

**NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION**  
**NFPA 1001 Visiting Committee**  
**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

2:00PM NH Fire Academy – Classroom 1

**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: Sandra Vilchok, Scott Hunter, Jeremy Thibeault, Nancy Carney, Phil Neily, Mick Costello, Jeffrey Phillips (alternate to Deborah Pendgerast), Max Chaisson, Tim Joubert

Absent members: Robert Buxton, Jim Lewis, Deborah Pendergast, Randy Beaton

Staff: Daniel Tice, Scott Cathy, Ted Tillson, Arnold Anderson

Public: Bryan Nowell, Doug Miner, Allan Clark

Meeting called to order at 2:08

**Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Mick Costello seconded by Phil Neily. Approved.**

- I. Forestry  
**Motion by Scott Hunter to adopt a forestry curriculum that meets 1001 requirements not to exceed 12 hours to include online training hours. Seconded by Sandra Vilchok**

Scott Hunter stated the group is tasked to come up with a program to meet the 1001 standard. He feels 12 hours would be more than sufficient time to meet the requirement of the 1001 standard. He has spoken with several chiefs and he has heard between 8 and 20 hours. Many of the call chiefs we closer to the 20.

All in favor, motion passes. Mick Costello not in favor.

- II. Open Discussion  
Jeremy Thibeault asked to review all of the hours of Firefighter I and II.

Scott Hunter asked a question about the Health, fitness and wellness module. Ask if the fitness evaluation was part of this module or outside this module

Ted Tillson stated a packet will be developed to explain to the student what is expected of the student during the health day.

Each student would be evaluated prior to the class and told what areas the student needed to work on to ensure they were able to complete the training.

Jeffrey Phillips reviewed what was approved under this module.

*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.*

Scott Cathy stated an option would to have a re-evaluation could be done during monthly testing.

Phil Neily stated information should be forwarded to the department in regards what the expectations the students are.

Tim Joubert asked how this did financial.

Jeffrey Phillips stated the Division would only charge the department for what the student attended.

Sandra Vilchock asked what is the difference with the new program versus the proposed?

Dan Tice stated that regardless of their status students currently are able to continue in the program.

Sandra Vilchock asked if students will be able to go online and find the requirements of what is expected?

Ted Tillson stated it is the intent of the Division to have the information completed.

Jeffrey Phillips gave the overview of the updated program

**Motion by Scott Hunter, seconded by Max Chaisson to make Professional Rescuer CPR a prerequisite with the expiration date to exceed the end of the training program for Firefighter I and have First Aid as a 2 hour module. All in favor, passed**

**Motion by Max Chaisson to accept Communications as present by staff, seconded by Sandra Vilchock. To remove the tour and expand the online content to cover the tour of E911 and dispatch center. All in favor, passed**

**Motion by Max Chaisson to accept recommendation to remove the Building Construction tour and expand the online content to cover the tour. Seconded by Sandra Vilchock.**

Scott Hunter suggested keeping the tour and combining the tour with the Utilities module.

Mick Costello asked what would get put aside in the Utilities module?

Scott Hunter state he believes we could meet the requirements with the Utilities module.

Tim Joubert asked if Building Construction is moved into Utilities would it still be 4 hours.

Scott Hunter stated he believe it would still be a 4 hour module.

**All in favor**

**Motion by Sandra Vilchock, to accept the recommendation of reducing the Fire Suppression module to two burn days instead of three. Seconded by Tim Joubert. All in favor**

**Motion by Max Chaisson to accept the recommendation of reducing Assisting Special Rescue Teams by 4 hours by removing the z-systems and low angle rescue portion. Seconded by Sandra Vilchock. All in favor**

Note: Hours for Assisting Special Rescue Teams should be listed as a lab.

**Motion by Scott Hunter, reduce Fire Suppression in Firefighter II from two burn days to one burn day during a combined Firefighter I and II program. Seconded by Max Chaisson. All in favor**

**Motion by Sandra Vilchock to include 16 hours of Firefighter I skills review to a standalone Firefighter II program. Seconded by Phil Neily. All in favor, Scott Hunter opposed**

**Motion by Scott Hunter to combine the practical components of Building Construction and Utilities into one 4 hour class. Seconded by Tim Joubert. All in favor**

**Motion by Scott Hunter combine the practical session (not including the lab) of Water Supply and Fire Attack and Hose into one 20 hour module and have keep the 8 hours of Advanced hose in Firefighter II. Seconded by Phil Neily.**

Jeffrey Phillips stated historically we have seen a deficiency in hose handle skills in all of our Firefighter I students.

**Vote in favor: Hunter and Neily for, Jeremy  
Opposed: Max, Tim, Mick, Nancy, Sandra Vilchock  
Motion Failed**

**Motion by Jeremy Thibeault to create a standalone Advanced Hose module to cover the required portion of the standard. In a combined program these skills would need to be included in the Firefighter I hose skills. Seconded by Mick Costello. All in favor**

Chief Clark asked if there was any consideration to making ICS100, 200 and 700 a prerequisite.

Jeremy explain the student was given more flexibility to the student to be completed before testing.

Nancy stated for EMR and EMT students are required to complete ICS100 and 700 prior to the end of the class.

**Motion by Scott Hunter to make ICS100, 200 and 700 as prerequisites to Firefighter I, seconded by Jeremy Thibeault. All in favor**

III. Schedule next meeting date

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM

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