

Minutes Approved 12/7/10
NEVADA STATE
FIRE SERVICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMITTEE (FSSTC)
October 25, 2010 – 8:00 a.m.
Washoe County Regional Emergency Operations Center
5195 Spectrum Boulevard
Reno, NV

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members

Present:

David Fogerson (Chairperson) – Deputy Chief Training and Safety, East Fork Fire & Paramedic District
Peter Mulvihill - Assistant Fire Marshal, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
Alan Olsen - Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department
Chad Hastings - Deputy Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Bertral Washington - Assistant Fire Chief/Chair of Board of Fire Services–Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Members

Absent:

Lenny Mayorga – Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Gary Stevenson – Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department

Also present:

Denesa Johnston – Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Dennis Pinkerton – Bureau Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
James Wright – Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
Samantha Ladich - Deputy Attorney General
David LeBaron – Public Safety Coordinator, Truckee Meadows Community College
Pat Irwin - Firefighter/EMT, Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairperson Fogerson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.
- II. **Introductions** – Introductions were heard.
- III. **Approval of FSSTC August 23, 2010 Minutes – Alan Olsen moved to approve the August 23, 2010 FSSTC meeting minutes. Pete Mulvihill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**
- IV. **Discussion and Report from Chair Fogerson regarding the restructuring of FSSTC in combination with the Nevada Board Of Fire Services** – Member Mulvihill made available changes regarding the restructuring. Chairperson Fogerson thanked Member Mulvihill, Dennis Pinkerton, and Samantha Ladich for their efforts regarding this issue. Member Mulvihill noted the language was expanded to include private contractors and federal fire personnel to be included. James Wright added the latest document was submitted to DPS to be put on hold for submission with a budget bill. He stated there could be two weeks for additional changes to be made. Member Mulvihill noted he will be on vacation; therefore, he only has one week left to be contacted for additional changes.

Bertral Washington pointed out recommendations from the Board of Fire Services regarding recommendation #8 on Page 6 was to change “shall” to “may” and that “2” would be changed to “4”. It was discussed and decided to remain with “shall” and “2”. Mr. Washington stated the BFS also had concerns about not having engineer representation on the new Board. Member Mulvihill stated there were opportunities to put qualified individuals in those positions and that the engineer and architectural positions had been difficult to fill in the past.
- V. **Discussion on written test result notification procedure in the *Guidebook for Certification Proctors, Lead and Skills Evaluators*; At present, written exam notification indicate only pass/fail status and not the specific score** - Chairperson Fogerson explained when the original manual was written it had been decided to only indicate pass/fail in order to prevent indicating what areas individuals need to study further. Discussion was heard regarding the benefits of breaking down scores for those individuals that fail exams and to present amendments to that effect at the next meeting.

VI. Discussion on Fire Service Higher Education Program and the tie to training programs - Chairperson Fogerson reported he was at the NFA recently and revised their officer handbook. He commented on the need for certification to transfer from state-to-state. Member Mulvihill suggested private schools also be considered due to the unique resources available from private education. Dennis Pinkerton stated they were in the process of submitting their Fire Service Instructor to POST for certification. It was noted this item was to remain on the agenda. Mr. Pinkerton reported there would be administrative changes at CSN to allow the Fire Marshal Division to work with them. Member Mulvihill stated they would need to work with Fire Service themselves.

VII. General Announcements

A. Pat Irwin announced he was appointed State EMS Director effective November 14, 2010.

VIII. Call for Public Comment

A. Dennis Pinkerton reported training was currently working on test validation and was in need of assistance. Lori DeGristina would be going to Las Vegas this week to validate FFI & II, Haz Mat Ops, and Haz Mat Awareness. The next validation that was expected to be completed by July 2011 was for Instructor I, II and Fire Officer I and II for IFSAC. Notices will be issued soon regarding assistance with this validation. There were nine cancelled NFA direct delivery classes during the last three years due to lack of enrollment. James Wright stated he addressed this concern at the last Northern Nevada Fire Chiefs Meeting. Pat Irwin suggested tying this in with the NSFA Conference. Dennis Pinkerton stated that could be a consideration in the future.

IX. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Pete Mulvihill seconded the Motion. Motion carried.