

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Office of State Fire Marshal • Mt. Hood Conference Room

Minutes

Members

- Greg Keller, OFCA (Chair)
- Scott Mullen, OVFA (V Chr)
- Kelly Bach, SFFC
- Bob Borra, Insurance Providers
- Tammy Fitch, League of Oregon Cities
- Eric McMullen, OFMA
- Tad Pedersen, OSFM
- Bob Reeves, OFDDA
- John Stein, General Public

Ex Officio

- Cameron Smith, Gov's Office
- Chris Brown, OSP
- Eriks Gabliks, DPSST

Executive Director/Staff

- Jim Walker, Interim State Fire Marshal
- Sally Cravinho, Staff

Visitors

- Jeff Miller
- John Caul, OSFM
- Donna Disch
- Becky Oberfoell
- Dave Fields
- Bob Leopold
- Maureen Bedell
- Kyle Romey

Welcome/Introductions

Introductions were made.

Bob Livingston, Legislative Director for the Oregon State Firefighters, was sitting in for Kelly Bach.

Dave Fields, Regional Supervisor, Office of State Fire Marshal, north of Marion and Yamhill Counties and all of Eastern Oregon.

Becky Oberfoell, Office of State Fire Marshal, Emergency Response Unit, was sitting in for Marian Ruiz-Temple.

Changes to the agenda:

Chair Keller started off with the first change to the agenda, which was the Structural Air Monitoring Task Force. Jeff Miller would not be attending the meeting today. A final review of the report needed to be done internally by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue before it could be sent out.

Dave Phillips with Clackamas Fire attended the last meeting as the Chair for the Safety Committee, who would be reviewing the document through the Fire Chiefs Association and will recommend a "best practices" that could be used on a day to day basis at the fire department level.

Minutes:

Chair Keller asked if there are any changes or revisions. It was moved to approve the minutes and was seconded to adopt the minutes and was voted unanimously.

Communications:

None

Guest/Visitor Input:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Walker was introduced as the Interim State Fire Marshal by Chair Keller. He was appointed to this position effective January 1st due Randy Simpson's retirement which occurred at the end of December. He spoke about the recruitment being done in the next month or so and the process should take anywhere from six to eight weeks. Oregon State Police is working on the recruitment and has opened it up nationwide. Jim also said that up until the time the new State Fire Marshal is announced; if there is anything which needs to be discussed or talked about, please don't hesitate to contact him.

Jim spoke about the budget and mentioned that even though the Office of State Fire Marshal isn't general funded, we still need to wait and see what the budgets are when the Governor

Action:

Chair Keller will work with staff and come up with a new schedule and recommendation.

NFPA meeting coming up:

Is in the beginning of January and Chair Keller asked if there was anything the committee would like him to take to this forum, and he would carry it forward.

Annexation in to Fire Districts

Randy spoke about the proposed legislation and format. The group looked at the Task Force Charter for this as he went over the goals and objectives, selecting member of council, identifying road blocks and establishing incentives, etc. (Refer to the charter document) Randy asked if any others had suggestions of who should be included in Task Force.

Tammy suggested the (CCIS) City and County Insurances, and Association of Counties be involved.

Chair Keller asked John Stein's opinion which will be discussed in more detail after the reporting comes out. He asked, "Is there any time a citizen would want to become part of an ASA for medical response?" The reply was, "The counter rep would take care of that."

Action: Randy will put together the task force members with the added parties.

Tammy moved that the Oregon Annexation Task Force be moved and Bob Reeves seconded it. All agreed unanimously.

John Stein will be a member from the council.

Budget Update:

Randy updated the committee on the budget. The Fire Marshals funding is FIPT, Petroleum Load Fee & Fee Increases.

Randy went over the definition of the petroleum load to possibly redefine to include mixed fuels in the future. He updated the committee on CR2K's fee increase defeat, on a temporary rule, internally trying to fund the program and being creative by using funds elsewhere.

Maureen Bedell spoke about the appeal, and that they won't be informed until February. Randy then thanked OSP for their support.

Legislative Update:

Donna went over the Carbon Monoxide rule and over the house bills and fireworks law review. OSFM came up with some things that OSP / Law enforcement would be able to enforce.

Some people are having confusion on the smoke alarm batteries regarding the ten year battery vs. hard wired. Eriks asked if she was concerned by opening up that statute and would cause more problems/issues.

Randy mentioned the confusion for the local fire marshals and that it gives us the opportunity to fix the issues.

Fire Sprinklers:

Eric advised the committee of a more streamline process being accomplished and adopting a sprinkler requirement as of next July, in which a true local adoption will exist.

Chair Keller referred to the letter, from Nicole Armstrong (see handout). She has asked this group for a letter of endorsement for the legislature. He shared his letter of response to the council and Randy agreed this would violate our charter. He wanted to remind the committee of our responsibility as the council.

No action to be taken on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review Council Charter

Action:

In the interest of time, this conversation will be continued at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Eriks spoke of the “Code 3 Driving” training program and possible problems in smaller rural areas that do not have the space available to do this testing.

He worked with the Idaho post and was able to do partnerships with them. (Web site) the program has been implemented with success.

He represented the NFDS and the question was asked: “How do we get several hundred firefighters mobilized in an emergency?” All agreed this would be merit to the concept. How do we make this happen? Backfill would be a big problem.

Tammy Fitch suggested that each city determine what they would be able to take on.

Randy Simpson reminded everyone of the Chiefs conference in November. Also, that he and Chief Deputy Walker will be representing this office.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting dates:

October 26, 2010,

January 25, 2011

April 26, 2011

Meeting location:

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