the medical search plan which ties into our Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) plans. We are resource poor in the Northern Nevada and Lake Tahoe Basin. Thanks to Kelli Baratti's help we are looking at All Hazard Incident Management Team in the north. We are also trying to build an ops crew similar to the Southern Nevada fire Ops Group. We had our first DC regional meeting and it was interesting to see the disagreements coming back and forth and to see how close everyone really was.

Chief Chambers:

- New Inspector starts next week, Shane M. Cartwright.
- Investigator Dennis Ely retires January 25th. That brings us down to three investigators.
- There is a BDR being sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. We have been in discussion with the City and Chief Nolan and the building official in reference how often they want to do code adoption, they want to move one year to every three years, or have a three-year window for code adoption. Under NRS 477 one of the concerns and discussions we had was the number of firefighters you could put on a multi-alarm incident. It is still in dialogue, better than what we have seen in the last few years. A statement made the City of Las Vegas was when adopting a code within the one-year timeframe as it states in NRS 477.030.12 from the publication of the International Fire Code and International Building Code, you can use the base code or standard code within that one-year timeframe. The City adopted that in August 15th or 16th, prior to August 31st; they made the one-year timeframe.

The City is looking at the 75 foot high-rise element, but it was stated that it is the code of the County, not code of the City. Clark County has a 55 foot high-rise, Mesquite ha a 55 foot high-rise. Henderson is looking at the 75 foot as well. It was stated that the State doesn't pay attention to that. In a discussion with Chief McDonald I indicated I need to know the interpretation of it. I understand the cities are looking at redevelopment issues, but we want to make sure that if this is the case, that it doesn't go outside of Clark County. Some recommendations we are looking on the BDR with the City of Las Vegas may be palatable for all parties, we do not have to keep facing this every two years. we also have took at impact if there is an economic downturn.

- The Investigator course has been delayed, but still moving forward. If all goes well we will have a robust course and four-part series for training Investigators in the next 60 days.
- Position enhancement update: Training Officer 1 will be upgraded to Training Officer II; the fourth Training Officer was approved; not approved are the two additional Investigators, one Inspector, enhancement to Plans Examiner that would have brought him up to the State Public Works Chief building Inspector level; monies for vehicles. We are hurting. Current Plans Reviewer has been out and we have had to hire contractors to fulfill the requirements of the SFM. NRS 477.031.3 states the monies that are brought to the Division are to support NRS 477. Our Investigators are doing inspections. There might be discussion at our next Board meeting for possible action of a letter to go to the legislative body to support SFM and get that positions into play. Our position is to support the fire agencies, where we are going, where my philosophies were and what I stated to this Board when I was hired. I am asking for the Board for assistance.
- Our budget hearing is February 28th and the DPS budget hearing is January 29th.
- One of the training officers left for Texas this morning for ProBoard, if all goes well we will be ProBoard accredited in the next six months. Making Nevada one of 27 states that will be accredited not only for IFSAC but ProBoard.
- Working with BLM, NDF, and KC Kacey we are supporting the fire prevention message in regards to defensible space “Living with Fire.” We are moving forward in regards to 14 key locations with our state cooperators, placing simple fire prevention signs when you enter Nevada. Cal Fire is willing to sign on the opposite side. This is a global approach with our neighboring states; prevention is going to be key.
- Director Wright was not re-appointed and will be retiring January 25th. He has been a mentor for many years. A party will be held at 1pm at SFM on January 25.

Eric Guevin:

- FireShowsWest is becoming a non-profit in Nevada. If you have class ideas, let Pete Mulvihill or Jo Anne Hill know.
- FPAN is looking at sponsoring a Public Educator of the Year through the NFPA. If you know someone who has done some outstanding outreach, make a nomination to the Fire Prevention Association.

Dave Fogerson:

- Board member for NFPA 1031 “Standards for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner.: The next meeting is the end of January and the document is on the NFPA website for review. One of the biggest changes will be another level for engine company inspections.
- Board member for the Vacation Home Rental Board for Douglas County, working through NFPA for vacation home rentals, Airbnb and so on. Trying to come up with some standards and not just in our region but for the State and nationally. The codes are gray at best and we are going to try to regulate all of those, regardless of their occupancy numbers. You can rent a home for vacation home rentals up to 10 people, and then it is using the International Residential Code instead of the International Building Code. After 10 it is clear the fire departments can do inspections, it moves them to a different classification.

12. **SCHEDULE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES** (Discussion/For Possible Action.) Tentatively schedule the next State Board of Fire Services meeting.

Dave Fogerson motioned that the next Board meeting be Friday February 8th at 8:00am. Domingo Cambeiro seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-Action Item) No action may be taken on matters raised in context with this Agenda item prior to inclusion of the matter itself as an action item on a future Agenda. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

Mike Heidemann inquired about Agenda Item 10 from the November, 2019 meeting; regarding the status of the survey as they build a contact list for all fire departments. Bart Chambers will follow up on it this week.

Eric Guevin asked about Board positions that are timing out. Bart Chambers answered that four (4) positions will term out on June 30th: Dave Fogerson, Domingo Cambeiro, Elaine Pace, and Eric Guevin. All other Board member need to submit if they have a desire to continue. Bart Chambers is aware of some interest from: Lisa Beaver, Truckee Meadows, Dave Ruben, Carson City, Scott Baker, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection and Matt Griego, City of Elko.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** (Discussion/For Possible Action.)

Domingo Cambeiro moved to adjourn. Elaine Pace seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.