

MINUTES

Nevada State Board of Fire Services

March 6, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Location:

Nevada State Fire Marshal Division - John C. Dorff Memorial Conference Room

107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, Nevada

And Via TEAMS

Board Members Present:

Jayson Andrus (via TEAMS)

Mark "Pete" Briant (via TEAMS)

Mike Dzyak

Rian Glassford (via TEAMS)

Kacey KC (via TEAMS) – Joined after roll call

Thomas McCleister (via TEAMS) – Joined after roll call

Stephen Neel (via TEAMS)

Dale Way (via TEAMS)

Board Members Not Present:

Charles McCall

Others Present:

Jesselyn V. De Luna, Deputy Attorney General (via TEAMS)

Connie Etchison, Executive Assistant, State Fire Marshal Division

Joe Rodriguez, State Fire Marshal Division

Dennis Pinkerton, State Fire Marshal Division

Alex Knaak, State Fire Marshal Division

Tom Martinez, State Fire Marshal Division

Rich McKnight, State Fire Marshal Division

Mike Floyd, State Fire Marshal Division

Susan Fisher (via TEAMS)

Mike Heidemann, Nevada State Firefighters Association (via TEAMS)

Ryan McIntosh, Central Lyon Fire

Kelli Baratti, Nevada Fire Chiefs Association (via TEAMS)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Non-Action Item.)
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dale Way.
2. **VERIFICATION OF NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**
(Non-Action Item)
Connie Etchison confirmed compliance with the Open Meeting Law
3. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS; verification of quorum** (Non-Action Item)

Connie Etchison called roll. Eight (8) board members were present. A quorum was established. Introductions were made.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-Action Item)

There were no public comments.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** (Non-action item)

Dale Way made a motion to approve the minutes. Stephen Neel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-action item)

Chief Mike Dzyak stated that during the last Northern Nevada Fire Chiefs meeting there was talk of moving forward with a BDR to remove the State Forester from BOFS as they are no longer a 473 District. Stephen DiGiovanni is in the process of retiring and we have a vacant Fire Marshal/FPE with Code Development/Enforcement member position vacant as well as the Professional Engineer position vacant. We will be looking for some “clean-up” BDR’s to remove some language as well as an Investigation BDR to add language regarding a population of 100,000 or more, if requested by the Chief. A regulation hearing will be in the future. Public Safety Day will be in October 2024 and the hosting town will be Ely. Investigator Brickey and our K-9 (Charlie) were certified by the kennel to operate as an accelerant K-9. Investigator Brickey and Sgt. O’Connell will be receiving Meritorious Metals for their action during the UNLV Incident. Investigator Flick will be getting his K-9 this month. We are waiting for the Sergeant list from DPS State Police, then will proceed with hiring a Sergeant for the Carson City location. We are moving forward with the lease for our new office space in Las Vegas and looking at a May move in date. Will be moving to adopt the 2024 IFC this year. State Budget Building begins today. We are looking to build in a few more positions – Administrative Assistant III in Las Vegas, Administrative Assistant III in Carson City (Training Bureau), DPS Officer II in Carson City and a Training Officer II in Las Vegas. We recently hired Kelly Hutter, Administrative Assistant III – Hazmat, Jamie Ellison, Administrative Assistant II – Licensing, Shellie Lyons, Accounting Assistant III and a Plans Examiner which is in background right now. We are waiting for an applicant list for the two Inspector II positions in Las Vegas, and will begin the interview process. Stephen Neel had questions regarding the 474 District, further discussion will follow.

7. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION TRAINING ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-action item)

Dennis Pinkerton stated that the training calendar is up and running on NV Impact. The Portal is used for the training calendar and certifications. Test stats are available, you can send an e-mail over to training and request the stats. Mike Heidemann has been working on the SAFER Grant and has had several conversations regarding reimbursement of \$400.00 for Volunteer Physicals and \$2,000.00 toward Volunteer PPE. Counties need to submit the information. Chief Neel showed concern as the PPE is coming in around \$3,500.00. Mike Heidemann stated that based on the unspent dollars, they may be able to resubmit to help more with the PPE. Chief

Dzyak commented that he is proud of the job the Training Bureau does. Dale Way also stated that he appreciates what the Training Bureau does.

8. **NEVADA STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-Action Item)

Mike Heidemann stated that they are busy coordinating the NSFA Annual Conference which will be held June 19-22, 2024 in Lovelock. He is also working with FireShowsWest. The SAFER Grant and legislation is a priority. There was a comment to thank Mike for his hard work.

9. **NEVADA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-action Item)

Kelli Baratti filled in for Rich Harvey and stated that they have Scholarships available, the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association website is up and running. They will be having their 2024 meeting during the NSFA Conference in Lovelock. Pete Briant mentioned discussion regarding possible OSHA changes and Mike Heidemann will send out information that has been gathered to be distributed to BOFS Members in regards to same.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-Action Item)

There was no public comment.

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

Dale Way made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Neel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m..