

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

March 5, 2009

(Approved May 7, 2009)

Members Present: David Duquette, Stephen Carrier, Brad Simpkins, Richard Mason, Frank Fraitzl, Gary Stenhouse, John Hoglelund, Kevin Pratt, Mark Tetreault, Mike Williams, Joe Butts and Karen Schlitzer.

Members Absent: Earl Sweeney, Ed Murdough, Alfred Burbank and Bill Degnan.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*-Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary and Rick Bilodeau (Pembroke FD).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. Call to Order. The meeting of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission was called to order by Chair Duquette at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Butts.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Motion was made by Vice-Chair Carrier, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Duquette said that he was sorry he could not attend the January meeting and thanked Vice-Chair Carrier for standing in for him. He also thanked everyone for his re-appointment as Chairman of the Commission.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Item 1. Emergency Medical Services.** Chief Prentiss was not present to give a report. Chair Duquette called on Commissioner Tetreault to bring everyone up to speed on EMS.

Item 2. Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Degnan was not present to give a report.

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Commissioner Simpkins submitted the following report:

Forest Protection Report for March, 2009 FS&T Commissioner's Meeting

- The Spring wildland fire training calendar is out. It will be mailed this week to all Wardens and Deputies, and will be posted on the website in the next day or two. The division has 16 trainings scheduled throughout the state. The theme for this year's training is Preparing for Leadership and Command on Wildland Fires.
- The schedule for Pack Test and Safety Refreshers is out for those firefighters interested in maintaining their certification for out-of-state fire details. There will be 10 classes held. One change from previous years is the Rookie Class for firefighters new to the program will not be held until fall, if at all. The division had over 30 new crew members last year, but due to a below average fire season many did not have a chance to get an assignment. Therefore, the division will try and get an assignment for those firefighters before training a new group.
- The Governor's proposed budget has been released. The budget would continue to have two fulltime forest ranger vacancies, plus the 15 fire tower positions would go from fulltime to part-time staffing, only on Class 3, 4, or 5 days.
- The Division's new warehouse is completed. The certificate of occupancy was just obtained last week. The in-state and out-of-state fire cache is now located at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, as well as the patrol vehicle and Type VI engine, and office space for several forest rangers and two Captains.

Item 4. Curriculum Review. Curriculum Status Report by Chief Rosolen is in each Commission member's packet and is as follows:

CURRICULUM STATUS REPORT
March 5, 2009

(a) Driver/Operator:

- (1) Pumps:
- (2) Aerial Apparatus:
- (3) All Vehicle:

(b) Hazardous Materials:

Captain Pragoff and Jeff Allison are reviewing the standard now and have formed a visiting committee for the new standard and curriculum.

- (1) Operations: Two programs are needed here. One for 1001 FFI with chapters 5 and 6.6 with 6.2 24 hrs., another program for EMS only chapter 5 16 hrs.
- (2) Technician: Awaiting the new materials to be printed to go to visiting committee.

(c) Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting:

(d) NFPA 1030 Series:

- (1) NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspectors and Plan Examiners.
- (2) NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator is in the planning stage for delivery.
- (3) NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator: Will probably follow the 1033 standard.

(e) Rescue Series:

- (1) Structural Collapse:
- (2) Confined Space:
- (3) Technical Rope Rescue:
- (4) Trench Rescue:
- (5) Ice Rescue – This program will need to be reviewed before any are offered this winter (09).

(f) NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and Firefighter II:

Train the Trainers have begun and will continue over the next 6to8 months. Recruit school and the IEU programs have begun and are awaiting feedback at this point.

(g) NFPA 1021 Fire Officer:

A visiting will be formed for this discipline soon.

(h) NFPA 1041 Instructor:

A visiting committee will be formed for this discipline soon.

(i) NFPA 1051 Wildland Firefighter:

(j) C2F2

(k) ICS/NIMS

Pro-Board Certifications, Standards and Year

NFPA 1001, Firefighter I, 2008
NFPA 1001, Firefighter II, 2008
NFPA 1002, Driver Operator Pump & Aerial, 2003
NFPA 1021, Fire Officer I&II, III&IV, 2003
NFPA 1041, Fire Service Instructor I, II, III, 2007
NFPA 1031, Fire Inspector I, 2003 and soon Inspector II
NFPA 1003, Airport Firefighter, 2005
NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Operations, 2008
NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Technician, 2008
NFPA 1006, Rescue series not yet accredited, 2003
NFPA 1051, Wildland Firefighter, 2006

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Director Mason reviewed an e-mail, which was in everyone's folders, from Chief Corey Landry (Durham FD).

VI. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Item 1. Director's Report #117. The Director's Report #119 for March 5, 2009 was reviewed by Director Mason and was as follows:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT #119 March 5, 2009

It has been a long winter. I finally got away for a week in a place that was warm and for the most part sunny. I got home Sunday evening just in time for a Nor'easter! Had a great trip though!

1. Recruit School

We are in week #2 of our 12 week Recruit School for 2009 with 24 students. For the next 4+ weeks they will be working toward Fire Fighter I certification, then 3 weeks of Fire Fighter II, ending with C2F2. We started with 28 students, but due to some issues we are now at 24.

2. Drive Simulator Grant Applications

The Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants offered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has a safety and fire prevention grant which states we are allowed to participate in. We are applying for \$432,000 for a fire truck and ambulance driving

simulator which will be trailer mounted if we prevail. The grant closes March 6th and will take a few months to hear about awards...hopefully more to follow! Kudos to Capt. Uitts and coordinator Ted Starkweather for writing this grant!

3. Trench Training Trailer

We have been awarded a grant to purchase and equip a trailer for our Trench Training Certification course in the Fire Fighter III program. Hopefully, this will be available in the near future.

4. AFG Grant Workshops

The D.H.S. Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant program is only available to fire departments. Each year I attend several workshops with Bob Waters of the FEMA Region I office. We conducted workshops in Lancaster, Concord, Belmont, Dover, North Conway and Keene with a total of about 100 attendees.

5. Pro-Board Accreditation

We are scheduled for our re-accreditation visitation later this year. This is our second re-accreditation which means we are closing in on our tenth anniversary having an accredited curriculum. It is through the dedication of the Commission and our staff that we see such a milestone! Kudos and thanks to all for making this work!

6. Fire Officer III & IV

As you know, we have established the Chief Fire Officer Designation (long form) as our Fire Officer III & IV certification in 2004. The candidate must possess Fire Officer I & II and Instructor II for eligibility. We have had several certified since its inception. The newest Fire Officer III & IV certified are: Assistant Fire Chief Manuel Neves (Honolulu), Chief Richard O'Brien (Goffstown), Chief Chris Le Clare (Portsmouth), Assistant Chief Steve Achilles (Portsmouth) and Commission member/Chief Frank Fraitzl (Milford). We have a couple who have applied, however are in need of bridging from Instructor I to Instructor II to be eligible.

7. Student Intern

Josh Calley, a junior with the Second Start School in Concord, has been an intern with our office for a semester and has been re-assigned for another semester...he hopes to be a fire fighter some day. He carries out small tasks for us and works with Capt. Deane around the campus. We did put him through some basic evolutions...the smile on his face made all our efforts worthwhile!

8. Welcome Anne Helene Phillips

January 15, 2009 at 0152 hrs the world welcomed Anne Helene Phillips, daughter and first child of Jeff and Michelle Phillips. All are doing well! Congratulations Jeff and Michelle!



VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

C2F2 – Discussion of whether to eliminate it. Director Mason stated that as far as expense, it is an expensive course to run and the Academy runs about 5 C2F2 classes per year. Chair Duquette asked if C2F2 is eliminated can another, non-mandatory program to take its place. Vice-Chair Carrier suggested holding off on voting for this issue until Commission members can consult with the organizations they represent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butts, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins to consider the elimination of the Certified Career Fire Fighter (C2F2) program and mandate Fire Fighter II Certification to be the preparatory program of training approved by the commission as outlined in RSA 21-p: 29 I and hold 2 public hearings on May 7, 2009 and make a final vote at the Commission meeting on June 4, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned that there will be 4 upcoming Ice Storm After Action Review meetings for public safety officials scheduled around the state on: March 9th, 11th, 13th and 16th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, to adjourn at 11:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Mason, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 3/5/09
2. Minutes of Meeting – 1/08/09 – Not Approved
3. Curriculum Status Report - 3/05/09
4. Director's Report #118 – 1/08/09