

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, January 22, 2013 Office of State Fire Marshal
Mt Hood Conference Room

Minutes

Members

- Greg Keller, OFCA (Chair)
- Bob Reeves, OFDDA (V Chair)
- Kelly Bach, SFFC
- Eric McMullen, OFMA
- Tad Pedersen, OSFM
- John Stein, General Public
- David Sellers OVFA

Ex Officio

- Cameron Smith, Gov's Office
- Joel Lujan, OSP
- Eriks Gabliks, DPSST

Visitors

- Claire McGrew
- Mariana Ruiz-Temple
- Michael Harryman, EMS
- Chief John Nohr, OFCA

Executive Director/Staff

- Mark Wallace State Fire Marshal
- Jim Walker, Chief Deputy SFM
- Sally Cravinho, Staff

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Keller welcomed the council and thanked everyone for participating in this important meeting and acknowledged that everyone's time is valuable and appreciates all being here today.

Chair Keller introduced guest Deputy Chief John Nohr, Portland Fire and President for Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. He will be addressing the ISO Task Force and Fire-based EMS issues today.

Changes to the agenda:

Chair Keller added Residential Sprinkler Installer Certification to the agenda.

Minutes:

A motion was made to move by Bob Reeves and seconded by Tad Pedersen to adopt the minutes as presented. All approved.

Communications:

None

Executive Director Report

Chief Wallace reported he was invited to the State of the State Address at the Capitol last week to hear Governor Kitzhaber give the speech. The Governor thanked the first responders for all their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Oregon.

He went over the OSFM Organizational Chart, retirements and open positions. He informed the council Donna Disch-Curtis has retired effective December 31st and he will be moving cautiously forward to fill the other vacant positions which are currently at sixteen.

Mark went over the SB29, HB2084, and the fiscal page from the handouts as well as the Talking Points for the legislative council.

NEW BUSINESS

Residential Sprinkler Certification

Chair Keller stated he was contacted by Ron Murray for GFSPC support to endorse his belief in residential sprinkler installers needing to be trained and certified. Chair Keller referred to Eric McMullen for his input on the topic.

Eric went over the debate regarding residential sprinklers falling under the Oregon Engineering law. Currently there are no requirements by the state. There are national certifications for designers and installers.

Stacy suggested that it was a building code issue and requests should be made to BCD.

Consensus was to not address this issue at this time.

Drop in Career Fire Marshals

Chair Keller opened up the discussion on the concern regarding the drop in the fire safety inspections reported statewide and that GFSPC address the long term problem with what's going on across the state.

Stacy reported he had his deputies give him statistics on the changes that have occurred in their regions in the last couple of years. He said they are down 32 fire marshal positions in the last 18 months to 2 years statewide compared to what there was before.

Chair asked the council to consider what they thought of the situations and how can we fix it.

Chair suggested a Task Force for the survey to get a broader picture from multiple stakeholders and identify the problem.

Office of State Fire Marshal will develop a survey and put together a brief email to the fire chiefs to retain the information. Put together a questionnaire not too lengthy, and bring back the results at the next meeting. Take the comments from here and come up with a questionnaire.

Eriks stated he sees four traps:

1. Defining what a fire prevention program is?
2. Trap of OSFM picking up the excess of lost deputies. Have they had the extra people to do this all along?
3. Is there perception of the survey to fix this problem? How are we going to fix it?
4. Counties who are having problems and thinking OSP will take care of it.

Action:

Chief Wallace will send a copy of the survey to the committee before it goes out to the Fire Chiefs statewide. This will be a report for the next meeting.

GFSPC Logo

A discussion on changing the GFSPC's logo on its letterhead was held. More work is needed before a decision can be made and this was ***tabled until the next meeting***.

Action:

Sally will look into logo design ideas and check on the letterhead standards before the next meeting.

Guest/Visitor Input:

ISO Task Force

Chief John Nohr, Portland Fire District 1, OFCA:

Chief Dan Peterson, Jackson County Fire District 3 is heading this task force and behalf of OFCA concerning the ISO ratings.

A discussion was held on some of the ISO issues fire departments are facing.

Fire-based Emergency Medical Services (EMS), CCO/Affordable Career Act (ACA)

John Nohr spoke about the emergency medical service in the community.

Greg Keller reported Kelly Bach spoke with him last week and he could speak on his behalf regarding affordable healthcare and first responder's service.

A discussion was held on how the healthcare needs to be fixed and departments not being recognized.

Action:

Bob Reeves asked Chief Nohr to keep the organization informed on updates.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Mob Plan

Mariana informed the council the Mob Plan will be coming out in February and this is the time where she would like the fire services input and thoughts. The final presentation will be at the Fire Defense Board meeting May 6th at the OFCA conference in Redmond. She shared some of the updates for this year.

1. Clarifying the language to when payment will begin on conflagrations.
2. Incident activation call and mutual aid defined and when the payment clock starts.
3. Billing on cost schedule for administration and standby rate.
4. Issues with local departments wanting to make their own rates.

More discussion took place on the certification for Strike Team Leader.

Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement Project

Mariana reported on the Interstate Mutual Aid Project and PNEMA agreement.

2012 Data

Claire gave a handout on Oregon Fire Statistics YTD on Reporting Information, Incident Information and Fire Loss Information.

REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Eriks Gabliks reported there is an increase in fire fighters and other public safety employee suicides. The Crisis Response program will be assisting DPSST on training for this issue.

Chair Keller reported there is an EMS Update handout from Michael Harryman (absent) included in the packet.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

A copy of the recording is available upon request.

Next meeting dates:

April 23, 2013

July 23, 2013

October 22, 2013

Meeting location:

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Meeting time:

1:00 pm