

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

June 5, 2008

(Non-Approved)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Michael Williams, Brad Simpkins, Edward Murdough, David Duquette, Richard Mason, Al Burbank, William Degnan, Frank Fraitzl, John Hoglund, Kevin Pratt, Mark Tetreault and Gary Stenhouse.

Members Absent: Earl Sweeney, Sue Prentiss, Dennis Rosolen and Mike Williams.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary, Eric Wilking, Assistant Chief – Exeter FD and Marta Modigliani, Attorney for Dept. of Safety.

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 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd, Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Fraitzl.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Motion was made by Vice-Chair Carrier, seconded by Commissioner Murdough, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Duquette mentioned the most recent loss of Al Grimes. This is a big loss to the fire service. He also said that the City of Dover will be opening another fire station sometime this November.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1. Emergency Medical Services. Chief Prentiss was not in attendance. No report was submitted.

Item 2. Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Degnan gave his report. No written copy was available.

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

Forest Protection Bureau Report for Commissioner's Meeting, June 5, 2008

- In-state fires statistics YTD (state jurisdiction): 216 fires; 132 acres; 5 injuries; largest fire was 39 acres
- In-state fires (federal jurisdiction): 1 fire for 54 acres. Rattlesnake Mtn Fire started on Wednesday, May 28th on the White Mountain National Forest in Rumney. Last fire staff should be released from the fire today, June 5th. A type 3 overhead team was assembled to manage the fire. The state supplied numerous resources, including a Blackhawk helicopter from the NH National Guard, forest rangers, special deputy wardens, and two federal squads. A private contract helicopter was also used on the fire. A Hotshot crew from the USFS was brought in from the Midwest to assist.
- After action reviews of both the Mt. Major Fire and the Rattlesnake Mtn. Fire are being scheduled over the next month.
- Federal mobilization activity YTD: 15, including four single resources and 11 crew members
- Aerial fire detection contracts for the central and southern sections of the state passed governor and Council yesterday. Contracts run through June 30th, 2009. CAP agreement is almost done and will be reviewed by AG's Office.
- The annual meeting of the Northeast Forest Fire Supervisors will occur the week of June 16th in Latham, New York. The NFFS represents the interests of forest fire supervisors of 20 northeastern states. Chief Simpkins will be installed as Chair of the NFFS during the meeting.

Commissioner Simpkins also mentioned that in addition to Al Grimes' passing, former Forest Ranger Gil Testa, who was also the Wilton Fire Chief passed away. Funeral

services for Al Grimes will be Saturday, June 7, 2008 on the grounds of his home in Madbury.

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

CURRICULUM STATUS REPORT
June 5, 2008

- (a) **Driver/Operator:**
 - (1) Pumps:
 - (2) Aerial Apparatus:
Still waiting to hear from the committee. No other programs will be approved at this point.
 - (3) All Vehicle:
The program is near ready to run, a TIT scheduled for May has been completed.

- (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:
 - (2) Technician:

- (c) **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting:**

- (d) **NFPA 1030 Series:**
 - (1) NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspectors and Plan Examiners: Inspector II is now Pro-Board accredited. The reviews and acceptance will come in September.
 - (2) NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator is in the planning stage for delivery. A planning meeting is to take place in the near future.
 - (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:
An Operational level of rope rescue TtT has been accomplished and this program is ready to be offered.. A Rope Rescue Technician class is scheduled for early September. The first Operations class went well.
- (4) Trench Rescue:
A Trench Rescue class is scheduled for fall.
- (5) Ice Rescue – 2 classes were scheduled this winter and will need to be reviewed before any are offered next winter (09).
- (f) **NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and Firefighter II:**
A Visiting committee has been formed and have had a meeting thus far to review the standard and Resources available. Representatives from Delmar and Jones and Bartlett presented their curriculum. The next step is to compare and choose either one of these or IFSTA.
- (g) **NFPA 1021 Fire Officer:**
The Spring class went well.
- (h) **NFPA 1041 Instructor:**
An Instructor I course is scheduled for May in the seacoast region.
- (i) **NFPA 1051 Wildland Firefighter:**
Doing well at this point.
- (j) **C2F2**
Went well for recruit school. The skills evaluation portion looks good for now but will need to see what happens with the June class before we can more accurately assess them.
- (k) **ICS/NIMS**
Starting to regionalize these programs for more effective and economical delivery. An ICS 300/400 program was just completed that included a TtT. We are now able to offer these classes around the State.

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

Item 5. Academy Awards Committee. The committee consists of Vice-Chair Carrier, Commissioners Murdough and Stenhouse, and Director Mason. They will meet on Tuesday, July 1st at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the nominations. If anyone has any nominations to present, please get them to Director Mason before that date.

V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Item 1. Director's Report #115. The Director's Report #115 for June 5, 2008 was reviewed by Director Mason and was as follows:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT #115 June 5, 2008

Seems like only yesterday we met, but it was only 3 weeks ago!

1. EMS Week – May 18-24, 2008

Like Fire Prevention Week we observe EMS Week once a year as well. We had staff at activities all across New Hampshire. I attended the Brookline Ambulance awards night and the Portsmouth Regional Hospital appreciation dinner.

2. Department of Safety Supervisors Training

Under the direction of Commissioner Barthelmes the department has initiated a 3 day training class for all "Front Line Supervisors." I wholly like the concept and have employees enrolled in all the scheduled classes. Today the pilot program graduates and from our division we have Heather Newland, Dale Boyd and Rick Haas enrolled.

3. Recruit School Graduation

On the evening of May 23rd we graduated 29 individuals from Recruit School. Twenty-two attended all 12 weeks. The evening was a lot of fun, but with trepidation for me as I really enjoy having the recruits here!

4. SCBA Training Trailer

We started our 08 & 09 budgets in August of 2006! We had no idea at that time that our SCBA Training Trailer would rapidly grow ill: door latches, doors rusted away, cameras failing, not passing roadworthy inspection, and much more. We have approval from fiscal

committee and Governor & Executive Council to purchase a new trailer. It is out for bidding presently.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. Chair Duquette opened the floor to discussion of the feedback received concerning whether C2F2 should be a pre-hire requirement as opposed to allowing 1 year from date of hire for completion.

Vice-Chair Carrier began the discussion by saying he had received 15 responses. He said that was the most he had ever received on any subject and that those responding ranged from instructors of C2F2 to Chiefs. Five said they would like to make it a pre-hire requirement and 10 said to leave it as is. The reasons behind the responses were varied.

Exeter Fire was represented by Assistant Chief Eric Wilking, who summarized by saying they have had no problem with the 1 year from date of hire requirement.

For the most part, Commission members who brought forth feedback had received mixed responses, with the majority being: leave C2F2 as it is.

A motion to leave C2F2 as it is was made by Commissioner Pratt and seconded by Commissioner Degnan. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Department of Safety Attorney Marta Modigliani began the discussion of readopting the rules. She pointed out that only the existing rules or rules that do not expire can be readopted. These are what need to be voted on. Interim rules are only good for six (6) months. Marta then pointed out that in this case, they would need to be filed either in June or July. Once filed and approved, the rule has to be adopted within thirty (30) days. Timing is crucial.

Commissioner Murdough made a motion to propose that the interim rules be submitted and filed at the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burbank. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to have a special commission meeting on July 22nd at 11:30 a.m. with voting on the interim rules being the only item on the agenda.

Director Mason suggested that two commission members work with him over the summer on the changes and bring them before the Commission at the September 4, 2008 meeting. This would mean that the September 4th commission meeting would not need to be so lengthy. Chair Duquette and Commissioner Simpkins volunteered to work on the changes.

Item 3. Two extensions for the time to complete C2F2, one each from Manchester FD and Salem FD were reviewed. A motion to approve these extensions was made by Commissioner Fraitzl and seconded by Commissioner Burbank. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Degnan wanted to clarify that by granting these extensions for completion of C2F2, it was in no way an extension of the fire fighter's probationary period. Chair Duquette and Vice-Chair Carrier agreed and it was decided to make this point in a letter to each department.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Degnan wanted to let everyone know that on Tuesday, June 10th at 3:00 p.m. all are invited to the Governor's office in recognition of Amelia's Law.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing to report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Carrier, seconded by Commissioner Burbank, to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Mason, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 06/05/2008
2. Minutes of Meeting – 05/15/08 – Not Approved
3. Curriculum Status Report 06/05/08
4. Forest Protection Bureau Report 06/05/2008
5. Director's Report #115 – 06/05/2008