

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 7, 2009

(Approved 6-4-09)

Members Present: David Duquette, Stephen Carrier, Richard Mason, Frank Fraitzl, Gary Stenhouse, John Hogle, Kevin Pratt, Mark Tetreault, Mike Williams, Joe Butts, Bill Degnan and Al Burbank.

Members Absent: Earl Sweeney, Ed Murdough, Brad Simpkins, and Karen Schlitzer.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*-Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Jeff Phillips, Bureau Chief, Sue Prentiss, Bureau Chief and Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary.

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 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chief Sullivan (Rye FD).

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1. Certified Career Firefighter Certification (C2F2). The transcript of each person who spoke was recorded and put on a CD and distributed to all Commission members. The recording is available through the Division of Fire Standards and Training and EMS. The following people testified:

Laurence Anderson, Jr. (Hampton Falls FD)

Chief McArdle (Plaistow FD)

Chief Wiggin (Bedford FD)

Chief O'Brien (Goffstown FD)

Chief Johnson (Pittsfield FD)	Pres. Dave Lang (PFFNH)
Chief Plummer (Dover FD)	Chief Klauber (Derry FD)
Chief Sullivan (Rye FD)	Chief LeClaire (Portsmouth FD)
Chief Phillips (Auburn FD)	Greg Bolduc (Nashua FD)
Lt. Scott Carrigan (Nashua FD)	
Chief Lyon (New London FD)	
Chief Midgely (Pelham FD)	

The hearing was closed at 11:45 a.m. by Chair Duquette.

The Commission Meeting went to break. Meeting re-convened and was called to order by Chair Duquette at 12:38 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Motion was made by Vice-Chair Carrier, seconded by Commissioner Fraitzl, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009 Commission meeting with one change: adding Commissioner Burbank to the list of members absent at that meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REMARKS

There was some discussion of the Public Hearing that took place and of those who spoke with regard to C2F2. Chair Duquette mentioned that there needs to be a meeting to discuss everything prior to the June 4th Commission Meeting, which is an afternoon meeting. It was suggested that in addition to that meeting there should be a morning meeting on June 4th. The decision was made to have a meeting at 12:30 on June 4th, beginning with lunch.

V. 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 gave his report.

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Commissioner Simpkins was not present to give his report and nothing was submitted in writing.

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

CURRICULUM STATUS REPORT
May 7, 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.

(f) **NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and Firefighter II:**

Train the Trainers have begun and will continue over the next 6 to 8 months. Recruit school and the IEU programs have begun and are awaiting feedback at this point.

(g) **NFPA 1021 Fire Officer:**

A visiting committee 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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

VII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Item 1. Director's Report #120. The Director's Report #120 for May 7, 2009 was reviewed by Director Mason and was as follows:

Director's Report #120

May 7, 2009

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here and recruit school graduates next week! I volunteered once again to drive the instrument truck for the Portsmouth High School Percussion Ensemble to the world championships in Dayton, Ohio last month... great trip and they took the silver medal.

1. Recruit School

It does not seem like the FFI and FFII are now history for the 2009 Recruit School, however they are now in the C2F2 segment and will graduate at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15th. All who can attend are welcome!

2. Pro-Board Accreditation

Again I can't believe our curriculum has been accredited for 10 years now and we are up for our second re-accreditation. Chief Rosolen has done a great job maintaining our accreditation, especially when a new program is initiated...he assures it is accredited before the pilots!

3. Entrance Exam 2009

Well, we will be offering the entrance exam again this year with the written in August and CPAT in September. We have had nearly 550 applications for this year's test. Captain Scott Merrill has coordinated this for several years and does a great job.

4. Committee of Merit

The Committee of Merit is hard at work to review and set the award levels for more than 15 incidents during 2008. The award ceremony will be October 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Capital Center for the Arts, South Main St., Concord.

5. H1N1 Flu

Our division has been busy with the planning, response and review of those transported who have flu symptoms. Chief Prentiss and I have been included in the department head meetings with the Governor since last week.

6. After Action Ice Storm 2008

We have division wide been working with the after action of the ice storm in December 2008. Being reviewed are all aspects of response (public & private), local EOC activities and the statewide EOC. Our division runs the EOC logistics to assure those in the EOC are fed, have a place to sleep if needed, sign in and out, and similar duties. EMS has their own desk and functions in the EOC as well.

7. Budget

The FY 2010 and FY 2011 Budgets are still in process. The fire truck was the only casualty from the House approved budget. The budget is in the Senate phase presently.

8. Personnel

We have had some turnovers in our staff:

- Mike Schnyder was accepted to Physician's Assistant school and resigned as EMS Quality Control Coordinator. We will be making an offer shortly.

- Michele Sarazin, receptionist, resigned to a similar position with the Department of Education.
- Capt. Bruce McPherson retired after 12 years of service.
- Licensing Coordinator Tammy Fortier has submitted her resignation after 21 years of state service.

Director Mason also mentioned that Joe Samson is our new Maintenance Supervisor. He also let everyone know that Chief John Sullivan will be at the Academy to speak to the Recruit School on Monday, May 11th. All are welcome to attend.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Duquette asked if the picture of Peter Carver outside of Director Mason's office could be copied and put in place of Peter's picture in the Fire Officer of the Year Award. Director Mason said that will be done.

Commissioner Butts mentioned that John Ayers' wife passed away about 3 weeks ago.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Burbank, seconded by Commissioner Fraitzl, to adjourn at 1:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Mason, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 5/07/09
2. Minutes of Meeting – 3/05/09 – Not Approved
3. Curriculum Status Report - 5/07/09
4. Director's Report #120 – 5/07/09