

Nevada State Board of Fire Services  
November 9, 2017  
10:00 am  
FireShowsWest  
Grand Sierra Resort - Board Room  
2500 East 2nd Street  
Reno, Nevada 89595

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

### **Members Present:**

Chair Eric Guevin - Fire Marshal Tahoe-Douglas Fire Protection District  
Bart J. Chambers - State Fire Marshal  
William Erlach - Captain, Reno Fire Department  
Dave Fogerson - Deputy Fire Chief, East Fork Fire Protection District  
Jeff Buchanan - Deputy Chief, Clark County Fire Department  
Elaine Pace - Volunteer Chief, East Fork Fire Protection District  
Nick Moriarty - Executive Director of Fire Protection, JBA Consulting Engineers  
Terry Wilferd - Division Chief, Henderson Fire Department  
Kacey KC - Acting State Forester Firewarden, Nevada Division of Forestry  
Kelli Baratti - Member of the General Public

### **Members Not Present:**

Domingo Cambeiro, Principal, DCC Architects  
Terry Wilferd - Division Chief, Henderson Fire Department

### **Also Present:**

Gwen Barrett - Executive Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal  
Nathan Hastings - Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Richard McKnight - Training Officer, Nevada State Fire Marshal  
Tom Martinez - Training Officer, Nevada State Fire Marshal  
Dennis Pinkerton, Training Bureau Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal  
Mark Heshner - Fire Equipment, CCFD, NSFA

### **1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR (Non-Action Item)**

Chair Guevin called the meeting to order.

### **2. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW (Non-Action Item)**

Chair Guevin verified with Gwen Barrett that compliance has been met in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### **3. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-Action Item)**

Chair Guevin asked for introductions and for everyone to say a few words about themselves. Kelly Baratti stated this is her first meeting, filling the private citizen seat. Chair Guevin welcomed two members, Kacey KC and Kelli Baratti to the Board. Gwen Barrett listed the members present and confirmed that there is a quorum.

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

Chair Guevin commented that he attended the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada (FPAN) breakfast meeting this morning and there are a lot of exciting things going on. Sparky is the fire prevention mascot for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). FPAN started a new perpetual awards this year; Golden Sparky, Silver Sparky, and the Beacon of Safety Award where another name will be inscribed on it each year.

This year's Golden Sparky award winner was Bob King of Sparks Fire Department who was selected for his Project SAFE program which supports smoke alarms installation in homes, going over their exit plans, providing a refrigerator magnet that families can draw the family plan on, and fund raising. The program hosts a golf tournament that reaches out to industry and the community. Bob also started an NFPA program called Remembering When, a senior fire safety and fall prevention program. Bob will be, as part of that, nominated for the national award through NFPA. The award will be housed at the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The Silver Sparky is a step below and is open to anybody in fire prevention industry or any facet of the industry. This award was given to Belfor that has done a ton of work in Nevada, including sponsoring our breakfast this morning. They've sponsored commercials in Nevada that encourage defensible space, they put together public information on defensible space, sprinkler programs, they've built several props that agencies can borrow

The Beacon of Safety award, a Golden Strobe award, is the next level and is awarded to somebody who's done extraordinary service to reduce injury or risk. This award went to Sylvia Lee, inspector with the City of Reno, involved in a lot of programs with FPAN. She has the Sesame Street program based out of Las Vegas that she brought to the north that educates kids. Also recognized was Jo Anne Hill from FireShowsWest for partnering with FPAN and providing an education tract.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2017 MEETING MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)

**Elaine Pace motioned to approve the June 23, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Nick Moriarty seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**

**6. ELECTION OF A STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES CHAIRPERSON  
(Discussion/For Possible Action)**

At the discretion of Chair Guevin, this item was heard after item 11. Kelli Baratti nominated Dave Fogerson as Chairperson. Chair Guevin asked Dave if he accepts that nomination, to which he said yes.

**Kelli Baratti motioned to elect Dave Fogerson as Chairperson. Chair Guevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**

Chair Guevin then turned the meeting over to new Chair Fogerson, who began with item number 12.

**7. PRO BOARD ACCREDITATION (Discussion/For possible action)**

Chief Chambers stated that the State currently uses International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) for our firefighter certification. We would become the 27<sup>th</sup> state to have dual certification.. Dual certification would help us collectively, especially our prevention staff; as an example International Code Council (ICC) certification is Pro Board and not recognized by IFSAC.

Dennis Pinkerton presented his findings regarding cost of Pro Board: \$1,750 for the initial accreditation, annual membership of \$2,750, which is close to IFSAC at \$2,000 and the reaccreditation fee every five years of \$1,250. He mirrored what the Chief said, that it's good for the fire departments and the prevention folks.

Chief Chambers indicated that when we get to his State Fire Marshal section, he'll talk about a mechanism in place for funding this and his plan of action. He and Dennis Pinkerton answered some questions, and there was discussion about the materials, testing and skills, which mirror IFSAC in regards to the industry needs; the impact, both fiscally and to the agencies throughout the state is minimal; that the cost would be covered by the annual membership fee.

**Dave Fogerson motioned to approve the process and move forward.**  
**Kelli Baratti seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**

**8. ETHICS COURSE (Non-Action Item)**

Richard McKnight, Adjunct Instructor, stated that Chief Chambers directed him to start looking into an Ethics program that can be interjected into the Instructor program. California has a 40-hour video course. The National Fire Academy (NFA) has a 3-hour ethics track that fits really well for us. The Chief was looking for a 4-hour course, which can easily be done by adding a couple of scenarios in the middle.

We have about 173 proctors and evaluators to push this out to and having an Ethics course with the Instructor course would put us out in front in the country. Chief Chambers stated that injecting this Ethics course into the Instructor portion of the curriculum is doing a little bit of housekeeping and putting us out in front of where we need to be. He noted that Richard's been spending a lot of hours on this and doing good work.

There were some questions. Jeff Buchanan brought up the fact that Leadership I, II and III are sunseting at the National Fire Academy, that it got rewritten.

Nathan Hastings suggested transitioning to agenda item 9 for the discussion portion of this item.

#### **9. ETHICS COURSE ADOPTION (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

There was discussion regarding what was presented in agenda item 8. Questions were answered by Richard McKnight, with input from Dennis Pinkerton, and various scenarios were given, regarding who has to take what classes, and when, what the timeline is for getting all the instructors this class, and that it would be a roll-out for 2018. Chief Chambers indicated his main goal is to enhance the Training Bureau of the State Fire Marshal Division to be more user-friendly, to get out in front of where we need to be, and provide more classes, not only IFSAC, but Pro Board, and take a look at reciprocity in states that have good programs, but also to ensure we're holding people accountable. Tom Martinez talked about the reason we're starting in 2018 is because we do proctors and evaluators every three years, and that's when we'll be recertifying them, and the Ethics Course will be implemented into that, so we'll hit a large chunk of instructors just by that alone, in-house. Chief Chambers applauded staff for their time and effort on this and where we're going to support our agencies statewide, added that we want to be at the forefront with a lot of things that we're doing.

Chair Guevin requested staff to add to our next agenda some type of overview or summary, just see bullet points of what the Ethics course is.

**Kacey KC motioned to implement this program. Bill Erlach seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**

#### **10. EXTERIOR SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (Non-Action Item)**

Tom Martinez began by giving some history on the Entry Level Firefighter (ELF) program and that it was discontinued a year and a half ago because it wasn't being used as it was intended. But since then, they've been contacted by several agencies requesting that we have some type of curriculum or program for their entry-level fighters.

He was tasked to come up with some ideas for this. He described ResourceOne, a web-based training system through International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) and how it is used throughout the state and is a very powerful method and avenue to get a whole range of certifications. He met with Mike Sturzenbecker of ResourceOne who gave him an overview of how we could do this. We are not going to call it a volunteer certification, but they'd like to keep the name Exterior Support Firefighter Training so they don't think they have what they need to make entry into a live fire. He would also like to give them a second certification called Firefighter I Transition Training. He wants to stick as close to the old ELF so that we don't handcuff the volunteers but yet are getting what we feel they need. He took the prerequisites for Firefighter I and added half of them to the first part of Exterior Support. Right now, it is 60 to 70 hours but could be adjusted back to 50.

The second part of that would be 40 to 60 hours, an online course through ResourceOne, or TargetSolutions that Clark County uses. Again, we don't want to handcuff anyone, just make sure that they're held accountable and getting the training to that certain level. One of the biggest complaints is that people don't have time to train. This online training would allow them to do it at their pace within the allotted time, six months to finish Exterior Support and then another three to four months to finish Firefighter I Transition Training. There is a free course that ResourceOne can set up with just the bare minimums, but there's not an interactive portion where you'd be able to tell what they're doing and that they're getting what they need.

There is a charge of \$40 for each candidate going through the course. It's an interactive course with tracking. There is no further cost for the Firefighter I transition stage. Another cost is the manual; \$45 for the e-book or \$90 for the paper manual.

Agencies would make the course requests through SFM and then go through ResourceOne, allowing SFM to monitor them and make sure they're doing what they're supposed to do and the agencies would be a nonediting instructor and would not be able to alter the program.

#### **11. EXTERIOR SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

There was discussion, and Tom Martinez answered questions regarding the free program versus the ResourceOne program. He answered questions regarding various scenarios that were posed, such as for those using TargetSolutions and, also, whether a chief could send a letter saying that an individual met the requirements through their training division. He added that they wanted to keep it as close to ELF with the Job Performance Requirements out of NFPA 1403, add some to that, and then give them a transition stage afterwards to Firefighter I.

Chief Chambers added that this program is a foundation to where you only spend some additional hours to get your certification for Firefighter I under IFSAC.

Jeff Buchanan clarified that there doesn't have to be an incurred cost if you have TargetSolutions.

Tom Martinez stated that the SFM wants to get people out there who trained to a level to respond safely; whether it's ResourceOne, TargetSolutions, or something else, we will work with the agency. The curriculum needs to be reviewed, just like any other type of curriculum that was going to be used, it has to be nationally recognized or approved by SFM. He added that the handouts are out of IFSTA's Sixth Edition, a nationally recognized curriculum.

Kelli Baratti noted that she wanted to get away from "entry" and expressed concern that fire department communications is in the second part and not the first part. Tom Martinez explained that ELF was mirrored when we took the JPRs for live fire training out of the NFPA 1403. We want to keep the Exterior Support name so they would know that we do not want entry on the live fire scene.

Elaine Pace mentioned the manipulative skill part of this is different than watching a video. Tom Martinez explained that in Clark County they are assigned face-to-face hands-on skills days.

Jeff Buchanan noted that Clark County is in a good position because they have TargetSolutions, but that many of the volunteer organizations in the state have no wiggle room in the budget. Tom Martinez responded that it's not going to be required, that we have no jurisdiction over agencies, they can respond with zero training. They accept the responsibility and the liability. We're giving them that avenue if they choose to use it, because they requested it.

Chief Chambers mentioned that many of rurals have zero for a training budget. There was a bit of a complaint that they have ELF training but they can't do anything with it, because we went to IFSAC. In hearing this concern we are meeting their needs in regards to the required training they wanted. It will be up to the chiefs, whether the agency or the individual who pays the fee. It will be each chief's liability to say, they own it, they've done the training based on the guidelines and outlines. The best part is that if they do the training, the foundation is set for Firefighter I certification under IFSAC, instead of spending the time and effort of what ELF would be looking at, then to start all over again for a Firefighter I certification.

Tom Martinez stated that ResourceOne has offered a pilot course for an agency at no charge. A pilot course would help us ensure that we are doing the right thing for the agencies; make sure they are trained to a certain level, because if they're not, it's dangerous.

Dave Fogerson noted the difference between the professional qualifications that we talk about on this Board compared to what we're talking about here as providing guidance to those who want to do the training. We will give them a course completion certificate, but it's worth no more weight than the certificate they get from their agency, as opposed to the professional qualification.

Tom Martinez indicated that the Exterior Support Firefighter Training program isn't set in stone, but we're looking at 40 to 70 hours, the original ELF was 90 to 100. The transition will be anywhere from 40 to 60, leaning to 60, to make sure they have time to cover it, this is very doable. They will be given six months to complete each part.

**Nick Moriarty motioned to approve. Dave Fogerson seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**

## **12. REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (Non-Action Item)**

Chief Chambers stated that we are moving forward with a lot of activity, such as the training programs. We have challenges that we are facing as well. We are also looking at funding sources, including for the Pro Board.

The Beatty dump fees coming in during the fourth quarter cannot be spent and will be sent back to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP,) at which point it goes into a reserve fund. Chief Chambers began making some inquiries about the monies and has determined that we should have \$2.1 million in reserves from the time we started sending monies back to NDEP. Chief Wright and Chief Mulvihill had worked out an agreement with NDEP, with the turnover they have had, we don't know where these monies are. We had a meeting with NDEP on the phone, and they said they'd get back to us, which they haven't. The Petroleum Board associated with NDEP said that they have \$14 million in reserve, which Chief Chambers believes includes monies earmarked for the State Fire Marshal Division.

We went back as far as 2007 with the Beatty dump fee, which is when we started getting the monies to the State Fire Marshal, then putting into reserves. Prior to that, any monies that were not expended from the Beatty dump fees were going into the General Fund and NDEP made the comment of why are we putting this in the General Fund when they were specifically earmarked for these respective entities per statute, thus going into reserves now. Over the last five years, on average, we've been returning back about \$250,000 to, ultimately, NDEP and the reserves. This last year was \$480,000, the last quarter that we could not spend. Plan review money was at \$1.4 million that we returned back, ultimately, to the state.

With reference to the Database for Training, we will be meeting with Mark Krmptic, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council Bureau to bring him up to speed on everything. We are going to Work Program for the following using the

Beatty dump fees: upgrading the Training Officer I position to a Training Officer II position, it is currently being filled by a contractor; bring in a fourth Training Officer that is specifically hazmat tech or specialist to ensure that the Beatty dump fees are being earmarked accordingly and appropriately; and adding a Training Officer II position; the purchase of support items for those positions including vehicles, computers, equipment, etc.

The database will open doors not only for our Training Unit and Department of Emergency Management (DEM,) but for all agencies within the state - having access to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA,) having accountability, having training. So it's a lot more robust, with zero cost to the agencies. It's accessed using your FEMA or National Fire Academy SID, student ID.

Kelli Baratti added that a requirement that (DEM) has under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is resource typing and credentialing. She's thankful to the Fire Marshal's Office for identifying a need for a database like this, because now they will have the training portal part of it, where they can keep everybody's records. The DEM will now be able to take the training records, test books, and qualifications and provide Type 1 and Type 2 credentials for our first responder community, and they will be smart card credentials with all the bells and whistles. We will be one of the first states in the nation to be able to do that. The collaboration between the two agencies has been outstanding, and eventually we'll be able to bring the Emergency Medical System Office (EMS) on board.

Chief Chambers stated that only certain disciplines have engaged, such as EMS within Texas. Kelly Baratti added that Texas has two regions that are on the leading edge of this, one that she works very closely on the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Committee, and she's proud that Nevada might be able to pull off and maybe establish a best practice. Chief Chambers said that if all goes well, there will be a meeting with Mark Krmpotic in the next couple of weeks. We even opened it up to DPS Training, they're excited as well. We will be at the forefront and surpass Texas. The company that will be doing this has stated, yes, they can do this, and we can move forward effectively and quickly.

Kelly Baratti mentioned that we have had an unprecedented year for events in Nevada; fire and the Las Vegas shooting. The thing that will benefit us is that Nevada Task Force 1 will now be able to have interoperable credentials for both the FEMA and state sides. We will now be able to have credentialed responders from our local jurisdictions, due to a 2015 statute that allowed the use, finally, of local jurisdictions for EMAC responses nationwide. To complement what Kacey's agency does on the wildfire side, we'll now have this on the all-hazard all-risk side.

Bill Erlach asked if the program is built on a federal program or database. Kelli Baratti responded that she sits on the ICAM Committee, which is responsible for exactly what we're talking about. We currently have 15 states in a pilot project that



are moving to these smart card credentials, and we're building all the nuts and bolts that go along with that. The vendor that the State Fire Marshal's Office has reached out to is willing to build this database called the Backend Attribute Exchange (BAE), which is like the version of Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). We're limited in ROSS because it's owned by the U.S. Forest Service, but California and Nevada are unique in being able to have jurisdictions in ROSS. Through the BAE, our database will be able to reach Washington, and they will be able to see the resources we have available, even though state and local resources must be moved on EMAC, and then that database will reach back much like ROSS does and verify that your credentials are what they're supposed to be. Bill Erlach confirmed that it is under one umbrella.

Kacey KC asked how ROSS would talk to the system. Kelli Baratti responded that we've attempted at the national level to bring the Forest Service to the table, and they weren't interested, so here in the West, it'll be incumbent upon us - if it is a wildfire it will be ROSS, if it is all-hazard all-risk it'll be whatever we call this new system.

Bill Erlach stated that, hopefully, the program will supersede ROSS, and the Forest Service will have to get on board. Chief Chambers indicated that he thinks Kacey's on board with that one, too. Bill Erlach clarified that they wanted to bring EMS on board. Chief Chambers responded that once we have the umbrella established with DEM and the State Fire Marshal Division, it'll be easier to bring EMS on board. Bill Erlach asked what we can do to help the State Fire Marshal. Chief Chambers responded that if the Board is in agreement, we can bring that voice when we speak to Mr. Krmpotic about to the Work Program. We will keep the Board posted on when those dates are. There were ideas and suggestions made for possible future agenda items around this issue. Chief Chambers suggested that the Board could hold a meeting in January.

Chief Chambers stated that another Work Program is occurring with the Plans Unit. We currently have Albert Ruiz, Bureau Chief for Plans and the NRS and NAC require him to do audits on entities working on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Division. We have not been able to do the audits since 2006 because of the staffing reductions. The Plans Unit is hiring another contractor to get our time frames down to industry standard. He talked about the cost of having UNR and UNLV do plan review changes and they are in support with the electronic plan review (iPlan tables). It will be cost-effective not only for entities that we are dealing with for plan review, but for us as well, as we are spending \$2,500 per quarter on mailing packages. The iPlan tables are \$10,000-\$13,000, allowing us to pay for the tables within the first year.

Chief Chambers mentioned that code adoption is in the process, the first code adoption meeting to actually go through the International Fire Code for 2018. We are sitting with Northern Nevada Fire Prevention Group and communicating instead of being on the outside. We are moving forward with trying to have a robust and

sound foundation of what Chief Mulvihill had established in his tenure. The NFPA has identified Section 39, a placeholder for future development of codes. In the upcoming meeting, we are identifying where the medical marijuana and the recreational marijuana statutes are sitting and where things are heading. One question is, if the state is allowing it and regulating it, just like with care facilities, does that mean that the state has to inspect it, do we have to get a Certificate of Compliance (COC,) at which point will that also trigger into the State Fire Marshal. And if they have hazardous materials, butane honey oil for extraction is now listed as a hazardous material. Chief Chambers is looking at the nexus of these concerns and monies that will be coming in for firefighter training, and trying to find out what Oregon and Washington are doing.

Chief Chambers thanked those chiefs for their cooperation and, most importantly, Nathan Hastings for the support and direction on the Interlocals. We are developing a template for all agencies. Some agencies have not had Interlocal change in a long time, and we do not want to have anything to do with their monies or development, but if they are acting on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Division, we are going to hold them accountable. We do not have qualifications on some individuals other than we know they are doing the job. They need to have a special deputy card that states everything that they will be able to do. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> they will have their picture on the ID card to ensure that this is the right person doing the job.

The State Fire Marshal Division, with its new PIO, Kim Smith, spooled up Facebook and Twitter twelve days ago. Ms. Smith has done a phenomenal job working with the Division and our cooperators, the message is getting out.

Chief Cassell, in regards to the October Las Vegas shooting incident, has been very gracious in regards to what Clark County has gone through. One of the challenges during the shooting incident was the elevator keys. Some of the information and concerns that we received were communicated to Chief Cassell and full support was given to Clark County Fire and Metro P.D. The Department of Industrial Relations' chief is on board by having the ability to give exemptions of what is needed to ensure the safety of our first responders, let alone those in the hotel, God forbid we ever see this again.

To date, the state has had 14 fire-related deaths. Lemmon Valley was not fire-related. We are in line with what we have seen in years past.

The NFPA gave us a heads-up that there's a change with fire investigation units; a push for more requirements for training and education. The training here already meets or exceeds what you would normally see in some jurisdictions so there is some question as to why it is being changed. Letters have gone forward. The committee at NFPA for 9-21 and 10-33 are meeting to find out whether or not they're going to get overall support.

Chief Chambers attended the NFPA Fire Marshal Forum last October in Massachusetts. We could potentially have a sprinkler coalition in the next 18 months or so.

Las Vegas Fire & Rescue indicated that they are looking at residential sprinklers potentially pushing forward, and wanted SFM's support; Chief Chambers indicated that he would support it because it is fire and life safety for our citizens. Chief also asked that they let him know what their needs are but has not heard back from them.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Awards are going to be applied for by the Training Unit, focusing on the prevention side.

Chief Chambers is working with DPS Training, which has four training rooms, to get distance training to Carson City area from the National Fire Academy (NFA.) In addition to what they do, we can get more hazmat training or fire training. We have put in a grant for four (4) smart boards for DPS Training and thanked Kelli Baratti for the support she has given DPS training in regards to information on the smart boards.

Chief Chambers stated that the Board does a lot for the state for fire service, and wanted the Board members to be recognized for all the work they do. Now, when you come through the SFM office, on the right-hand side, all the Board member pictures can be found, under the "State Board of Fire Services" banner.

The Poster Contest was a success and Chief Chambers thanked the Board and applauded FPAN for their support. There were 15 billboards with the help of Lamar, and they donated a few free ones. The contest reached out to our children to get the fire prevention message out nationally. For the month of October, we had 20,565,000 views of our fire prevention billboards. We recognized three students in the fifth, sixth grade level; junior high; and high school. Also, NFPA has posted it and gotten hits. It will be soon on our Facebook page soon.

When we come to the Work Program being presented, he'll keep the Board posted. And if we could potentially have some sort of meeting in support of where we're going, it would be greatly appreciated.

Gwen Barrett noted that two Board members are going to have to exit the meeting (Jeff Buchanan and Nick Moriarty,) but we will still have a quorum.

Chair Fogerson called for public comment out of order before the two Board members left.

Chief Chambers also stated that in regards to Senate Bill 67, he heard there is a push from southern Nevada with Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and industry to change the base code from our current 55 feet identifying as a high-rise back to the base code of what the International Fire Code

states of 75 feet. Clark County and Mesquite are not in favor of this in the south. He'll keep the Board apprised.

Nick Moriarty stated that as an industry member, he's against the move to 75 feet.

### **13 REPORT FROM NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY (Non-Action Item)**

This item was heard after public comment, item 16, which had been taken out of order.

Kacey KC stated that it's been a busy fire season for them, 1.2 million acres. They have been at every Interim Finance Committee (IFC) and Board of Examiners (BOE) meeting begging for money. It has been interesting and a learning curve for Kacey KC.

Kacey KC gave an update on the Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP.) Her Division is meeting next week with the Utah State Forester on a program that they have implemented, which is similar to theirs, but with a defensible formula that uses historic fire cost. They are using their web portal and we just got our web portal done. The same company built both of them, so it should not be hard for us to implement the same formula. After next week's meeting we will know better how the formula looks and it will be brought back here to have meetings with our partners and talk about how that will affect your rates going forward. Next biennium we will have a new formula that we will have vetted before going to Legislature.

The Division is working with our Director to lift our burn moratorium. We have completed everything it recommended. The unavailability of our crews is stalling other burn operations for our partners. We are trying to get back into that slowly.

Our volunteer fire assistance grants have been awarded. All items are currently getting purchased.

Through some processes we've been going through, we learned that our Purchasing Division has three screeners for the State of Nevada. We are going through an audit with them currently. As long as we can get more screeners, we can get that stuff out to local jurisdictions, we are working on that. Chief Chambers added that he has been getting phone call, from agencies asking, for example, for fire engines. I have suggested they work with their NDF. Kacey KC stated they do have a program now and are back up and running after a brief hiatus to actually build a structure for this process. It has been done for many years without a program. We are reopening the screening process but have to go through some prioritization. Back to the WFPP, we will be creating that in the statute, with the support from the Board and local jurisdictions. Utah has statutory authority for the program.

Kacey KC will be looking into what the compact entails that brings aviation assets over from Canada. We are one of several lower western states not in the compact, she will research it.

Kacey KC indicated she is not a big fan of having a bunch of agreements that overlap DEM with us. This winter, we are going to sit down and look at all of our agreements, and in areas where we overlap, just get ourselves included on others, so we don't have 50 different agreements, and clearly define the differences between the two agencies so there isn't any confusion. Intrastate Interlocal agreements will be reviewed as well.

Eric Guevin thanked Kacey KC for her report and gave her kudos for all the work with the stream variance problem up in the Lake Tahoe Basin. He described an issue they had last year as far as fuel management within the stream zones, and a law on the books basically limited any forestry activity, like logging, and the interpretation was broadly cast onto fuels management, which affected our fuels management programs, and Kacey really helped with that.

Bill Erlach asked if there was any movement on the state purchasing brush rigs, then getting them out to departments. Kacey KC responded that they did get those. There was a snafu in our approval of our budget at the end. It was originally in the Governor's drought initiative for moving forward with state funding. At the very end of the session it was put into our reserves in the WFPP program, but they mistakenly left it out of our budget. They had to go back and ask for it in the interim; we just got it approved for putting back into our budget. There will be three coming out fully loaded, and we're looking at East Fork, Nye County, and Elko for dispersal because they said they could staff them. If this test project is successful, we might ask for a couple more with staffing from larger jurisdictions. And after that, we're going to have to ask for staffing as well.

Kelly Baratti asked, regarding East Fork getting one of these engines, how it will work. Chair Fogerson indicated that at East Fork, they changed their protective strategy for next year and it will go out Monday. In the past it was first call, first served. Now we will keep four slots open, and we are going to reduce overhead when we send out, to ensure that we always send an engine.

Kacey KC indicated that they did get the hoists for their helicopters. But because it took a while to get approval, and costs increased, they ended up getting one hoist to put on two helicopters. Local jurisdictions will be able to go through training for the hoists.

Chair Fogerson asked about Nevada Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy. Kacey KC responded that it has been pretty quiet. They did have that initial meeting when Bob Roper was here; it was coming out of the Nevada Fire Board, which has not met since that meeting because of everything going on. Eric Guevin clarified that that it is not this Board. And Kacey KC said it's different, BLM, Forest Service,

state, and it's for wildland fires, and she was in charge of the third leg, committee, regarding safe and effective response, fire adapted communities, and then the resilient landscapes. So we are working towards getting that plan finalized and roll it out. We are working better together than we have been, but there's still some work to be done.

Eric Guevin stated that in the past, as a chair, he was invited to attend, and he found it beneficial for all parties. There was not a real nexus or connection between the two boards. Decisions were being made, and he had no idea we had two boards. And so we started talking about it, different funding mechanisms and other topics. He understands that they are different, and as a recommendation we could possibly work better together than what we have in the past.

Kacey KC mentioned that NDF did get funding to staff the second helicopter with a full helitak staff. We will have two ships running seven days a week fully staffed, one will be bucket work still.

The Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities, we're trying to pick that back up. The old Fire Safe Council went away due to bankruptcy and other long standing issues. We looked at some 501(c)(3)s in the area; they weren't interested in the overhead it would cost, so we looked at our statute and it would fall well within our statute to do that. We already have the infrastructure from the standpoint of audits that are mandatory and people and staffing on the fiscal side. We are in the process of hiring a program coordinator and interviews will be next month.

Per Eric Guevin the Tahoe Network of Fire Adaptive Communities exists as a result of real need for leadership; so much going on with fuels that a program was needed and appreciates Kacey KC taking that on. Kacey KC said she thinks it will work great, and we have membership across both, very beneficial to us having that community involvement.

Eric Guevin commented that there is a lot of work there so perhaps we should have another member as an ad hoc, especially considering that number of homes in California that have burned.

Eric Guevin added that Ed Smith and Sonya Sistare with the Living with Fire Program are retiring, and maybe we could recognize them for their work in the past, and support whoever we can to keep that program alive. Kacey KC stated that we are hoping the structure that has been built will support it even if the University doesn't support it in the future.

#### **14. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Non-Action Item)**

Chair Fogerson stated that Chief Caleb Cage is not present, so we will skip this item.

**15. SCHEDULE THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF FIRE SERVICES (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

Chair Fogerson indicated he would really like to do a January meeting. We already have the discussion, possible action for Work Plan enhancements. And then that would be a nice place for recognizing Ed Smith and Sonya Sistare, especially if we met in Carson City. Staff will pick a date in January that works for everyone.

The next regularly scheduled meeting usually takes place in June with the Nevada State Fire Association. Gwen Barrett noted that they do not have a date yet.

Chair Fogerson indicated that maybe that's the next thing we need to talk about, how often we want to meet. When we reconstituted the Board of Fire Services, we put that it can meet at least two times a year. The Fire Service and Training used to meet quarterly. This will be a topic agenda for the next meeting.

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

Chair Fogerson called for public comment at the end of item 12, out of order, to give the two Board members who had to leave a chance to comment if they wanted to.

Pete Mulvihill commented that they appreciate everyone coming to the FireShowsWest. The exhibit hall is open until 2:00 p.m. The dates for next year's show are November 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. And let us know if we can do anything for you.

Gwen Barrett noted that Jeff Buchanan and Nick Moriarty just left the meeting and we still have a quorum.

Chair Fogerson noted that he will post all the comments and bring us back on the agenda, went to item 13.

After item 15, Chair Fogerson again called for public comment. There was no public comment.

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

**Bill Erlach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Eric Guevin seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.**