

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION
NFPA 1001 Visiting Committee

Minutes

Thursday, January 2, 2020

1:00PM Classroom 1 in the Dormitory Building
Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

Members: Robert Buxton, Phil Neily, Tim Joubert, Max Chaisson, Sandra Vilchock, Scott Hunter, Mick Costello, Deborah Pendergast, Jeremy Thibeault

Staff: Daniel Tice, John Keller, Scott Cathy, Jeffrey Phillips, Ted Tillson, Andy Anderson

Public: David Hall, Bryan Nowell, Corey Clark

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Scott Hunter seconded by Phil Neily. Approved

- I. Text book information
 - State of Indiana is currently using the 2013 edition
 - Fire Engineering stated they have rewritten their book has been rewritten to the 8th grade reading level

- II. Training Modules review (overviews attached)
 - a. Health and Fitness
 - Captain Tillson reviewed the updated overview sheet for Health and Fitness. Changed practical skills from a run, pushups, sit-ups, grip, sit and reach and to it to more fire service tasks.
 - Document students that are not able to complete the skills and they would have another opportunity to complete it.
 - Classroom component added to online to cover specific areas
 - Students would wear their gear and SCBA but not on air
 - Jeremy Thibeault talked about a timeframe for the completion of all the skills.
 - Ted Tillson stated the student should be able to consecutively complete the tasks without a total time.
 - Max Chaisson: Students would attend their orientation and then would complete this module about a week after which is about 30 days prior to the class. Max Chaisson asked if this when a student would be removed
 - Ted Tillson: Coordinators would document students ability and provide them feedback one areas they need to work on.
 - Max Chaisson: After a student has not completed the second attempt is the student complete or are they removed from the program?
 - John Keller: If a student is not able to complete skills it would mean they could be a potential issue hurting themselves, other students and/or instructors. The coordinator would be meeting with the student and providing information back to the department on the student's performance.

- Jeremy Thibeault stated the equipment needs to be standard so all the students are expected to complete the same skills
- Max Chaisson: Should instructors demonstrate the skills?
 - Ted Tillson stated the instructors will demo each of the skills and allow the students to practice
- Phil Neely: If the student is not able to complete a certain skill do they need to complete all the skills or just certain skills.
 - Ted Tillson: students would need to complete all the skills to make sure they can do all the skills and have the endurance to successfully complete the training program.
- Scott Hunter asked about the logistics of transporting equipment
 - Ted Tillson explained how conflicts are resolved so equipment is not double booked and how equipment gets delivered to training programs currently.
- Tim Joubert stated this would be very helpful to enable departments to pre-screen people before they send them to class
- Andy Anderson stated this module shows the students effort
- John Keller stated that currently students get to the hose module which is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the program and they are not physically capability of completing the program
- Scott Hunter is it going to take 8 hours?
 - Ted Tillson answered for a class of 24 we feel it would take approximately 8 hours.
- Daniel Tice is this a type of class that we can breakdown the class into two four hours blocks and break the students into two groups
- Bryan Nowell likes the idea of a video to set people up for success so they know what they are going to need to do
- Ted Tillson stated this would run just like every other module. Coordinator will document what their status and communicate with the student on any areas of concern.
- Max Chaisson suggests the module should be listed successful completion of Health and Fitness a requirement to PPE/SCBA
- Phil Neily also commented on the benefit of having a pamphlet and/or video that outlines what is required.

Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation, second by Mick Costello. All in favor all approved with the addition this must be complete prior to Firefighter I modules.

b. Cancer Awareness

Ted Tillson reviewed the program and stated the current program was just updated and is all online.

Motion by Phil Neily to accept recommendation, second by Scott Hunter. All in favor all approved

c. Portable Fire Extinguishers

- Ted Tillson reviewed the overview sheet
- Review of online lecture and lab

- Dave Hall states you get a lot of students to fill an APW and look at with you with a blank stare
- Bryan Nowell ask if there was talk about creating a matrix of hours of current versus new
 - There will be a hours matrix created once all the modules have been reviewed.

Motion by Mick Costello to accept recommendation, second by Phil Neily, All in favor all approved

d. Tools and Equipment

Ted Tillson provided an overview of all the main tools for the fire service

Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation, second by Mick Costello. All in favor all approved

e. Communications

Phil Neily asked if the mayday procedure of this module

Ted Tillson explained the May Day is part of firefighter survival

Motion by Phil Neily to accept recommendation, second by Max Chaisson. All in favor all approved

f. Air Monitoring

- Ted Tillson stated this is a new section to the standard. The module is strictly basic air monitoring and is meant to teach students the basics of how monitors generally work
- Scott Hunter asked if this could this be put into tools and equipment?
 - Jeremy Thibeault felt that 4 hours is a long time to meet the needs of the module.
 - John Keller: Text books are putting this section in the overhaul section because people are using it to clear the air in a room.
- Deborah Pendergast: stated the clarify different calibrations

Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation, second by Sandra Vilchock. All in favor all approved

g. Forcible Entry

No changes

Motion by Phil Neily to accept recommendation, second by Sandra Vilchock. All in favor all approved

- Bryan Nowell asked if each of the modules have quizzes
 - TedTillson: yes each module has a knowledge check in which they have to get an 80%, online with no time limit
- Tim Joubert asked if with moving more content online, are instructors dealing with more questions from students?

- John Keller students are having questions but stated the questions are better because the students have the base knowledge

h. Ropes and Knots

- Ted Tillson reviewed the overview sheet with reducing the number of knots to the more practical knots and be able to complete the same hoisting evolutions
- Scott Hunter asked if all of the knots in the curriculums we are looking at?
 - Ted Tillson stated they are all included

Motion by Scott Hunter to accept recommendation, second by Mick Costello. All in favor all approved

i. Ladders

- Ted Tillson stated the recommendation is to remove the tying of the halyard, causes most confusion to the students and during testing
- Two changes are the ladder drag and dropping the tying of the halyard

Motion by Scott Hunter to accept recommendation, second by Phil Neily. All in favor all approved

j. PPE&SCBA

- Ted Tillson reviewed the overview sheet.

Motion by Sandar Vilchock to accept recommendation, second by Mick Costello. All in favor all approved

III. Open Discussion

IV. Schedule next meeting date
January 23, 2020 6PM 32 Vernon St, Keene

Membership:

Position	Name
Career Chief	Scott Hunter, Bedford FD
Call/Combination Chief	Tim Joubert, Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS
Career Firefighter	Randy Beaton, Keene Fire Department
Career Firefighter	Mick Costello, Concord Fire Department
Call/Volunteer Firefighter	Sandra Vilchock, Nottingham Fire Rescue
Call/Volunteer Firefighter	Phil Neily, Canaan Fire Department
Instructor	Max Chiasson, Manchester Fire Department

Alternate:	Nancy Carney, Fitzwilliam Fire Department
Alternate:	Jim Lewis, Hopkinton Fire Department