

**NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION**  
**NFPA 1001 Visiting Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

3:00PM NH Fire Academy – Classroom 4

**The Visiting Committee is tasked with reviewing the current program and available curriculums to determine what shall be included in the updated NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II programs. These programs must continue to meeting the requirements of the NFPA standard and ProBoard. The FST Commission states the program should minimize the overall course time, offer as much of the course online as possible, maximize training time on practical skills without adding course hours and overall, focus on the basics and meet the minimum standard.**

Present members: Tim Joubert, Max Chaisson, Sandra Vilchock, Scott Hunter, Deborah Pendergast, Jeremy Thibeault, Nancy Carney, Phil Neily, Mick Costello

Absent members: Robert Buxton, Randy Beaton, Jim Lewis

Staff: Jeffrey Phillips, Ted Tillson, Andy Anderson, Scott Cathy, Nick Antonucci, Dan Tice

**Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Max Chaisson seconded by Deb Pendergast. Approved. Phil Neily abstained**

- I. Firefighter II Training Modules review (overviews attached)
  - a. Advanced Hose Module

Ted Tillson reviewed the overview sheet. This module would introduce the hose loads that were removed from Firefighter I. This module gives the students the ability to make a decision in which hose load they would use.

Max Chiasson asked is this was part of the Firefighter I skills review module?  
Ted Tillson said this would not take the place of the skills review day.

Jeremy Thibeault goes a long way to meet the objective to meeting the skills review days. Looking back at the Firefighter I, the committee decided to use the minuteman.

Tim Joubert student would pick what they are comfortable with and don't see if there is real choice.

Max Chaisson state their will be a lab like program so students would see the different loads.

**Motion by Scott Hunter to accept recommendation, second by Deb Pendergast. All in favor all approved**

- b. Assist Special Rescue Teams

Ted Tillson reviewed the overview sheet. Added an 8 hour practical piece to cover the z-system and lower systems. Feedback has found this is the skill that departments have been using.

The recommendation is to remove the Basic Rescue skills program due to exceeding the standard. The current Basic Rescue program meets the standard, however far exceeds the standards. The proposed 8 hour practical day would also exceed what is required in the standard.

Jeremy Thibeault stated the Commission would need to address the prerequisites for Firefighter III programs with the elimination of the Basic Rescue modules.

Max Chaisson stated the current Rescue Skills program can still be run as a standalone modules.

Jeremy Thibeault stated that many of the aspects of the program we are covering between ICS and air monitoring. The only piece that is left out is lifting and jacking.

Max Chaisson spoke about the ropes portion and they would teach the new knots needed for the lowering systems.

Tim Joubert asked if there is any online program for this?

Ted Tillson stated we could provide an online overview of each of the disciplines.

Phil Neily asked how would this affect the testing:

Ted Tillson stated that if we tested to the standard we would only be testing to the tasks in the standard.

Scott Cathy stated the exam could ask the students to go and get different pieces of equipment.

**Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation, second by Nancy Carney.**

Discussion: the creation an online program allows the students to get more information about the different rescue disciplines.

Nancy Carney also stated this might open students up to taking different programs.

Andy Anderson brought up that potentially replacing the lab with the online due to the logistics of getting equipment to each training program.

**Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation with an amendment to add an online component and merge the lab and practical day into a single day, second by Nancy Carney. All in favor all approved**

c. Courage to be Safe

Ted Tillson said there is no changes to the program.

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

d. Fire Cause & Determination II  
Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet

Scott Hunter asked about the props for this section and the number of programs that happen in the field.

Ted Tillson stated we currently have 5 to 6 Firefighter II programs. Described small props that could be transported to field programs. These are simple tasks for a Firefighter II students to preserve any evidence.

Scott Hunter suggested one hour of classroom and one hour of lab because pictures would be able to show aspects of this very well.

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

e. Fire Prevention and Public Education  
Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet  
Students would not be evaluated on how they instruct but on how they present themselves and making sure the content is correct. This would be a 10 minute presentation in a group format. Students would also need to conduct a fire safety survey and they would conduct one at home and upload them or fill out a form online.

Tim Joubert brought up including Fires is Everyone's fight from the USFA.  
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/fief/>

**Motion by Sandra Vilchoc to accept recommendation, second by Deb Pendergast. All in favor all approved**

f. Fire Suppression II  
Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet. Standard has the student taking command, transferring command and make some decisions.

Jeremy Thibeault stated that two straight days of combined operations would be a lot for students.

Ted Tillson stated the schedule would spread these out to ensure students have the ability to rest.

Dan Tice asked about include roll in drills on fire suppression drills?

Ted Tillson stated this would be difficult to complete up at the North Country facility

**Motion by Mick Costello to accept recommendation, second by Sandra Vilchoc. All in favor all approved**

g. Foam and Flammable Liquids  
Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet. This combines the current foam and flammable liquids program into a single module.

Jeremy Thibeault stated the online portion should touch on PFAS with everything that is going on in this area.

Scott Cathy stated that from the ProBoard that other training Academies are using dawn soap.

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

h. Pre-Incident Planning

Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet. Students would do a project and conduct a pre-incident plan of a local business in their area. They would then upload it with pictures and their action plan.

Jeremy Thibeault stated this section is part of Fire Officer I.

Max Chaisson asked when are the students explained the process for the project?

Ted Tillson stated we would provide the instruction to the students on the requirements of the project.

**Motion by Scott Hunter to accept recommendation, second by Deb Pendergast. All in favor all approved**

i. Vehicle Rescue

Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet.

The use of air bags will be integrated into the lab and practical.

Deb Pendergast stated the standard does not mention anything about electric vehicles and stated NFPA has an online program.

Ted Tillson stated it could be added to the online and lab portion.

**Motion by Scott Hunter to accept recommendation, second by Max Chaisson. All in favor all approved**

j. Fire Communications II

Ted Tillson presented the overview sheet.

This module would have the student work with an incident report.

Scott Hunter asked why student would edit the report if the standard states they should enter one?

Ted Tillson stated the students would submit a basic incident report.

Sandra Vilchock asked after the students complete the projects how would they be graded?

Ted Tillson stated the course coordinator would be required to grade them based off a rubric that would need to be developed.

Sandra Vilchock asked if there is any feedback on how the report is written to include grammar?

Ted Tillson said that it would include a brief overview of how the report is written.

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

**Motion by Scott Hunter to ad 5.5.4 to Assisting Special Rescue Teams and 5.5.5 to Advanced Hose to accept recommendation, second by Deb Pendergast. All in favor all approved**

- II. Open Discussion  
Before next meeting we will have updated overview sheets for all the modules
  
- III. Next meeting date  
February 13, 2020 at 9:00 in Classroom 2

**Motion by Scott Hunter to adjourn, second by Sandra Vilchock. All in favor all approved**

Membership:

Position	Name
FST Commission Rep	Jeremy Thibeault Alternate: Rob Buxton
Division Rep	Deborah Pendergast Alternate: Jeffrey Phillips
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, Peterborough Fire Department
Alternate:	Jim Lewis, Hopkinton Fire Department