

**NEVADA STATE
FIRE SERVICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMITTEE (FSSTC)
November 17, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.
East Fork Fire & Paramedic District – Station 12
3620 North Sunridge Drive, Carson City, Nevada**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members

Present: David Fogerson (Chairperson) – Deputy Chief Trainer, East Fork Fire & Paramedic District
Peter Mulvihill, Assistant Fire Marshal, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
Lenny Mayorga – Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Ken Smith, Chief, Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Chad Hastings – Captain, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Members

Absent: Alan Olsen – Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department
Gary Stevenson – Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department

Also present:

Samantha Ladich, Deputy Attorney General
Denesa Johnston – Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Dennis Pinkerton – Bureau Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Lori DeGristina – Training Officer, State Fire Marshals
Gary Neilson – Retired Division Chief, City of Reno Fire Department
Rob Edgington – Training Captain, City of Reno Fire Department

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairperson Fogerson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was determined.
- II. **Introductions** – Introductions were heard.
- III. **Approval of June 26, 2009 Minutes** – Lenny Mayorga moved to approve the June 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes. Chad Hastings seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
- IV. **Discussion and Possible Nomination of a New Fire Service Standards & Training Committee Chairperson** – Peter Mulvihill nominated David Fogerson as FSSTC Chairperson. Chad Hastings seconded the nomination. Nomination carried.
- V. **Discussion regarding the Process of Future I.F.S.A.C. (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) Certifications and the Upgrade of Current Certifications** – In response to Member Mayorga's questions, Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported there were four levels currently and that the intent was to work on training Instructor I and II and Fire Officer I by January 2011. Each level will cost \$100. The Instructor I Test Bank has been validated. The Fire Officer Test Bank still needs to be validated with assistance from other IFSAC states. Time lines could be posted on the website.

Member Mulvihill asked if there has been discussion regarding what will be pursued after the aforementioned training. Bureau Chief Pinkerton stated he did not know FSSTC goals after Fire Officer I. Discussion was heard about broaching the subject with different departments to determine what is needed in the future and agendizing discussion of a ten-year plan for the next meeting.
- VI. **Discussion regarding possibly developing a process to allow current Nevada Certified Firefighters to upgrade their Nevada Certification to I.F.S.A.C. Certification** – Member Mayorga explained this item was to provide national accreditation and to provide more creditability to the State Fire Marshal. Discussion was heard regarding concern about grandfathering in certification beyond the last four years and to require re-testing for the upgrade.
- VII. **Discussion regarding the Current Status of the Nevada State Training Budget** - Member Mayorga explained he wanted to be provided with an update to ensure goals could still be supported financially given the current economic situation. Member Hastings reported there were necessary funds at the present time to meet training needs of the State and to meet the goals of IFSAC.

- VIII. Discussion regarding the Current and Future Goals and Vision of FSSTC under the Current and Future Budgets, both Short-Term and Long-Term** - Member Mayorga stated this will be covered in the ten-year plan agendized for the next meeting. Chairperson Fogerson suggested discussing future Fire Officer Training and how to address soft skills such as human resource management. Discussion was heard about smaller, rural organizations requesting Fire Officer II training and how to provide such training. Bureau Chief Pinkerton suggested offering web-based training. This item was agendized for the next meeting as an action item.
- IX. Discuss the Current Nevada State Certification Record Keeping System** - Member Mayorga explained this item was to discuss funding a plan for a more current state certification system that would provide better efficiency. He suggested incorporating this into the ten-year plan. Bureau Chief Pinkerton agreed a newer system was needed and stated his goal would be to provide a system similar to the Department of Defense's system that allows individuals to plug in their ID numbers. Chairperson Fogerson suggested working with DEM on credentialing. This item was agendized for the next meeting as an action item.
- X. Update of activity taken place within the Training Section of the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division** - Bureau Chief Pinkerton reviewed the Activity Report. He stated an extension of last year's grant was received because of contract problems with DPS. The FY 2010 grant of approximately \$27,500 was received and will be used for the Fire Officer Training Series. There have been fifty-six testing events held since July 1, 2009. Events have increased over the past three years.
- XI. Submittal of Guidelines/Procedures for Reciprocity and Other Professional Certification Levels discussed during the June 26, 2009 FSSTC Meeting, that currently do not require testing for certification by the Professional Qualifications Manual adopted by FSSTC.** *Action will be the approval of guidelines submitted and approval of these guidelines to be placed in the Professional Qualification Manual of the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division, Training Section* - Bureau Chief Pinkerton recommended keeping manuals as is because they are living documents and are basic procedures for reciprocity and completion of accredited courses. Chairperson Fogerson noted manuals outline policies and procedures, but does not list who is responsible for implementation. Discussion followed regarding reviewing current wording without minute detail.
- XII. Schedule Upcoming Meeting for Calendar Year 2010.** *Action will be to schedule four meetings for the calendar year 2010* - The Committee discussed holding meetings on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in June coinciding with the NSFA Conference, on Monday, August 23, 2010, and in October at the Fire Show Reno. Specific meeting date information would be provided at a later date.
- XIII. General Announcements:** *Please note: No action may be taken on matters raised during this agenda item prior to inclusion of the matter itself as an action item on a future agenda* - Member Smith stated one of the issues with the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department was the cutback in county training due to recent budget cuts and because the NRS only requires entry level firefighting training for volunteers. He stated he would like to mandate a specific number of hours per year for firefighting training in order to prevent further training cutbacks. Bureau Chief Pinkerton stated the difference between EMS and firefighter certification was that EMS is required by law. Discussion was heard regarding the different training currently available.
- XIV. Call for Public Comment** - Such comment may be restricted to content that is within the authority of the committee. The committee may limit such comment to three minutes per person. *(Please note: No action may be taken on matters raised during this agenda item prior to inclusion of the matter itself as an action item on a future agenda.)*

There were no public comment requests.

Deputy Attorney General, Samantha Ladich was welcomed back to the Committee. Pete Mulvihill was welcomed to the Committee. Member Mulvihill provided a brief biographical sketch. Samantha Ladich provided a brief biographical sketch.

- XV. Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Chad Hastings moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Smith seconded the Motion. Motion carried.