

**NEVADA STATE
FIRE SERVICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMITTEE (FSSTC)**

March 31, 2010 – 11:00 a.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
Chad Hastings – Captain, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Alan Olsen – Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department

Members

Absent: Ken Smith, Chief, Sandy Valley 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
David Womack – Fire Inspector/Training, Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department
Craig Nixon – Fire Chief, Mineral County Fire Department
Al Alcalde- Clark County Training (via telephone)

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairperson Fogerson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was determined.
- II. Introductions** – Introductions were heard.
- III. Approval of November 17, 2009 Minutes** – Peter Mulvihill moved to approve the November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes. Lenny Mavorga seconded the Motion. Motion carried.
- IV. Discussion Regarding the Adoption of Current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 1001 Fire Fighter Professional Qualification, 2008 Edition in Order to Comply with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (I.F.S.A.C.) Three Year Compliance Plan** – Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that a review had been made of the 2002 Edition versus the 2008 to determine the revisions that have been made. Some items had been moved from Firefighter I to the Firefighter II, but nothing of significance. Language has been added to Firefighter I requirements regarding mission specific competencies of Hazmat operations per NFPA, Chapters 5 and 6.6. He reviewed additional wording revisions that affect JPRs in Firefighter II. It was noted that these new standards have to be adopted within three years, which would be June 30, 2010, in order to remain in compliance with IFSAC. A brief discussion was held regarding adopting the new standards and correlating the test banks prior to the June, 2010 deadline. Bureau Chief Pinkerton stated that he believed this could be handled inhouse and was not a major issue. Chief Nixon asked if the adoption of these new NFPA codes would need to be referenced in the NAC. Samantha Ladich commented that she could research the issue and report at the next committee meeting. Bureau Chief Pinkerton apologized for the short notice given to the Committee regarding these revisions. Further discussion of this agenda item was tabled pending discussion of Agenda Item V.
- V. Discussion Regarding the Adoption of Current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 472 Competence of Responders to Hazardous Material/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2008 Edition in Order to Comply with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (I.F.S.A.C.) Three Year Compliance Plan** – Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that Training Officer DeGristina has read and compared the 2008 Edition Standard 472 with the Standard currently in use. He commented that it was very confusing, but some clarification was received from IFSAC through a March 11, 2010 Memo which he subsequently sent to committee members. He followed up with a telephone conversation with them. Initially, he believed that all of Chapter 6 would need to be adopted in order to fulfill the Standard,

but per IFSAC, this is not required. Per IFSAC, certification can be fulfilled under the Competency Standards of Chapter 4, Chapter 5, Chapter 6.2 and Chapter 6.6. Member Mulvihill pointed out that beginning about a third of the way down on Page 2 of the NFPA's Standards Origin and Development Dissertation it provides the reasons for the major revisions that were done, and a list of the key changes. Discussion was held regarding testing only to the section 6.2 and 6.6 of Chapter 6 rather than the whole Chapter 6. **Peter Mulvihill moved to approve the staff's recommendation and adopt the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 472 Competence of Responders to Hazardous Material/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, 2008 Edition in order to comply with the IFSAC Three Year Compliance Plan. Lenny Mayorga seconded the Motion. It was requested that the Motion be amended to state "to the awareness and operations level". Peter Mulvihill amended the Motion to add this additional verbiage. Lenny Mayorga seconded the amended Motion. Motion carried.**

IV. Discussion Regarding the Adoption of Current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 1001 Fire Fighter Professional Qualification, 2008 Edition in Order to Comply with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (I.F.S.A.C.) Three Year Compliance Plan – Reopened – Chairperson Fogerson asked if there was any further discussion regarding this agenda item following the adoption of Agenda Item V. No discussion was held. **David Fogerson moved to adopt the NFPA Standard 1001 Fire Fighter Professional Qualification 2008 Edition in Order to Comply with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (I.F.S.A.C.) Three Year Compliance Plan. Alan Olsen seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

VI. Discussion of a 10 Year Budget Plan for the State Fire Marshal Training Bureau Certifications – Bureau Chief Pinkerton commented that a draft plan has been distributed to committee members. He noted that the prices in the plan are based on the prices of the existing test bank provider. A review and discussion of the accreditation levels and expenses in the ten year plan was held. The cost for the accreditations would be \$300 for the three levels. An additional expense would be updates for the Instructor Level I and II test banks at a cost of \$477 each, and the Instructor Level III at a cost of \$795. Member Mulvihill requested to know if the prices were subject to change, and Chief Pinkerton replied that they were. Member Mayorga asked about the delay in wildland certification qualification. Chief Pinkerton commented that there is already a process in place but there had been a desire on the part of some NDF personnel to be certified through this group. A discussion was held regarding moving the accreditation levels around, particularly in the area of prevention. Bureau Chief Pinkerton commented that he has talked to personnel in prevention, and they were comfortable with two years out for Inspection accreditation. Member Mayorga suggested putting the draft plan on the state website and requesting input. **Lenny Mayorga moved to adopt the 10 Year Budget Plan for the State Fire Marshal Training Bureau Certification as presented. Peter Mulvihill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

VII. Discussion Regarding the Current and Future Goals and Visions of FSSTC Under the Current and Future Budget Structure, Both Short-Term and Long-Term – Chairperson Fogerson noted that this item was carried over from the last meeting's agenda. He commented that staff needs assistance from this committee to make fire service training in the state better. Bureau Chief Pinkerton pointed out that the State Fire Marshal's office has a staff member in the north, but none in the south so it is important that staff know that the committee is available for them. Member Mayorga agreed and commented that it's important to make site visits and keep the website updated with upcoming changes and their impact on organizations. The needs in the rural areas were discussed. Chairperson Fogerson commented that this organization needs to go back to a teaching and credentialing organization, and this committee can assist in supporting this mission. Member Hastings reported that he has been asked why video conferencing isn't used for committee meetings. Bureau Chief Pinkerton commented that teleconferencing would also be an option. Chairperson Fogerson suggested that the committee consider ways that the professional training that FSSTC provides could be tied into the educational systems for credit towards a student's education. Chairperson Fogerson requested that this item be placed on the next two meeting agendas for further discussion. Member Olsen asked if it would be possible to hold committee meetings in different locations in the state. Chairperson Fogerson responded that funding for this purpose would be limited.

VIII. Discussion Regarding Fire Officer I & II Curriculum and Credentialing – Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that currently the State Fire Marshal's office is doing Fire Officer I NFA classes that minimally meet the standards. The curriculum needs to be improved, particularly if an IFSAC certified test is going to be given. He reported that the career departments in northwestern Nevada have been discussing how to improve the leadership training, and are teaming up to teach an Instructor II class. They are donating their time and the costs. Member Mulvihill asked Chairperson Fogerson if he was considering specific courses to add to the three that are primarily used in Nevada now, or is consideration being given to restructuring the whole thing. Chairperson Fogerson replied that he was open to hearing any ideas that will make the situation better. He pointed out that there may be some portions of the current program that would be worth keeping, but some parts need to be completely revised. Member Mulvihill pointed out that if the weekend course structure is changed, particularly in frontier or rural Nevada, it might penalize the volunteer system. So, there might need to be two approaches: one for the volunteer departments and another one for the career departments. The curriculum could also be tailored to the needs of the two departmental structures, but the certification could remain the same. Bureau Chief Pinkerton commented that if the state built

a structured program for Fire Officer I and II, it could be developed with these issues in mind. He pointed out that the personnel that have taken the Fire Officer testing in the past three years have been successful in passing, and approximately 80% of them have been career staff. Chairperson Fogerson noted that the local jurisdiction can select what curriculum they want to use and he agrees with that, but he would still like to see how the model curriculum could be improved to best serve the future needs of the state. Bureau Chief Pinkerton commented that his office routinely receives this type of curriculum materials from various providers, but staff doesn't have the time needed to review it. Chairperson Fogerson requested that staff research this further to see how best the career and volunteer needs of personnel could be met. He noted that this item should be kept on future agendas for additional discussion.

IX. Discussion Regarding the Current Nevada State Marshal Training Certification Record Keeping System – Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that discussions have been held with the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and Fire Chiefs in Northern Nevada. He commented that one database is under consideration. This idea is still being researched to see if the system could be changed from the current Excel record keeping, and he would continue working on this item.

X. Discussion Regarding the Current Nevada State Fire Marshal Division Training Resources – Member Mayorga commented that this was previously discussed, and he was trying to find out what the current resources are. Bureau Chief Pinkerton noted that there is a library of materials and portable props in the rural areas for haz mat related fire. The library is not utilized, but the plan is to have items available that can be sent out and returned. Because of budget issues, funding for this purpose has been reduced. Costs associated with course deliveries are being reviewed to see how they could be reduced. He pointed out that resources are still available, but he has to be smarter in how they are used. Member Mayorga commented that an easy way to find out what resources are available is needed, such as listing them on the website. Bureau Chief Pinkerton replied that the information is on the website, but his department needs to be better at getting the information out and keeping the website updated.

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XI. Update on Activity Taken Place Within the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division Training Bureau – Bureau Chief Pinkerton reviewed training activities that have taken place since the last meeting. He stated that he was a little disappointed with the direct deliveries courses as two of them had to be cancelled due to low enrollment.

XII. 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* – No announcements were made.

XIII. 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.)*

Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that the date and location for the next meeting in Winnemucca is not finalized at this time.

XIV. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:28 p.m.

David Fogerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter Mulvihill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.