

October 7, 2019 Minutes FST Rules Sub-Committee Meeting at Fire Standards and Training

The FST Rules Sub-Committee met on October 7, 2019, at 3 pm. Present were Nancy Smith, Robert Buxton, Mike Joyal and Jeffery Phillips. Keith Rodenhiser from the State Fire Marshal's office also attended.

The sub-committee first heard from Keith Rodenhiser as to particular concerns of the State Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal views the revision of the revocation and suspension rules for the fire service as long overdue and badly needed. Three areas of concern mentioned are: 1.) Concern that the rules not limit authority to arson, as their experience is that firefighters or EMT's often plead to something less, often reckless conduct. 2.) They would like to see a bar from being employed. 3.) The rules need to include the ability to do an emergency suspension.

The committee then started reviewing and revising a draft of revisions prepared by Nancy from the current rule, based on the categories that the survey results supported. Nancy will incorporate the suggested revisions into the draft and re-circulate.

The October 21 meeting will be cancelled as it did not appear that a quorum would be available. A new date will be solicited that all are able to attend as it is felt that it is important to hear the concerns of all the constituent groups represented by the various sub-committee members.

Respectfully, Nancy Smith, FST Rules sub-committee chair