

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

June 6, 2013

(Approved)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Jason Lyon, Brad Simpkins, Mark Tetreault, Kevin Pratt, George Klauber, Michael Brown, J. Michael Joyal, William Degnan, Jeremy Thibeault and Jason Lyon.

Members Absent: David Lindh, Kerry LeBlanc and Earl Sweeney.

Vacancy: Dept. of Education Designee.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Perry Plummer, Director; Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief; Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary; Chief Allan Clark; Gary Johnson; Capt. Meredith Lund and Bryan Nowell (DRED).

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 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Simpkins.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Carrier mentioned the fire the night before in Dover. He also spoke about an event ("Tough Mudders") in Gilford last weekend and incidents that point out how all fire chiefs are in fact emergency managers.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1. Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Tetreault submitted a written report and Director Plummer gave an update. The report is as follows:

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board March 7, 2013

2013 protocol and roll outs, and on line exam is required
Discussion about temporary transfer of Director Plummer
EMS Bureau accomplishments

- Established course audit process
- Education and transition courses
- Licensing and inspection of wheel chair vans
- Trauma Hospital reviews
- Stroke and Stemi Summit
- 2013 Protocols
- Online video of rollouts
- Board of pharmacy med distribution
- Preplan medical standby plan
- PIFT audits
- Statewide EMS survey
- TEMIS town meeting
- Approved auto narrative
- User manual
- Noodle on going priority
- EMTI-AEMT
 - o Developed implemented and evaluated course
 - o Voucher program
 - o Mobile testing lab for next refresher season
- Pedi Simulator
- Updated Licensing process
- Grant for trauma registry and field bridge availability
- Pediatric emergencies road show
- Hosted community Para medicine task force
- Drafted administrative rules
- Short board usage survey
- Reformed refresher training process
- Heart safe communities project
- Ambulance rate survey

- NH Trauma Conference
- National Honor Guard Academy
- Recruitment and hiring
- Summit Re: Bariatric transport
- Mapped EMS units to communities served
- Annual EMS Awards
- This list should not be considered complete as I could only take notes so fast, none the less the accomplishments of the bureau of EMS if quite impressive

Some discussion about filling open positions on the board American College of Surgeons has been vacant for 4 years. Discussed other groups who may be seeking representation on the board.

Best Practices updates included

- Emergency Vehicle Operations update
- Personal Safety
 - o Operating on roadways
- Responder rehab based on NFPA 1584

Discussion about car seats in ambulances discussed need usage etc...

- Discussion bout the availability of o grant money to train instructors for a 4 hour car seat training program

Discussed the EMTI /AEMT transmission

- Statistics as of the meeting were 158 verifications 38 passed, 36 registered as EMTI and 1 dropped to basic level.
- Soliciting feedback on how people are doing on the exam

Discipline against providers and services will be publicly posted

- Will not be applied retrospectively

There is a grant process for CPAP machines

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

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Commissioner Simpkins gave his report. No written report was submitted.

Item 4. Curriculum Review. Chief Rosolen gave an update and no written report was submitted.

V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Plummer did not submit a written report but did give updates on several topics.

On-line learning – new staff members have been hired to work on this and are presently working on getting everything up and running.

This is Chief Rosolen's last Commission meeting. He is retiring on June 20th. The Director thanked him for his service and contribution to many different projects at the Academy.

FFI pilot program (Whitefield) – was not widely received for various reasons. However, we have received a lot of feedback from everyone involved.

Chief Rosolen gave an update on the North Country facility.

Director Plummer gave an update on his position/situation and said he does not know at this time what will happen.

Waiver was granted for the Chief's position at Loudon Fire Dept.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. NFPA 1001 and 472 Visiting Committee Report – there was a discussion (Dep. Chief Anderson) and power point presentation on this.

Members of the visiting committee: Michael Clark, Jesse Kelley, Bill Shea, John Keller, Russ Osgood, Allan Clark, Jeremy LaPlante, David Hall, Mark Klose, Mark Boynton, Jim Gagnon, Bill Campbell, Rick Conway, Steve Dube, Les Cartier, Chief Fowler, Bob Welch, Eric Wilking, Bob Irish, Win Wright, Jeff Allison, Rob Buxton, Nancy Carney, Alan Smith, Randy Beaton, Mark Lemay, Jason Grant, Greg Bolduc, Jared Cook, Eric Uitts, Steve Hussey, Chief Doug Mumford, Rob Wolinski, Kevin Holdredge, Frank Fraitzl, Scott Carrigan, Bryan Nowell, Gary Courtney, Dick Martel, Steve Gallagher, Rich McGahey, Gary Johnson; Uniform Staff – Andy Anderson, Jeff Phillips, Lenny Deane, Nick Antonucci, Meredith Lund and Jim Lindquist.

Dep. Chief Anderson stated the decision was made to stay with the Jones & Bartlett curriculum. He also said that it was decided that there should be some kind of physical requirement (signed) before class begins.

The FFI portion was compared and the consensus was that the hours are long and could be reduced. Chief Anderson said after much discussion it was believed that just changing classroom time, coordinating more and

reducing redundancy would result in a reduction of hours. He said that in just doing this the hours would be reduced from 216 to 200; without removing anything from the curriculum. He noted that proficiency must also be looked at when discussing the hours involved. The Visiting Committee also recommended including Health and Fitness and the Cancer Awareness program.

There was a discussion about Wildland Fire Fighter I and whether to accept the recommendation of the WFF1 NFPA 1001 Visiting Committee. It was stated that we can do less to meet the Standard (1001). The entire classroom portion can be done on-line; only showing up for the 8 hour practical.

It was then suggested to leave WFF1 alone and wait for the recommendation of the 1051 Visiting Committee. Commissioner Simpkins stressed that it was the recommendation of the 1051 Visiting Committee to leave the WFF1 curriculum as it is until they can look at it more closely and come back (maybe by September meeting) with another recommendation. He said if the Commission decides today to not make the WFF1 standard (1051) part of FFI, the Visiting Committee would then be charged with developing another curriculum; one that meets 1051 and one that meets the 1001 standard. He thinks it would be very difficult to make it a progression course.

Commissioner Lyon recommended WFF1 be left as is and wait for the recommendation of the Visiting Committee.

Chief Clark spoke about having the WFF1 curriculum removed from the FFI course completely. He said he feels that he represents about 80% of the chiefs. He believes the Visiting Committee represents the Instructors who have a built in conflict of interest. He said he believes all the Chiefs he talks to want their fire fighters to have a minimum level of competency and that they are not getting that right now. He said the Chiefs are just asking that we teach to the standard. He said the problem is with Wildland Fire Fighter I. He believes there is a problem getting call/volunteer fire fighters trained because they do not have the time to devote to the lengthy Fire Fighter I course. He believes the WFF1 portion should be taken out of the FFI course. They are looking for what NFPA says is the minimum requirement to be on the fire ground.

Written report submitted by Chief Clark.

Letter to the Commission from Chief Allan Clark – Sugar Hill FD. Copies of this letter were in everyone's packets.

Commissioner Lyon maintained that proficiency is more important than teaching only to the minimum requirement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thibeault to accept the recommendation of the Visiting Committee; seconded by Commissioner Lyon.

Amendment to the motion by Commissioner Joyal to have the NFPA 1051 Visiting Committee come back to the Commission with a recommendation of a program to meeting the Wildland firefighter portion of the 1001 committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lyon.

Amendment has been changed

Commissioner Joyal requested to **amend the motion** by having the NFPA 1001 Visiting Committee come back to the Commission with a recommendation of a program meeting the Wildland firefighter portion of the 1001 committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lyon.

Commissioner Joyal has requested to **withdraw his amendment**. Motion seconded by unknown Commissioner.

Commissioner Thibeault requested to **amend the motion** to have staff look at the Wildland fire portion of the Firefighter I course and create a module not to exceed 8 hours.

Motion with amendment passed unanimously.

Commissioner Klauber requests to **amend the passed motion** with the requirement of CPR to be allowed to be present prior to eligibility for testing. Seconded by Commissioner Joyal. Chief Klauber states with the understanding that it still be made available at some point throughout the program.

Chair Carrier asked if it would be acceptable to Commissioner Klauber to include first aid and to clarify CPR as Professional Rescuer CPR.

Amendment passed.

Motion to accept the Firefighter I curriculum as presented with the two passed amendments passed unanimously.

Deputy Chief Anderson discussed the details of the Firefighter II visiting committee. Firefighter II saw an increase in hours and removal of H806 Incident Command Systems from the class. Recommendation to add

ICS100 and ICS200 as a prerequisite to take Firefighter II. The VC looked at several areas in which it was found students continued to show weak skills. Another area that saw an increase was vehicle rescue. Other modules saw a reduction in classroom time; however increased in the practical portion of the program. The Air Monitoring section of the program will need to be revised and have a program focus on the 4 gas meter. Along with the change in air monitoring, Rescue skills would need to be increased to accommodate some additional information from 32 hours to 40 hours. The Firefighter I skills review day, which was added during the last VC, is the recommendation to add a second day; one day at the beginning of the program and one prior to the final burn day. Feedback from the Firefighter safety skills module is that students thought in the Firefight II program there would be more on skills on SCBA. To accomplish this several skills on air management would be added. Lastly, the addition of the Courage to be Safe program would be integrated into the Firefighter II program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tetreault to accept the recommendation of the Firefighter II Visiting Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Klauber. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips explained the outcome of the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Visiting Committee. The recommendation was to stay with the Jones and Bartlett curriculum

Motion was made by Commissioner Klauber to accept the recommendation of the Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Visiting Committee. Seconded by multiple Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Joyal to defer the medical entry requirement for Firefighter I to the Hiring Standards sub-committee to discuss this prior to the next meeting. Seconded by unknown Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion was made at 12:15 to go into non-public session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klauber to end non-public session at 12:20. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. was made by Commissioner Degnan and seconded by Commissioner Lyon. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Perry Plummer, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 06/06/13
2. NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board Report – 03/07/13
3. Letter from Chief Clark (Sugar Hill FD) to FST Commission – 06-04-2013