

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

March 3, 2011

(Approved)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Al Burbank, Kevin Pratt, John Hoglund, William Degnan, Edward Murdough, Brad Simpkins, George Klauber, Jason Lyon, Mark Tetreault and David Lindh.

Members Absent: Gary Stenhouse, Earl Sweeney, Michael Brown and Joe Butts.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Jeffrey Phillips, 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 Carrier at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Lyon.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Murdough to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Burbank, Lyon and Lindh abstained.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Carrier mentioned that his department (Gilford FD) has built a training facility in town and they are trying to finish it before June. He also said that they are struggling with the activity level, something he believes all combination departments are doing. He said there was a discussion with the town about this also.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1. Emergency Medical Services. Bureau Chief Phillips read the written report submitted by Bureau Chief Odell. Copies were in everyone's packets.

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

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Commissioner Simpkins gave his report as follows:

Forest Protection Bureau Report for March 3rd, 2011

- Budget- The Governor's budget was released last month. Under this proposal, the division would continue with the four current forest ranger vacancies and the vacant position numbers would be abolished. It also would continue to fund the fire towers on a part-time basis, but would use agency income instead of general funds. The Governor's budget does provide funding for the director's position so the Chief and director position would be separate once again. We are now working through the legislative part of the budget process.
- The Spring wildland fire training calendar was sent out last week. We have 9 trainings set up, including two field sessions, five on warden safety and operations, and two on forest fire laws and updates.
- For the Pack Test and Safety Refresher this year firefighters will need to pre-register with our office with the required medical clearances and paperwork and they will get a clearance letter back from us indicating they can take the test. We will once again be offering a rookie class this year for those firefighters who are new to the out-of-state program.

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

CURRICULUM STATUS REPORT March 3, 2011

(a) **Driver/Operator:**

- (1) Pumps:
A visiting committee will soon meet to look at this program.
- (2) Aerial Apparatus: The new program has good reviews thus far.

- (3) All Vehicle:
- (b) **Hazardous Materials:**
 - (1) Technician: The visiting committee agreed on the MFRI curriculum. No change in hours, Delivery, or program for the most part just an update to the current standard.
- (c) **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting:**
- (d) **NFPA 1030 Series:**
 - (1) NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspectors and Plan Examiners. A visiting committee is reviewing these programs.**
 - (2) NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator
 - (3) NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator
- (e) **NFPA 1006 Rescue Series:**
 - (1) Structural Collapse:
 - (2) Confined Space:
 - (3) Technical Rope Rescue:
 - (4) Trench Rescue:
 - (5) Ice Rescue:

A needs assessment has been completed by a survey with a return of over 60 responses. Vehicle and Heavy Machinery seems to be the next level to pursue, with Water Rescue next. There were none others really desired.*

* Vehicle and Heavy Machinery Extrication is on hold due to cost of equipment and resources at the present. We have been in discussions with Lifesaving Resources, (Gerry Dworkin) for water rescue programs to utilize his classes and test his students for certification. A crosswalk is currently under way to make sure that these programs meet the NFPA standard.
- (f) **NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and Firefighter II:**

July 1, 2010 ended the 2003 standard. All FF1a, FF1b, and FFII exams have been destroyed and are no longer available based on our accreditation requirements.
- (g) NFPA 1021 Fire Officer:**
- (h) NFPA 1041 Instructor:**
- (i) NFPA 1051 Wildland Firefighter
- (j) ICS/NIMS

** Programs that are considered for on-line learning to be able to offer more programs in the future.

Pro-Board Certifications, Standards and Year

NFPA 1001, Firefighter I, 2008
NFPA 1001, Firefighter II, 2008
NFPA 1002, Driver Operator Pump & Aerial, 2009
NFPA 1021, Fire Officer I&II, III&IV, 2009
NFPA 1041, Fire Service Instructor I, II, III, 2007
NFPA 1031, Fire Inspector I & II, 2007
NFPA 1003, Airport Firefighter, 2010

NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Operations, 2008
NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Technician, 2008
NFPA 1006, Rescue series not yet accredited, 2008
NFPA 1051, Wildland Firefighter, 2007

Motion was made by Commissioner Klauber and seconded by Commissioner Lyon to approve the Hazardous Materials Technician program as presented on February 14, 2011 and to run the pilots. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Item 1. Director's Report #131. The Director's Report #131 for March 3, 2011 was reviewed by Bureau Chief Phillips and was as follows:

Director's Report #131

1. Recruit School: Orientation and Health and Fitness have already taken place. This year we have incorporated a three week EMT Basic class. We are working on clinical agreements with Concord Hospital and Concord Fire Department. Once the students complete the EMT-Basic course they will continue and complete Firefighter I & II.
2. CPAT: Entrance exam application deadline closes this Friday. It looks like this year might have a smaller number of candidates than we have seen in recent years; however the majority of the applications should come in this week.
3. Legislative updates: HB645 and HB646 are bills that repeal fees back to the FY05 and FY06 levels; this would repeal the fee increase to the Fire and EMS fund that was recently passed. Additionally, HB350 will eliminate the ability for the Division and Fire Marshal's office to request additional funds from the Fire and EMS fund outside the budget process.
4. Retirement party for Director Mason: A retirement party is planned for Saturday night May 14th at the Grappone Center in Concord. Once there are more finalized details more information will be available.
5. Budget update: The Division's budget is going into the House phase; currently we are looking at a possible 15% cut in classes for FY12 and a 22% cut in classes in FY13. However, there is a possibility to restore the funding in either the house and senate phases.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

There was a letter from Chair Carrier to Deputy Chief Nick Campasano of Manchester Fire Dept. regarding lay offs and training requirements in everyone's packets. Some discussion of this followed.

Chair Carrier formed a sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Klauber, Lindh and Pratt to look more closely into this matter. It was also suggested that Commissioner Brown, who was absent, should be included in this sub-committee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. Director search update. Chair Carrier stated he had not heard anything new. Bureau Chief Phillips reported what he had been told by Kevin O'Brien. He said Kevin O'Brien, Chief of Policy and Planning, told him that Commissioner Barthelmes does intend to bring someone before the Commission and is hoping to present this person to Governor & Council on March 16th. A discussion took place regarding the nomination process. Bureau Chief Phillips said he will keep everyone updated if he receives any new information.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Commissioner Klauber said his area is looking into consolidating departments because of the budget and cut-backs. He suggested the Commission might want to look into training to help these departments move forward. Chair Carrier said the Commission could certainly look into this.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing to report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. was made by Commissioner Burbank and seconded by Commissioner Pratt. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 03/03/11
2. Minutes of Meeting – 01/06/11 – Not Approved
3. Curriculum Status Report 03/03/11
4. Director's Report #131 – 03/03/11