

Fire Policy Committee Minutes

February 26, 2020

The Fire Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on February 26th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at the Oregon Public Safety Academy located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Committee Members:

James Oeder, Chair, Oregon Vol. Fire Fighters Association
Jim Walker, Vice Chair, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Greg Espinosa, Portland Fire & Rescue (Designee of Chief Sara Boone)
Mark Kreutzer, Oregon Fire Dist. Directors Association
Paula Simone, Community College Fire Programs
Richard Cearns, Oregon Fire Instructors Association
Kevin Larson, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
John Rinier, Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Bruce Riley, Public Member
Ron Graham, Forest Protection Agencies
Darren Bucich, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Director
Linsay Hale, Professional Standards/Interim Training Division Director
Julie Olsen, Fire Program Manager
Jennifer Howald, Rules Coordinator
Kayla Ballrot, Fire Program Compliance Specialist
Brooke Bell-Urbe, Fire Program Certification Specialist



1. Introductions

Introductions of members and staff were presented.

2. *Minutes

Approve August 28th, 2019 meeting minutes.

- *Jim Walker moved that the committee approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2019 Fire Policy Committee (FPC) meeting. Richard Cearns seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.*

3. *Administrative Actions-Informational Only

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Fire Fighter	Certifications	Actions
Melissa P. Derrick #F29213	NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/ Operator and NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue	Discharge for Cause – Certifications Revoked
Robert L. Burk #F11353	Basic Fire Fighter, NFPA Fire Fighter I, Wildland Interface Fire Fighter, NFPA Operations Level Responder, NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/ Operator, NFPA Apparatus Equipped with a Fire Pump, and NFPA Fire Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device	Discharge for Cause- Certifications Revoked
Douglas J. Dolney #F16520	Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II	Discharge for Cause – Certifications Denied

4. *Bruckner, Wyatt L. DPSST # F37318; NFPA Operations Level Responder

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Wyatt Bruckner’s conduct surrounding his arrest and convictions of Driving Under the Influence of Any Alcoholic Beverage, California Vehicle Code (VC) 23152(a) and Driving While Having a 0.08% or Higher Blood Alcohol, VC 23152(b), should result in the revocation of his certification for NFPA Operations Level Responder for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Bruckner’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on Bruckner's decision to drive under the influence of alcohol. This demonstrates a lack of integrity and ethical behavior expected of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Bruckner’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism by making the judgement to drive while under the influence of alcohol. This demonstrates a lack of accountability and professional behavior expected of a fire service			

professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances that Bruckner had a BAC of .15 when pulled over, which is substantially higher than the legal limit of .08%.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances that Bruckner was 18 years old at the time of the incident, and his letter taking responsibility for his actions. He also successfully completed his probation and has paid all of his court fines. The FPC also considers as a mitigating circumstance that Bruckner was not a fire service professional at the time of the incident.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that Bruckner's certifications be revoked.	Mark Kreutzer	6 ayes, 5 nays (Oeder, Espinosa, Larson, Cearns, Bucich)	Motion passes
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being certified as a fire service professional in Oregon because of his Blood Alcohol Content of .15 and his decision to drive while under the influence of alcohol. This behavior does not represent the standards of professionalism and integrity expected of those serving as fire service professionals in Oregon.			
John Rinier moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility to reapply for certifications of 1 year.	Paula Simone	4 ayes, 7 nays (Walker, Espinosa, Graham, Larson, Riley, Cearns, Bucich)	Motion Failed
Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility to reapply for certifications of 3 years.	Bruce Riley	8 ayes, 3 nays (Larson, Cearns, Bucich)	Motion Passes

5. *Faust, Damon H. DPSST # 35483: NFPA Operations Level Responder, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire

Apparatus Driver/Operator, Single Resource, Engine Boss (ENGB)-Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD, Warm Springs Fire Safety, Estacada RFPD # 69

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Damon Faust’s conduct surrounding his arrest and conviction of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 813.010, should result in the denial of his applications for certification for NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, and Single Resource, Engine Boss (ENGB) and the revocation of his NFPA Operations Level Responder, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and NFPA Fire Fighter I certifications for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Bruce Riley moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Jim Walker	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Faust’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his decision to drive under the influence of intoxicants. By doing so he displayed unethical behavior not exemplary of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Faust’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of his conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants. This behavior does not represent the level of professionalism of a fire service professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances the fact that Faust that his BAC was .18 at the time of his arrest and was active in the fire service at the time. In addition the FPC found that Faust still owes money to the court as an aggravating circumstance.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances the letter written by Faust, as well as a letter from his Fire Chief, and an award from the American Fire Fighting Legion. In addition he was cooperative during his arrest and did not lie about his state of intoxication to the arresting officer. He is also in a treatment program and this was his only conviction so it does not display a pattern of behavior.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that Faust’s certifications be denied & revoked.	Bruce Riley	9 ayes, 2 nays (Espinosa, Larson)	Motion Passes

Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being certified fire service professional in Oregon because of Faust's conviction of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. The fact that he was acting as a fire service professional means that he is held to a higher standard which this behavior does not represent.			
Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 2 years.	John Rinier	8 ayes, 3 nays (Espinosa, Larson, Cearns)	Motion passes

5. *Flood, Andrew J. DPSST # F38423; NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA Hazardous Operations, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (Driver) – Jefferson County Fire District # 1
Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Andrew Flood's conduct surrounding his arrest and conviction of Furnishing Alcohol or Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) to a Minor, Kansas Statutes Annotated (KSA) 21-5607 and KSA 21-6602(a)(1), should result in the denial of his applications for certification for NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), and NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Flood's conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on Flood's decision to provide alcohol to a minor which is harmful to himself and others. His unethical behavior violates the standard of integrity expected of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Flood's conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of Flood's conviction of furnishing alcohol to a minor shows a lack of judgement expected of a fire service professional.			

The FPC found as aggravating circumstances the fact that Flood was an active member of the fire service at the time of the incident. That Flood knew the other party involved was a minor. The altercation between the two parties in which Flood restrained the minor with handcuffs. In addition the FPC found the fact that the statements from the two parties conflict with each other brings into question the veracity of Flood's statements.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances the letters of support written on Flood's behalf.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that Flood's certifications be denied.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion Passes unanimously
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being a certified fire service professional in Oregon because of Flood's conviction of furnishing alcohol to a minor. In addition the fact that Flood knew the other party was a minor and provided alcohol anyway displays poor judgement and dangerous behavior unacceptable in the fire service.			
Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 7 years.	Richard Cearns	7 ayes, 4 nays (Espinosa, Larson, Rinier Bucich)	Motion passes

6. *Lloyd, David N. DPSST #F16832; NFPA Driver, NFPA Pumper Operator, NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire Instructor I – Portland Fire & Rescue
Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether David Lloyd's conduct surrounding his arrest and convictions of Possession of Prohibited Firearms or Silencer (ORS 166.272), Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine (ORS 475.894), and Unlawful Possession of Heroin (ORS 475.854), should result in the revocation of his NFPA Driver, NFPA Pumper Operator, NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, and NFPA Fire Instructor I certifications for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Kevin Larson	10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Espinosa)	Motion passes

Consensus reached that Lloyd's conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on Lloyd's convictions of Possession of a Prohibited Firearm or Silencer and Possession of Methamphetamine and Heroin. These convictions show a lack of judgement and responsibility expected of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Lloyd's conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of these convictions and lack of accountability. This behavior does not represent the standard of professionalism expected of a fire service professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances Lloyd's convictions, the fact that he lied to the arresting officers, and his possession of an illegal firearm and illegal drugs.			
The FPC found no mitigating circumstances.			
After considering the totality of the case, Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board that Lloyd's certifications be revoked.	Jim Walker	10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Espinosa)	Motion Passes
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being a certified fire service professional in Oregon because of his demonstration of poor judgement and lack of truthfulness. The public needs to be able to trust members of the fire service and Lloyd's behavior violates that trust.			
Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 7 years.	Kevin Larson	10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Espinosa)	Motion passes

7. *McGahan, Trenton R. DPSST #38189; Fire Fighter Type 2 (FFT2) and NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (Driver) – Charleston RFPD

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Trenton McGahan's conduct surrounding his arrest and conviction of Use of Watercraft: BAC 0.08%, California Harbors and Navigation (HN) 655(c), should result in the denial of his

applications for certification for Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator for failure to meet minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Ron Graham	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that McGahan’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his conviction. This behavior does not represent the level of integrity expected of a Fire Service Professional.			
Consensus reached that McGahan’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of his conviction and the lack of judgement exercised in deciding to operate a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. This behavior does not represent the level of professionalism expected of a fire service professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances the fact that McGahan was arrested and convicted, and he put himself and others in danger when deciding to operate a boat under the influence of alcohol.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances McGahan’s letter written on his own behalf in which he takes full responsibility for his actions. In addition the fact that he cooperated with the arresting officers, and his BAC was just at the limit. The FPC also found his age and that he was not affiliated with the fire service at the time as mitigating circumstances.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that McGahan’s certifications not be denied.	Kevin Larson	7 ayes, 4 nays (Riley, Simone, Cearn, Bucich)	Motion Passes

8. *Petersen, Bjorn C. DPSST #F36309; Fire Fighter Type 2 – Hines Fire Department

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Bjorn Petersen’s conduct surrounding his arrest and conviction of Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor, ORS 163.435, should result in the denial of his Firefighter Type 2

(FFT2) application for certification for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Mark Kreutzer	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Petersen’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his conviction as well as that he was untruthful during the investigation. This unethical and untrustworthy behavior violates the core value of integrity expected of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Petersen’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of his conviction and his lack of truthfulness during the investigation. This lack of judgement and ethical behavior does not represent the standard of Professionalism expected of a Fire Service Professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances Petersen’s dishonesty during the investigation, and that he kept seeing the minor after knowing that her father did not approve of the relationship.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances the letters of support written on Petersen’s behalf.			
After considering the totality of the case, Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board that Peterson’s certification be denied.	Richard Cearns	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion Passes unanimously
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being certified as a fire service professional in Oregon because of his convictions, his dishonesty and continued poor decision making. These behaviors do not represent behavior expected of a fire service professional in Oregon.			

Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 7 years	Mark Kreutzer	7 ayes, 4 nays (Walker, Espinosa, Larson, Bucich)	Motion passes
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9. *Poore, James T DPSST #F16053; NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump, NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, NFPA Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device, NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, Wildland Interface Fire Fighter
Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether James Poore’s conduct surrounding his arrest and convictions of Official Misconduct in the First Degree, ORS 162.415, and two counts of Burglary in the First Degree, ORS 164.225, should result in the revocation of his NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, Wildland Interface Fire Fighter, NFA Fire Apparatus Driver, Operator, NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump, and NFPA Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device certifications for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Mark Kreutzer moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Poore’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his unethical and dishonest behavior to steal medication from the elderly. His use of his children as a manipulation tactic also displays an egregious lack of integrity unacceptable of a fire service professional.			
Consensus reached that Poore’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of his conviction and unethical decision to represent himself as a fire service professional while committing theft. This violates the trust that the community needs to have in the fire service and does not represent acceptable behavior of a fire service professional.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances the fact that this is the second time the Poore has had a case presented to the FPC, that Poore used his children during his theft, and that he represented himself as a trustworthy fire service professional.			

The FPC found no mitigating circumstances.			
After considering the totality of the case, Richard Cearns moved to recommend to the Board that Poore’s certification be revoked.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion Passes unanimously.
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being certified as a fire service professional in Oregon because of his multiple convictions, his use of his children during his theft, his preying on the elderly, and his violation of ethical behavior. All of this is unacceptable of a fire service professional.			
Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 7 years	Paula Simone	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously

10. *Stanger, Nickolus V. DPSST #F3220; NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations – Netarts – Oceanside RFPD

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Nickolus Stanger’s conduct surrounding his arrest and convictions of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 813.010, should result in the denial of his applications for certification for NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that Stanger’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his conviction of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and his choice to drive with passengers in his vehicle which endangered them, other drivers on the road and himself.			
Consensus reached that Stanger’s conduct			

violates the core value of Professionalism because his decision to drive after drinking displays poor judgement and possible endangerment to others and himself.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances Stanger's conviction of DUII, as well as his justifications that he was the least intoxicated of his passengers and there were no other drivers on the road.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances that Stanger did cooperate with the police officer when pulled over.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that Stanger's certifications be denied.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion Passes unanimously
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined the specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being a certified fire service professional in Oregon because of Stanger's choice to drive under the influence of alcohol, which in doing so he put other people's lives at risk, including those of his passengers. In addition the FPC found that Stanger's behavior shows a lack of judgment that does not represent the standards of professionalism and integrity expected of a fire service professional.			
Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 2 years.	Kevin Larson	5 ayes, 6 nays (Graham, Kreutzer, Riley, Simone, Carns, Bucich)	Motion Failed
Bruce Riley moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 3 years.	Paula Simone	8 ayes, 3 nays (Walker, Espinosa, Larson)	Motion Passes

11. *West, Jesse K. DPSST # F18744; NFPA Driver, NFPA Operations Level Responder, NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump, Instructor I, NFPA Fire Officer I – Lane Fire Authority

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

Issue: Whether Jesse West’s conduct surrounding his arrest and conviction of two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 163.160, should result in the revocation of his NFPA Driver, NFPA Operations Level Responder, NFPA Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump, Wildland Interface Fire Fighter, NFPA Fire Fighter I, NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire Instructor I and NFPA Fire Officer I certifications for failure to meet the minimum standards for a fire service professional.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Jim Walker moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Paula Simone	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion passes unanimously
Consensus reached that West’s conduct violates the core value of Integrity based on his two convictions of assault and that the truthfulness of the statement given to the arresting officer is in question.			
Consensus reached that West’s conduct violates the core value of Professionalism because of his two convictions and the fact that he was an active fire service professional at the time of the incident. This behavior does not represent the professionalism expected of the fire service.			
The FPC found as aggravating circumstances West’s active service as a fire service professional, and his two convictions of assault.			
The FPC found as mitigating circumstances the letters written on West’s behalf, and the investigation done by Oregon Health Authority and their decision not to revoke his certifications.			
After considering the totality of the case, Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board that West’s certifications be revoked.	Bruce Riley	11 ayes, 0 nays	Motion Passes Unanimously
Consensus reached by the FPC who determined this specific behavior precludes this fire service professional from being a certified fire service professional in Oregon because of West’s status as a career fire service professional, this behavior isn’t conducive to this profession. In addition, that this behavior was directed towards a minor shows a			

lack of judgement expected of a fire service professional.			
Jim Walker moved to recommend to the Board a minimum period of ineligibility period of 3 years.	Mark Kreutzer	10 ayes, 1 nay (Riley)	Motion passes

12. *Proposed Rule Changes for OAR 259-009-0062; Marine Based Fire Fighter for Land Based Fire Fighters

Presented by Kayla Ballrot

The Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) related to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Marine Based Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters has not been updated since 2007. Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) staff have announced the opportunity to convene a Task Force to discuss and potentially adopt into OAR the 2019 Edition of NFPA 1005. Through various methods of communication DPSST staff has made the announcement for this opportunity and offered multiple dates for this Task Force in June and October. No response was received after any of the announcements. The NFPA Marine Based Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters is primarily utilized by one department within the state of Oregon and overall very few individuals hold and maintain these levels of certification. Due to the lack of response for the Task force and the low number of individuals holding these certifications DPSST staff recommended to the FPC that the NFPA Marine Based Fire Fighting for Land Based Fire Fighters levels of certification be sunsetted on December 31, 2022.

After discussion the FPC came to consensus to table the vote to sunset these levels of certification in order to let members of the FPC discuss these levels of certifications with the various constituencies they represent and then discuss further at the next FPC meeting in May.

13. DPSST Policy Criteria for Inclusion on the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Wall – Information Only

Presented by Jennifer Howald

The Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial was established at the Oregon Public Safety Academy campus through a partnership with the Oregon fire service, the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard, and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. Following the dedication of the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Committee designated the review of applications for recognition to the FPC.

This policy defines “fire fighter” and the application requirements as applicable to recognition on the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. This policy also determines that DPSST will follow the eligibility criteria from the National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial meaning that any applications for recognition that are accepted by the National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial will automatically be approved for recognition on the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. All other applications will be reviewed by the FPC using the National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial criteria as guidelines for acceptance or denial.

14. *Fallen Fire Fights Memorial Wall Nominations – Eric Aarseth, Contract Wildland Fire Fighter
Presented by Julie Olsen

Eric Aarseth was deployed to the Horns Mountain Fire while working for Timber Miller Services. After release from his tour on August 27th, 2018 he returned to his home in Oregon. The next day he was found unresponsive and was admitted to the hospital with reports indicating he developed pneumonia. On September 3rd, 2018 he was placed on life support due to irreversible damage to his organs and he died the morning of September 4th, 2018.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) was notified at the time of the death but based upon the information provided at the time Mr. Aarseth did not meet the criteria to have his name added to the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. Since then, Fire Program Manager Julie Olsen spoke with Jeanie Tobia, Program Specialist at the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation (NFFF) to verify their decision to add him to the National Memorial Wall. Since DPSST currently utilizes the same criteria as the NFFF to memorialize Fallen Fire Fighter DPSST staff made the recommendation to the FPC that the death meets the criteria for the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial.

- *Jim Walker moved that the committee approve adding Eric Aarseth to the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Wall. John Rinier seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.*

15. Department Update

Presented by Fire Certification Lead Kayla Ballrot, Fire Program Manager Julie Olsen, Training Director Linsay Hale, Director Eriks Gabliks

- The 2020 NFPA Edition of Fire Officer has been announced and DPSST staff will be announcing a task force to discuss updating this standard.
- Julie Olsen handed out a general annual program update consisting of annual statistics that DPSST is required to report to the legislature. These numbers included:
 - Number of agencies renewing accreditation: 55
 - Over 300 individuals applied to receive their Instructor 1 certification.
 - 4988 certificates issued.
 - The number of Fire certifications revoked or denied.
 - The number of fingerprints processed.
 - The least and most issued certificates issued in 2019.
 - The number of certificates issued after a standard was updated in 2019.
- DPSST Fire Program also has set a few goals for the upcoming year:
 - A District Liaison Officer (DLO) Conference
 - A review of the accreditation agreement as it applies to community colleges
 - Working to improve/update the BOSS system
 - The creation of a Fire Program Guide
 - Improve internal fingerprinting processing
 - Maintenance and recertification processing

- Recruit and hire for the Southern Oregon Fire Training Coordinator position
 - Establish a new Fire Program Position to assist with moving props around the state
 - Hire for the Supervisor B position
 - Move away from the use of temporary staff and utilize Area Part-Time staff instead
 - Offering more Fire Officer I, II, and III classes, Instructor I & II, Driver and Pumper classes, and Aerial classes both on campus and regionally.
- The Fire Program put on another successful Winter Fire School and has put out a Save the Date for a Spring Fire School, a Fall Fire school is in the works as well.
 - Linsay Hale requested feedback for the need for a work group to review the rules and processes surrounding Revocation and Denial as it pertains to the fire service. It was recommended that a work group be formed to review the Revocation and Denial processes.
 - Director Gabliks presented an update on the Frontier Fire Departments or exterior only fire departments who do not have the required personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely fight interior fires. Working with OSHA and the legislature, DPSST is not creating a new standard for these exterior only departments but will pull from the existing standards that apply to help them be effective and safe.
 - The State Fire Fighters Council has requested an apprenticeship program and has requested DPSST to weigh in on this. At this time DPSST would view this process similarly to the community college fire programs throughout the state.
 - DPSST has been working with Underwriters labs that creates online training, we are working to create and host a training for the metro area in the fall.
 - The first NW Peer Support Conference recently took place in order to provide training and resources to fire service agencies to manage this issue. This conference will be taking place every year due to the importance of this issue. Out of this conference a work group to help provide culturally competent medical support staff to the fire service was created to make sure that the support is as effective as possible and applicable to the culture of the fire service.
 - Eriks welcomed Chief Boone as a member of the FPC and her designee Gregory Espinosa.
 - James Adams has been nominated by the State Fire Fighters Council to be a new member of the FPC which is in process at the legislature.
 - DPSST staff is working on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, the grant requests will focus on props and funding for movement of props throughout the state in order to facilitate more training in every region.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next Scheduled FPC meeting May 27th , at 9:00 a.m.

** All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.*