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**Nevada State
Fire Service Standards & Training Committee (FSSTC)
May 19, 2009**

**Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
107 Jacobsen Way
Classroom C
Carson City NV**

Members Present:

David Fogerson-Chairperson, Deputy Chief Training, East Fork Fire & Paramedic District
Gary Neilson-Division Chief, City of Reno Fire Department
Lenny Mayorga-Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Ken Smith-Chief, Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Chad N. Hastings-Captain, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Alan Olsen-Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department
Pat Irwin-Chair, Board of Fire Service, Lovelock Fire Department

Members Absent:

Gary Stevenson-Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department

Staff:

Denesa Johnston-Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Dennis Pinkerton-Bureau Chief of Training, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Guests:

Kevin Matt Smith, Storey County Fire Department
Eric Guevin, Storey County Fire Department
Lori DeGristina, Training Officer, State Fire Marshal Division
Roy Thomsen, Storey County Fire Department

Call to order and Roll Call (Agenda Item 1) Chair Fogerson called the meeting to order.

Introductions (Agenda Item 2) Introductions of those attending were made. Chair Fogerson verified with Denesa Johnston that quorum was present.

Approval of January 9, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item 3) Captain Hastings motioned for acceptance of Minutes as submitted.

Alan Olsen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor to accept the Minutes as submitted.

Discussion regarding I.F.S.A.C. (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) accreditation (Agenda Item 4) Bureau Chief Pinkerton shared that Alan Joes, who participated in the I.F.S.A.C. site visit, spoke on behalf of the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division. Mr. Joes stated that he appreciated the work that was done to achieve the accreditation. Accreditation was awarded to the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division. Mr. Pinkerton went on to say that, for a future agenda, the Committee should discuss a fee for the I.F.S.A.C. stamp. Nevada Revised Statute (N.R.S.) gives the Fire Marshal Division authority to charge for certifications. This would help pay for:

- \$2000/yr membership due (The State Fire Marshal Division has already been invoiced for the upcoming annual due).
- New levels of accreditation (would like to seek accreditation for Fire Instructor and Fire Officer I series). The State Fire Marshal Division Training Section would like to adopt two additional levels either annually or every two year. Bureau Chief Pinkerton will follow-up with this Committee on the cost for additional levels at the next meeting.
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- Evaluators
- Certificates
- Reaccreditation (administrative review) that will have to take place in five years

It was discussed that agencies may not want certification through the Fire Marshal Division if there were a cost attached. It was also discussed that agencies possibly share in the cost or that the Fire Marshal Division look at possible grants. In the past, the Fire Marshal Division has absorbed all costs incurred in the certification process except during the Historical Recognition period, at which time agencies provided certificates to the Training Section.

Chief Smith asked if the I.F.S.A.C. stamps have expiration dates on them.

Bureau Chief Pinkerton will have more information available at the next meeting regarding the costs and number of certificates that have been issued this year for Firefighter and Haz Mat Ops & Awareness.

Chair Fogerson shared his concern of charging agencies for the I.F.S.A.C. seals. The Fire Service is just now getting to the point of using the State Fire Marshal certifications.

Pat Irwin verified this is just a discussion item but agrees with the charge for duplication of certificates.

Closed meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct, and professional competence of Kevin "Matt" Smith pursuant to NRS 241.033. (Agenda Item 5) Chair Fogerson read the N.R.S. to those attending.

Denesa Johnston explained to Mr. Smith that he could request this item be left as part of the open meeting or, as stated on the Agenda, may request the meeting closed.

Mr. Smith acknowledged that he understood and requested that the meeting be left open.

Denesa Johnston then handed out the documents received regarding this incident for everyone present to review. Copies of these documents are available upon request.

All documents were reviewed by those present.

Chair Fogerson asked how the delivery of notice was made.

The State Fire Marshal Division had an officer delivered the notice to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith admitted the allegations were true and went on explain what had happened.

Nevada Fire Service Instructor Certification-Kevin "Matt" Smith (Agenda Item 6) Chief Mayorga motioned to suspend proctoring of any and all state tests for Kevin "Matt" Smith for a minimum of one year with no probationary period afterwards.

Chief Smith seconded it the motion.

Chief Neilson asked Bureau Chief Pinkerton that if the suspension for proctoring testing did occur, would Mr. Smith still be allowed to teach Firefighter courses.

Bureau Chief Pinkerton replied "yes" and that it would also allow Mr. Smith to participate as an Evaluator.

At this point, Chief Mayorga amended his motion to add that Mr. Smith not be able to act as an Evaluator for one year.

Chief Smith agreed to the amended motion.

Chair Fogerson asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. At this point, Chair Fogerson announced that he would be abstaining from the voting process.

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Vote: all voted in favor, (excluding Chair Fogerson), motion carried.

Discussion regarding filing vacancies that will be vacated on July 1, 2009 of FSSTC members (Agenda Item 7) Chief Neilson announced that he is retiring as has appreciated his appointments to FSSTC and the Board of Fire Services. He also added that these boards have come a long way during in the past several years. He also appreciated the State Fire Marshal Division staff for taking it to new levels and I.F.S.A.C. accreditation.

Chair Fogerson thanked Chief Neilson.

Chief Smith added that it's been an interesting experience and would like to remain on the committee.

Discussion regarding the scheduling of upcoming meetings (Agenda Item 8) Chair Fogerson shared that he has spoken with Dana Howry, the Administrative Service Officer for the Fiscal Service Unit of the State Fire Marshal Division and announced that FSSTC has a new budget of \$10,000 for the new fiscal year.

Meetings for remainder of the year. Chief Neilson asked if FSSTC was going to hold a meeting in June at the Nevada Firefighter's Conference in Elko.

Denesa Johnston shared that FSSTC has, as of this meeting, expended its budget.

Chief Neilson would like this Committee to still consider having a meeting in Elko during the Conference.

Pat Irwin asked what members would be at the conference. Chief Neilson, Alan Olsen and Pat will all be in Elko during that time. Pat offered the telephone conference bridge if the State Fire Marshal Division staff could coordinate it.

Chad Hastings motioned for the staff to follow up regarding scheduling a June meeting.

Chief Mayorga seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Denesa Johnston was asked to call Ken Riddle of the Nevada Fire Chief's Association to coordinate an FSSTC meeting in Reno Fire Show in October.

General announcements (Agenda Item 9) Bureau Chief Pinkerton announced that the State Fire marshal received a Separation from State Service from Training Officer Dave Fischer and that his last day would be June 12, 2009. Mr. Fischer is relocating to Missouri.

Chief Mayorga asked if this position going to be filled.

Bureau Chief Pinkerton said that there is budget authority for both the Training Officer II positions, one in the north and south.

Captain Hastings presented Chief Neilson with a plaque from the State Fire Marshal Division, for his dedication to the fire service.

Call for public comment (Agenda Item 10) There were no public comments.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 11) Chief Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Capt. Hastings seconded the motion.

All voted in favor....meeting adjourned.