

MINUTES

Nevada State Board of Fire Services

September 24, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Location:

Fire Shows West @ Grand Sierra Resort, Meeting Room Nevada 10

2500 E Second Street, Reno, NV 89595

And Via TEAMS

Board Members Present:

Jayson Andrus

Mark "Pete" Briant

Rian Glassford (via TEAMS) – Joined after roll call

Thomas McCleister (via TEAMS)

Charles McCall (via TEAMS)

Brandon Potts

Dale Way

Board Members Not Present:

Chief Mike Dzyak

Stephen Neel

Kacey KC

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

Sean Stratton, State Fire Marshal Division

Tom Martinez, State Fire Marshal Division

Nicole Hoekstra, State Fire Marshal Division

Rich McKnight, State Fire Marshal Division

Alex Knaak, State Fire Marshal Division

Mike Heidemann, Nevada State Firefighters Association

Rich Harvey, Central Lyon Fire, Nevada Fire Chiefs Association

Kelli Baratti, Nevada Fire Chiefs Association

Eric Antle, Nevada Division of Forestry (via TEAMS)

Michael Brown

Jesse Corletto, E-FireX

Thomas Hammond (via TEAMS)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Non-Action Item.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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. Seven (7) 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 June 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES** (Discussion/For Possible Action) Dale Way made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandon Potts seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-action item)
Lieutenant Joe Rodriguez stated he was filling in for Chief Dzyak, as he is handling and working with the Governments Finance Office. We are looking forward to scheduling a workshop to look at adopting the 2024 International Fire Code. Year to date, we've had 36 different fires with over 400 hours of investigation and recently our division assisted on the Davis fire, not just with investigations but also with evacuations. This December or January we are hoping to do our inspections and a majority of our plan review with a new program called Tyler Technologies. We just got approved for another fire inspector in Carson City. We have our Nevada State Fire Marshal Public Safety Day coming up on October 5th in Ely. Going fee based was the best thing that could have happened to us. We actually have over \$4 million in revenue going forward. Our division is looking forward to the session coming up.
7. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION TRAINING ADVISORY REPORT** (Non-action item)
Dennis Pinkerton stated that they have entered a 5-year contract with Noble Supply and Logistics. It's a \$289,000 contract and they are going to provide some training for us. We had our first training last week (an EV Class) and it was hugely successful. We built two portable burn cells to enhance our fire investigation class. These are regular structures that we can pick up and put them on a flat bed. They'll go along with our investigation trailer and with that, we will be able to instruct and teach 10 more students in the investigation class. The NV Impact program is working well, and Rich McKnight is working with the contractor on building an app so that users will be able to carry the credentials with them. Training Officer, Sean Stratton, continuously tests the system to make sure there are no flaws in it. He is also busy sending tests out, receiving, grading them and then inputting the test results and issuing certifications. Tom Martinez just completed our IFSAC re-accreditation application, and we will have a site visit in January. We will need to have a board meeting prior to that time and that's to adopt the change that was made in the 470 that concerns the hazardous materials training.

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

Mike Heidemann stated that he apologized for the association having to cancel the NSFA Conference last year; however, this year will probably be the biggest conference ever. It's going to be in Fallon, and it will be June 25-28, 2025. Fallon has built a beautiful facility out there. They have a couple of BDR's for this upcoming Legislation. He has a sponsor who is speaking to other legislators about co-sponsoring with them to do some enhancements for volunteer firefighters. Nevada is a little behind in what some other states may or may not be doing, and our numbers are dropping considerably. So, what we are looking at doing is putting together some type of vehicle registration discount, much like the veterans receive and then we're looking at property tax abatements, which would be something that would need to be approved by state legislature. We brought workers comp to the table also. And the last real piece is the elephant in the room, which is the OSHA potential re-write. I have been pretty involved in that.

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

Rich Harvey spoke about the mutual aid program and how we have done a very good job this year, supporting our friends and neighbors. The Davis fire was a good example. He also spoke about the ongoing insurance issues and the insurance initiative. On February 11-12, 2025, in Las Vegas is the Western Fire Chief's conference called Ignite. It should be an exciting conference. He highly recommended to put Kelly on the agenda for the next meeting. Eric Antle at the Nevada Division of Forestry stated that he serves as one of Kasey's deputy administrators and in attendance as non-voting on Kasey's behalf. He wanted to say thank you, Chief Harvey and thank you to everyone in the room for the support on the Davis Fire large incident on the Sierra Front. They have submitted a BDR to enter the State of Nevada into the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact as well as the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Compact that will allow state to state trading of assets at all 50 states, including some territories in Canada.

10. **E-FIREX PRESENTATION – JESSE CORLETTO** (Non-Action Item) – Jesse Corletto is a retired firefighter and founder of eFireX and within the presentation, he spoke about the growing problem of EV fires and what we're seeing. He started inventing a design, an agent to be able to tackle EV fires. Right now the agent's UL certified for a Class A and Class C and they are working on a Class D. He wanted to develop an agent that has no chemicals so everything you see is 100% natural. eFireX is an agent specifically designed for high heat fires, such as lithium, but it also works for all the other classifications. Mike Brown spoke that with products such as this, the State of Nevada could be the first state to possibly implement a new fire extinguisher code.

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

There was no public comment.

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

Dale Way made a motion to adjourn. Pete Briant seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.