



UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Layton City Fire HQ, Station 51, Utah
530 N. 2200 W., Layton City, Utah

1. Welcome and Call to Order, Introduction of Executive Committee and Guests, President's Report – 9:02 am – Mark Becraft

- All welcomed to the Spring Business meeting. Appreciation was given for all who traveled to attend. There was a great turnout – larger than past meetings.
- Thanks were given for taking the time to meet with the Executive board and get updated on business items. Thank you to Chief Kevin Ward and Layton Fire Dept for hosting the meeting and providing brunch.
- Report on organization: We are moving in a really good direction as an organization. The Symposium last January was great. We already have some good plans on the docket for this next year.
- The website is up and running and doing well.
- As a result of the Leadership Symposium in January (Lt. Col. Dave Berke. “Extreme Ownership-Combat Leadership Principles for Business and Life”) - Mark personally took the book “Extreme Ownership” Dave Berke recommended back to the Station then purchased a copy for all of the officers. He gave them an assignment to read it, then come back and give feedback.
- They have done the same with other leadership books but Extreme Ownership really hit home due to all of us being in public safety dealing with life and death situations and having our leadership own up to the direction we are going; especially with all the changes we are experiencing with recruitment and retention, excuses that are made, traditions we want to keep or not, and who is thinking outside the box.
- Mark shared one paragraph: **“Senior leaders must help subordinate team leaders within their team prioritize their efforts. Just as in combat, priorities can rapidly shift and change, when this happens, communication of that shift to the rest of the team both up and down the chain of command...”** (which is vitally important as a lot of us forget that communication is going up the chain of command but it is not going down the chain of command) **“It is critical teams must be careful to avoid target fixation on a single issue. They cannot fail to recognize when the highest priority cache shifts to something else. The team must maintain the ability to quickly reprioritize efforts and rapidly adapt constantly to attain battlefield.”**
- Our EMS providers and Firefighters are adapting every day on scene with calls from one extreme to the other. We are letting them make those decisions off the cuff out in the field. Sometimes the message of what our true priority should be... taking care of the customer... wasn't coming down from the top.
- Great success has been achieved with their management team through this experience.

2. 9:00 – 11:30 Business Meeting

- I. **Approval Minutes from January 17^h, 2018 Mark Becraft** – The minutes were emailed out to all. Any discussion. Reed Thompson found an error in the SUSAR report (section 17) IMAC should be EMAC. Motion to approve with the correction noted. Seconded. All voted in favor of approval. Section 17 of the January Minutes will be corrected and posted on the website as an attachment to the January 2018 minutes.

II. Reports of Committees and Board Members

1. Legislative Report - Dave Spatafore

Welcome back Ashley Spatafore now again working with Dave

- **HB 38 Fireworks Restrictions** - Last year's Fireworks bill that passed. Highlighted Provisions included in the bill: it amends and clarifies the legal discharge dates; criminal fines increased; increases areas where fireworks prohibited; requirements for retailers; civil liability. Get with county emergency folks and make sure these things happen. Maps can be changed between now and July 4th or 24th. If weather conditions change for example if it gets hotter and/or drier, you have the capability to change. Also during the interim the Business and Labor Interim committee will be taking a look at the public display of fireworks. This will be looked at between now and November.
- **HB 322 Non-Emergency Patient Transportation Safety Amendments.** Sponsored by Rep. Jack Redd —Highlighted Provisions included: creating a new category for designation as an emergency medical service provider; list of those who must be transported by licensed ambulance; non-life threatening behavioral health transport; taking better share of what we should be carrying; delay in transporting patients if hazardous conditions or fatigue of first responders. Working thru EMS Bureau to come up with better wording for rules that deal with both issues. Pretty close to having a resolution to that. Working with both sending and receiving facilities regarding the delay of transport.
- **Bills** - For more detailed information on bills: (link to Utah State Legislature Bills website: <https://le.utah.gov/Documents/bills.htm>).
- **Retirement** – issue with insurance premium and how much is coming into the firefighter fund which is still under discussion and negotiation. Discussions with the Chief's group and the League of Cities to try to come up with a new funding stream to help augment Tier 2 retirement and to pay for some of the retirement costs of our agencies in order to allow our Cities and Counties to spend more money on salaries rather than retirement.
- **Relationship Building with our Representatives:** We are in the middle of an election season. Many seats in the House are up for election. Half of the Senate seats are up for election. With upcoming elections it is vital that we keep track of who is running in our areas. There is projected to be about a 20% possible change due to elections. We will get the feel after the primary in June – Republicans and Democrats will be by area. Get to know them between the primary elections and November. Any questions contact Dave and Ashley.
- **EMS Bill** possible passage was discussed. We are hoping to do everything by rule. The goal is to have everyone meet together including the agency providers who do transport; and the facilities. There will be a new designation of transport for behavioral health called “Non-Emergency Designee”. They will be certified as a non-emergency transport by EMS. They will have to meet certain guidelines and certain requirements. For example the vehicles they use will have to have certain equipment in them; the employees who transport will be required to have a background check which is not currently required. Once they get a designation then they fall under the penalty phase on Title 26. If we can get everyone agreeing and if the EMS board approves we may be able to have everything done by rule including EMS looking at it, approving it, and comment period by October or November of this year.

- **New members welcomed.** Welcome to: Deputy Chief Shelby Willis for Ogden City and Chief Brad Hannig for Logan City.

2. **Sec / Treas. Report – Jess Campbell**

- **Financial Report:** Highlighted some things we experienced great meetings in January that we had including the leadership training in St. George.

\$31,560 - price tag for Winter Business Meeting and Leadership Symposium in St. George, Utah January 2018 - which included the price for venue, speaker, meals, etc. This is the first year we have actually met this requirement with our sponsorship. We \$32,000 in sponsorship received
\$36,500 balance

Still to be invoiced:

\$5,000 UFRA
\$15,000 Firefighters Association Restricted Account
\$20,000 Total still outstanding from the above sources which will leave us close to \$60,000 total when collected.

We are in good shape financially.

- **Website** – On the registration part of the website – we have worked very hard with the Western Fire Chiefs Association to get a functional website that will allow you to go on, register and pay the fees. We have asked that the website have an automated process that will be able to invoice you every January. This will aid us in being able to reach out and make the connections with whoever needs to be a part of this organization.
- **Western Wildland Fire Symposium** –
 - Chief Jess Campbell and Chief Riley Pilgrim were in Sisters Oregon representing the State of Utah in a Western Wildland Fire Symposium. The Symposium was quickly pulled together before the Western Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Coeur D’Alene Idaho. As many as could attend from the western states met to talk about the fire issues faced over the last 10 years in the west. It covered a wide range of discussion.
 - Also attending was the President of the IAFC and the Vice President of AT&T who spoke about FirstNet. It was very comforting to hear from the Vice President of AT&T that they are committed to whatever our communication issues are in the wildland arena. They want to know what the issues are because they want to fix them. He said he will commit up to a \$1B to rectifying and remedying any of those issues. They are taking it very seriously. If you are experiencing communication issues or if you can think of some things we need to do to have that improved please let us know so we can get that information to them.
 - At the meeting they had us generate the 5 biggest issues were that we are encountering with pre-event, event, post-event, insurance, and communications. They came up with a list that will be discussed in the future.
 - Insurance - We are trying to ensure that the insurance representatives that write policies, particularly for homeowners in interface areas, are part of the discussion because we feel they can help us with our concerns including: lack of people maintaining defensible space, enforcing some of those areas thru their policies and requirements; the companies will be able to help us inforce thru policies and requirements.

3. **WFCA / IAFC – Ron Morris - Out of Town. Nothing to Report**

4. State Fire Marshal's Report – Coy Porter

- Effective June 18, 2018. The State Fire Marshal's office we will be located at:
 - 410 West 9800 South, 3rd Floor
 - Sandy, UT 84070
 - 801-256-2390
 - 801-256-2386 Fax
- **Proper disposal of fireworks (Passed) SB67 or 87 –**
 - When Senator Weiler ran the Proper Disposal of Fireworks Bill, the goal was to create a uniform statewide policy regarding a government entity's seizure, storage, and disposal of certain explosives. Senator Weiler modified the bill to include fireworks and explosives; seized materials including legal materials that are being used illegally or outside the window of the legal timeframes; or illegal materials. Anything that is seized by a public safety entity whether police, fire, or other, has to be disposed of properly.
 - ATF and the FBI; said they needed the word "destruction" not disposal.
 - EPA and Department of Environmental Quality wanted the word "disposal".
 - Fireworks people wanted the term "repurposing" because they take unexploded materials and put them into their next show and blow them up there.
 - All of those wordings were changed.
 - We got Senator Weiler to include that it requires the State Fire Prevention Board to create it in rule.
 - There is a meeting coming up with all of the different groups to help write the rule. We will have them enunciate the procedure they are following for proper disposal.
 - Discussions are in place and we will be working on that particular issue over the summer.
- **Storage Facilities – Neighbor Storage, Big Box Subdivided Storage, Residential/Rental Property Storage**
 - **Air B&B** – At the Fire Prevention Board Meeting, the first storage issue discussed was Air B&B. There is a new company advertising on billboards that talks about "neighbor storage". The website posted on the billboard www.storewithneighbor.com. This company is a third party marketer for storage. For example, when visiting the website, questions are asked about how big is the extra bedroom you are not using. . .say 10 x 10, they will contract with someone else who will bring their property over to your house, store it in your extra bedroom and you get money for storing their property.
 - As a side note, storage items are usually stacked floor to ceiling front to back. The trademark for this group is the "Air B&B of Storage".
 - We spoke with Representative Dunnigan a couple of months ago to discuss the issue. We may not yet end up with any legislation, but your firefighters need to know that there is a potential for extreme fire loading in residential structures. Who knows what people will be storing in these homes? Please be aware of this. For protection, renters may be able to get renters insurance; not sure what protection will be offered to homeowners thru their insurance.
 - **Big Box Storage** - Second storage business with potential for serious issues - Big Box stores like Kmart that have gone out of business and have empty buildings available for lease are being bought up and subdivided into storage areas. Discussion on code, sprinklered building, and insurance, working closer with insurance companies, making sure our people are well-informed, creating legislation in future.
 - **Residential/Rental** - Third storage business to watch are those who are creating oversized residential/rental property – sleeping 28 – 30 people, no alarm system, unsprinkled, multiple cars, etc.

- **Wildland Grants Budget –**

- When the Wildland Grants started, the Forest Service was contributing about \$500,000; the restricted account was contributing \$300,000; and BLM was contributing about \$500,000 for a total of \$1.3 Million. Over the years, BLM's money slowly dried up and they haven't participated financially for probably 8 years. The Forest Service last year put \$210,000. We matched the forest service with \$210,000 for a total of \$420,000 in the account for Wildland with the caveat that we would come back to the Fire Prevention Board if there was a chance to increase that account. We foresee being able to again match the Forest Service's amount for next go-around with Wildland. Hopefully we will be able to get some issues resolved with the restricted account.
- Dave Spatafore mentioned that they are looking at a potential increase in the percentage on the premium tax on fire insurance so hopefully that can be bolstered but it will be fairly limited.
- With grants it has been a \$15,000 50/50 match, it will probably go to a \$10,000 match this next cycle – it will only be wildland related.
- In the past, there were sheets for: PPE for Structural, PPE for Wildland, Equipment for Structural, and Equipment for Wildland. All Structural sheets have been taken out, there will only be sheets for Wildland.

5. Standards & Training Report – Ted Black

- **Firefighter Training** - The State Fire Marshal has the statutory responsibility to provide firefighter training in the state of Utah. UFRA provides that training under contract with the Standards and Training office. About 9 years ago the Fire Prevention Board realized that no audit was being done on UFRA. Because of the need to have an audit and also to prevent anyone else coming and performing an audit, the Fire Prevention Board assigned the Standards and Training Council to do an audit on UFRA every three years. The audit has just been completed. Audit categories included logistics, curriculum, equipment, administration, etc. Standards and Training also had the College do a financial audit. With some very minor adjustments UFRA passed with flying colors as far as their responsibility to comply with their contract with the office of Standards and Training.
- **HAZMAT TECH** - With the State standard for HAZMAT Tech at 120 hours it has been discovered that various training programs/curriculums ran anywhere from 40 to 400 hours. The Fire Prevention board assigned all those that were doing Hazardous Materials training to come up with one curriculum and one set of hours. We have come full circle where we are again back to 40 to 400 hours.
 - Items still to be resolved: the difference between certification and competency. For example: a person is certified as Firefighter 1 they are not necessarily competent to serve as a Firefighter without supervision. Or when a person is certified as Inspector 1 they really are not competent at that point to do a fire investigation by themselves. Competency would be a person who will be an experienced Hazardous Materials Technician or an Inspector who can be sent out and be able to handle any situation.
 - The questions and items that will be discussed in upcoming meetings both in Standards and Training and by the Hazardous Materials Advisory Council are:
 - What are the requirements for Hazardous Materials Technician?
 - What is the basic certification level?
 - Do we want to pursue an Advanced level, or a Competency level?
 - Is it our responsibility to certify them only at the basic level of a HAZMAT Tech?
 - Reciprocity because of Pro Board and IFSAC
 - Learning using technology i.e. cell phones
 - Where do we want to be with concept of Technician certification?

- We need to decide on what are the right number of hours and help others understand that there is a difference between basic certification and full competency in any of these skills.
- Funding – huge issue for a Fire Chief – 400 hours vs 40 hours of training is expensive. At 40 hours they are not really qualified at the level you really want. Competency/qualified may be more expensive.
- Upcoming meetings for Standards and Training and Advisory Council to be announced. Results of the meetings, concerns, dates and minutes will be sent out after the meetings. Information will be posted on the website.

6. Fire Marshal's Association of Utah Report – Ted Black

- The Fire Marshal's Association met yesterday. There are some upcoming issues and legislation. They are actively involved in training and improving that skillset which is more marathon than a sprint. They are doing a really good job in continuing that education and building professionalism in the Fire Prevention bureaus.
- Bill forthcoming that will preclude requiring fire sprinklers in a home that could burn down without having significant impact on anything else. Right now, certain areas require fire sprinklers in homes without water; there are other components to factor in. The reasonable argument is being made “that’s my house...if it burns down it’s none of your business”. If owner willing to accept the risk...do we have authority to require sprinklers? We want to write the language, to minimize the impact.
- Home storage issues talked about. Discussion on the Desert component vs Wildland interface area, real estate developers and wildland interface code.
- Don't change anything in your ordinances; enforce your ordinances as written. We have a bill written and ready to present that will answer their questions. We need to be more actively involved. Our legislator needs to know us. When they show up to an event...we are not looking for them...they are looking for us.
- Link to the Fire Marshal's office (<https://firemarshal.utah.gov>) we will also put the link on our website. The joint council's link is now on our website.
- We will be presenting to the Business and Labor in Sept for the 2018 fire code so there will be a bill written to adopt the code in the next session.

7. UEMA – Will Lusk

- **Healthcare facilities and Emergency response Plans** - Happening around the state in Emergency management – there are a few more health care agencies coming into your emergency manager asking for help in writing emergency operations plan for their facilities.
- CMS upgraded its rules to include 17 types of new health care facilities that now have to have emergency operations plans or emergency response plans like hospitals have. Dialysis centers, assisted living centers, and so forth are now scrambling trying to come into compliance with the rules that went in place last September.
- If they come to your emergency managers for help, know that they are behind the gun. Please try and help them any way you can.
- A new rule that came out in April from the NFPA (NFPA 3000) their new active shooter and hostile event response code is out. Emergency managers have to decide how it will come into play with all the other plans out there. Right now the NFPA standard is only preliminary; only effective for the next 2 years to see how it goes. It is causing some facility owners and operators especially at the schools to wonder if they will have come up with a new plan or be able to use existing plans. Questions may be asked how NFPA 3000 applies out in our communities.
- Utah Division of Emergency Management – continues to support Homeland Security grants. The regional homeland security grant applications for 2018 are due to the state

next Wednesday. If you are involved with your coalition, they are now asking for more projects ahead of time rather than just giving out the money and letting the regions decide how and where they want to spend it. New standards are coming out. They want to know what you will be spending the money on before they allow the money.

- The Hospital Association and Department of Health just came out with a new “Crisis Standards of Care for Hospitals” to be implemented in times of disaster. Right now the new standards of care cover what happens inside the hospitals, but there is part of that which would come into play with the transfer business. They have the ability to curtail all secondary transfers going out of their hospital to other hospital facilities in times of disaster. We need to be aware of new Crisis Standards of Care.
- State Wide Mutual Aid Committee is continuing to work on EMAC – being able to cover professional volunteers as far as deployment throughout the state and into other states. Question came up in the last State Advisory Committee meeting over the subject of volunteers. They felt that doctors and nurses who were part of the medical corps – Doctors and Nurses part of medical corps felt weren’t covered under the statewide mutual aid act or under EMAC – wording will be changed statewide mutual aid act to cover those volunteers.
- Emergency Management Association is continuing to work with the state in combined conferences. Annual Public Safety Conference is coming up in St George in 2 weeks. Plan to attend if you can.
- They are continuing to reimburse those in your organizations who are seeking for the national and the state emergency management certifications. Funds are available thru UEMA if they would like to apply for those for reimbursement costs.
- EUMA is seeking to work with UVU, SLC College, and some of the larger ones as well for internships. If you are looking for help in writing plans or updating plans, the association is working with the colleges to find opportunities for interns or students coming out of college to get some hands on experience helping out in the real world. If interested go to UEMA website for more information or contact anyone on the UEMA board.

Brunch served! 10:04

III. New Business

1. Utah State Wild Land MOU discussion – Jim Miguel

- Jim is the current Fire Chief of Provo City Fire Department. He has now been with Provo about 18 months. Before that he spent 32 years in California.
- This year was Provo’s first significant year in the State Wildland Program. They were deployed multiple times with billables of over \$400,000.
- As money started to come back in, there were more questions regarding the MOUs than there were answers. There was broad interpretation as to what was and was not covered. For example, 4 days into an incident, on a dirt/gravel road a rock was kicked up from a vehicle in front and broke a windshield. They were told it was not billable to the incident.
- Chief Miguel asked questions and discovered that Provo was not alone; others were having similar experiences. A group of Chiefs met to discuss the process. It became clear that there was a lot of room for interpretation being taken when the bills were coming across the desk at the State level.
- Chief Miguel is asking for the support of the State Fire Chiefs, to put together a small committee of heavy participants in the system who would work to define the issues then go to state, meet with them, and clear up some of the issues that have been left open to interpretation. Possibly the best list of issues would come from Unified who had 162

different deployments over last summer. They had the experience of seeing two virtually identical requests go across the desk – one denied and the other accepted.

- One of the biggest issues for the Committee would be to talk about reimbursement. There is a lot of opinion about who should be paid, for what, and when. The argument could be made that a fire engine is a fire engine is a fire engine... If they ask for it, and we send it, it ought to be paid just like every other fire engine that was sent to them whether you are a part-paid agency, a volunteer agency, or full time agency.
- An issue arose where firefighters were staffing an engine while using their vacation time. It was thought that the State shouldn't pay for them because that would be double dipping. Clearly, they don't understand our compensation system and how we have to go about paying our firefighters.
- What we would like to do is to go and meet with them with the weight of the State Chiefs behinds us. We would like to say that we met at our Spring Meeting, we took a vote and we are here representing all of the Chiefs in Utah.
- If there is an interest, if you have special knowledge, if you are a significant participant in the system and want to be a part, let us know. We would like to put together a relatively small group to get together and form an opinion paper, and then take it forward. We do not anticipate being able to affect a significant amount of change in this wildland season. However, if we put them on notice that we would like to sit down and meet and present them with the issues; we will probably have their attention. If we take care of this through this fire season and into early spring next year, we should have a fairly iron clad MOU that takes a hard look at reimbursement rates, and other issues that have been interpreted many different ways to be made as black and white as possible by next spring.
- If we are unified in this; we all sit down together with the State and have a serious conversation knowing that the entire State Chiefs are on the same page, we will have a better chance of success. We will seek from all over the State for those who have an interest and also have a stake in the game.
- There have been some changes in personnel at the state level that make this a good time to pursue this.
- Questions asked for and discussed. Items to consider:
 - All departments need to agree how we want costs covered. The rate we will have push for will have to be fairly significant to cover costs of engines, personnel, backfill, etc. We need to remember that we are the State's fire department they are counting on us to fight these fires. The State has zero suppression resources.
 - We have asked for the state's rate book for a long time but it has never provided. The State pays its personnel at a higher rate than they pay the rest of us. It is not public record.
 - Jim Miguel has a lot of experience in the California system. He is familiar with how MOU's can work and should work. There is not a lot of room for interpretation, but interpretation is being taken.
 - Unified fire has helped push towards a more defined rate structure however the State structure is not our structure – the state set rates only what they felt was commensurate with the services they thought we were providing.
 - We need to be reimbursed fully so we can get qualified and meet their requests. It is critical to have qualified personnel to respond.
 - If you can't cover your cost, or make money to replace equipment, or prepare for those kinds of incidents, there is no incentive to participate.
 - Personnel rates, single resource rates, ambulance rates, engine rates, backfill rates, etc. all have to add up to the fact that this is a good thing for our community. This is something that helps to strengthen our communities back home.

- We are mandated by this because of legislation passed last year that did away with the insurance fund including a line item increased with a greater amount of funding with the promise that the funding would be available to help cover some of those costs.
- The insurance fund was only available to those that were unincorporated so if you were in an incorporated municipality, you couldn't even tap into that.
- The insurance fund was only \$1.5M which was used up in the first two incidents of the season. They said "we will fund to a greater degree, but you have to agree to be our initial attack. You have to go and you have to engage". So we all agreed to that. We did agree to this but we do not agree that they continue to pay their personnel at a greater rate and everybody else at a lower rate.
- It is important to stipulate that what we are proposing is drawing the proverbial line in the sand: If the state doesn't come to that line then we will tell them to shop their needs somewhere else. It's important that everyone understand that and if anyone has a problem with that, please speak to that. No one raised an objection.
- A motion was entertained by Kevin Ward for the Executive Committee to form a Committee to write up a letter of support and to draft a letter for fire agencies that enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Forestry Fire and State Lands to establish a designated committee which will be headed up by Chief Miguel and any interested parties. The Committee needs to be represented by the whole state from Cache County to Washington County. Interested parties will contact Chief Miguel.
- The Motion was seconded by Reed Thompson. Any further discussion was called for – Contact information for the Chiefs was asked to be sent out. No other discussion.
- Mark Becraft called for the vote. All voted in favor by Ayes. No Nays. The motion passed.

2. **Utah Fire Officer Designation Program – Kevin Ward**

- Showed PowerPoint – map Fire Officer Designation Awards by County
- Reasons behind it – It is a way for Fire Departments to have standardization for Fire Officer positions at different levels whether Company Officer, Battalion Chief, Division Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Chief, all levels of Fire Officer designations; to be able to have a little bit of portability within the State.
- It is standardized statewide whether career or volunteer with a few differences in experience levels of career vs volunteer.
- When going thru the vetting process which includes a formal education component, training hour requirement component, specific certifications depending on the levels of fire officer designation that you are at, coupled with your experience component that allows you to put together your portfolio. Once done you have a certain level achievement that can be recognized. It takes those certain aspects where experience is balanced with formal education in job specific training and certification.
- Multiple agencies throughout the state have people who have been thru the program.
- The requirements are geared towards the thing that you as a company officer expect to have in terms of an education component, experience, required certifications, etc.
- Kevin Ward is the designated committee person. There is a nominal \$40.00 fee.
- More information can be found on the UFRA website.
- (link: <https://www.uvu.edu/ufra/fodp.html>)

3. **NMAS System – John Evans**

- Showed PowerPoint
- The National Mutual Aid System (NMAS) Replaces Mutual Aid Net. Mutual Aid Net was developed by the International Chiefs and about 8 years ago and we were one of

the states that were involved in it. It went down in flames because no one wanted to put the money into it. Last year the International Chiefs, InterMedics, and ESRI decided to resurrect the old system called NMAS and to date they have put about \$1.5M into the program.

- They reached out to get some pilot states involved. UTAH was asked to be a pilot state. Right now Tennessee, Florida, California, Arizona, and Utah are the 5 pilot states.
- When NMAS first came out, John contacted the State Emergency Management Group. They are on board because this program is WebEOC (a web-based crisis information management system which provides secure real-time information sharing.). Everybody in the state is supposed to use WebEOC. If you don't have it they will give you access to this thru WebEOC
- The State will be able to see what we are doing, the Counties will be able to see what we are doing; this is the complete package.
- One good thing about this program now is that because we are a pilot state we will not have to load our information, they will take all our information and put all the hours in to loading the information for us.
- We met with the Executive Board; we are breaking the State down just like we did for Mutual Aid Net. There will be 7 regions with 7 Regional Coordinators then each Region will have a County Coordinator. There will be a lot of work for the County to make sure your resources are in there and to make sure that you have what you say you do. Then the Region people will oversee that.
- Another great feature is that we will be able to put mission ready packages in the system. A requesting agency from another state will be able to pull them up and accept or not.
- We need to start looking at more of a strike team concept whether it is Type 2 Engines, Ambulances, whatever you have.
- This program will work for the fire, the medical, the technical rescue, and the hazardous materials component. They have not put out for law enforcement or public works yet which they are hoping to do in the next two years.
- How it works: Whoever needs resources will pull up a map then put in request. It will show who the closest units are to them, who has responded that they will come. That department will be sent an email, text message, or voice recording with the option to accept or not accept; then if accepted they will be on their way.
- End of June – commitments due from regional and county people – verify resources – how many would you let go on EMAC request. Working version for part of state of Utah by July
- There will be 2 different responses: Scrambled Response which means if someone needs it you will have accept it and be on the road in 20 minutes or the other response is you will guarantee you will be on the road within 8 hours.
- Spreadsheets than had already been sent in or anything on the old system will automatically be loaded in. When it comes out, we will need everybody to go thru and verify what they have.

4. UFRA – Brad Wardle

- A meeting with the Certification Council will be held to consider abolishing the connection between Red Card and the Wildland certification that Utah Fire and Rescue Academy currently requires. In other words, currently, if you want to get an Arduous Red Card you also have to be certified thru UFRA in the Wildland certification. We are the only State in the nation that does that. UFRA will still provide the classes and the certification for you
- In addition to that, UFRA will become the clearing house for all Red Card issuance.

There will be Arduous and Non Arduous which includes the Moderate and Light.

- The reason this came about is because they were down in Southern Utah and some of the Volunteer Chiefs wanted to get out on some of these campaigns but they were not Red Card certified because they couldn't pass the pack test but could still be functional in a command post, logistics, planning, etc. and needed to have a non-arduous Red Card classification. Forestry Fire and State Lands were contacted; the FMO's in your areas are going to make sure they check the boxes for the Red Card. UFRA will issue all Red Cards now.
- Lori Howes will be the main contact for certification
- Certification classes will still be offered and taught in Wildland, but they will not be required from now on.

5. Peer Counseling Provisions for Public Safety - Coy Porter-

- HB 13 was passed this last year. It started as a law enforcement only bill. We worked with Representative Perry, a full time Highway Patrolman, who sponsored the bill.
- The bill requires members of peer support teams to receive training in accordance with post guidelines for law enforcement officers, State Fire Marshal's office, and firefighters. And health department guidelines for all other first responders.
- It defines who and what their roles and training needs are. The last couple of years the VFFU in conjunction with the IAFF has really jumped into peer support and counseling training. There have been some "Train the Trainers", one was hosted in West Valley a couple years ago, South Davis Metro will be hosting, SLC hosted.
- Labor wants to push this from the State Fire Marshal' office. It can be included in training or added to the contract if it can be paid for.
- The idea is that if in your department you decide that you want to have peer support counselors and training is needed, the State Fire Marshal's office will set that up. There is a movement with our union counterparts to get this done.
- The State Fire Marshal's office will be working closely with the IAFF curriculum with the rolling out.
- It will be up to the Chief in your department. It is their choice whether they put together a peer support team or if you want to partner within your county or within your neighboring agencies, combining to have a few people trained to be peer support counselors.
- The Fire Marshal's office will be trying to help coordinate the program for the fire service. They will be reaching out to the departments to make sure there is the right availability instead of bringing someone from outside which would cost about \$5000. The hope is to have enough expertise locally to be able to take the curriculum and deliver it out.

IV. Old Business

1. SUSAR Program Update – Reed Thompson

- Update on where sit with SUSAR program
- Reed met in April with the Division of Emergency Management. Chris Hamlett has one of his folks working on an executive summary for the next legislative session in order to get a bill back on the file for a couple of pieces.
- The first piece is a Type 3 USAR Cache for which the price tag is about \$2.5M which would be a onetime money allotment.
- The second piece is sustainability for training and sustainment of the equipment cache and people associated with that. The price tag would be about \$.5 M/year ongoing.
- We started the process working with Rep Miles and Sen Thacker more information to

come.

- Working on TASK FORCE 5 – primarily comprised of the metro agencies in the Salt Lake valley. We have reached out to partners in North and South looking to consolidate that Task Force in order to be more able and available to fill a mission package if needed. That way we should be able to man a 35 person roster for at Type 3 deployment if needed.
- Training Curriculum - there has been a little slow down as far as the process - many of the guys are wearing several hats so the process is ongoing.
- Substantially completed with the Extrication curriculum and will have draft ready for the next meeting.
- Midway through Rope and Confined Space Curriculum.
- Water component is a continual building process because some of the target is still moving as relates to the national level with boat operator and some of the other water skills associated with that.
- Goal is by the Fall meeting is to have a curriculum ready to present to the body as statewide curriculum on the Technical Rescue disciplines.
- On target for another Structural Collapse FEMA equivalency course which is slated for Fall 2019...about a year out on that process and coordinating that with Task Force 1

2. Recognition of Chief Jeff Ellis... Welcome back! You have a lot of friends in the room and you've been through a lot in the last year and trials, it's really great to see you here, we're happy to see you here and that you're doing well.

3. FirstNet – Martha Ellis

- **Thank you** - Our Family (the Ellis family) would like to thank everybody in the true spirit of the fire service...it has been unprecedented...the support and outreach on behalf of my husband (Chief Ellis) and our family.
- **FirstNet** – after many years working in the fire service, emergency management, intelligence, Martha has started a consulting business and been pulled in on the FirstNet project as a public safety liaison
- FirstNet is here to stay. One of the most robust projects in our generation to come forth to lend unprecedented support in the realm of communications for all first responders.
- Martha provides the interpretive layer making sure public safety concerns are addressed, recognized, understood in regards to technical support.
- Utah has one of the highest adoption rates for FirstNet in the country.
- FirstNet has secured 20 MHz of prime real estate on the wireless bandwidth which is the sweet spot for reach, to penetrate walls, to go around obstacles, etc.
- 2012 act of Congress said in statutory language that the Federal Government owns it but it has been dedicated just to us.
- To fund this project a private/public partnership has been created with AT&T.
- AT&T has to provide \$40B over a 25 year contract period – consistency super important. They bring the Telecom experience. Security – cyber network. \$180B of existing assets also brought to the table. This means that everything that is already in place, preemption can be applied to it. Band 14 core – sign up and use it right away ...don't have to wait 5 years.
- Martha passed around a Sonom phone which has a user to user adapter on top, emergency buttons, push to talk application, vetted at their own lab.
- 16 essential elements have to be in place to have FirstNet Priority (ongoing 24/7) – done by sim card in phone. Preemption – local control of who uses network. Security encrypted end to end. Redundancy – set up by AT&T - 6 core locations will be across

country geo-redundant, – 180B\$\$ of ATT resources that augment the system.

- App store – goal is to make units in our hands – applications have to be bomb proof – Colorado – can take and submit and have vetted – app store very specific for FirstNet with high security.
- Customer Service – specific CS stateside centers.
- Throttling – capacity with no throttling when data is maxed out.
- Congressional oversight once a year.
- Wildland – back country, canyons, coverage – building 72 deployables strategically located around the country that will be able to get to any location in 14 hours – satellite dish, big antenna, canopy for your depth. Towers and band 14 radios, will be gap filled with deployable units
- 3rd Element called the FirstNet Association – Customer service unprecedented – not the ATT of 10 years ago.
- One thing to be aware of – as some of the competitors try to catch up and maintain account – we will hear claims like: it is FirstNet ready, FirstNet compatible, it will match FirstNet...they don't have what FirstNet has...be careful, ask a lot of questions, encourage to ask questions before making a choice. Link:
<https://www.firehouse.com/tech-comm/article/21003009/firstnet-basics-for-first-responders-firefighters-firehouse>
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- **Volunteer opportunity** – Girl Scouts of Utah – Camp Fury Aug 2-4 All girl police and fire camp anyone who is interested in participating as mentors. Have an incredibly great time. It is fire based – all volunteer time, looking for girls, will be doing a live burn, women mentors particularly welcome.

V. Good of the Order

1. **Recognition of Retiring officers:** Chief Gil Rodriguez and Chief Austin will be retiring. They have been mentors and in the fire service a long time and have filled critical roles in this organization. Everything we do in the Western, all the phone calls and the legislation and everything we do in the Western and the State and locally, these guys have played a key role. They are going to be retiring and going on to greener pastures, but we want to recognize all their hard work. Thank you for your contribution to this organization. You will be missed.
2. State Chiefs Annual Business Meeting September 12th , 2018 @ 0900, Loveland Aquarium, 12033 Lone Peak Pkwy, Draper, Utah (Central)
3. Utah State Chiefs Winter meeting, January 23rd , 2019, St. George, Utah (South)
4. Leadership Training January 24th , 2019 @ 0900 – 1500 (Lunch provided)
5. Winter Fire School January 25th – 26th , 2019.

VI. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn entertained by Mark Becraft, seconded by Ted Black.

VII. Adjourned 11:58