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MEETING MINUTES

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

St. George Garden Hilton, and Dixie Center, St George, Utah

1. **Welcome, Call to Order, and Introduction of Executive Committee and Guests – Mark Becraft.**
2. **Sponsor presentation** – ARS – rock paper scissors – for giveaways.
3. **Call to order 9:03 am**
4. **Nominations and election of 2nd V.P. to replace the retirement of Chief Marc McElreath. Chief Jeremy Craft moved to 1st V.P. – conducted by Jess Campbell**
 - According to the bylaws, the Executive Committee has the ability to appoint a person to the position. The decision was made to submit nominations to allow the body to vote in an election.
 - To be eligible to vote a member must be a Chief Officer in good standing whether it is for a Full Time, Combination, or Volunteer Organization., Associate Members do not have voting rights (example: if you are with UFRA, Gold Cross, the Bureau of EMS).
 - For the past month, nominations had been accepted via email. The four top nominees were put on the ballots.
 - The four top nominees were presented and asked to introduce themselves.
 1. Chief Dan Peterson – Chief, UFA. Chief Peterson rescinded the offer to be considered at this time.
 2. Kevin Ward – Fire Chief, Layton City
 3. Jeff Bassett – Fire Chief, South Davis Metro
 4. John Harris - Deputy Fire Chief of Murray City
 - Ballots were passed out, voting concluded. Ballots were then were collected for counting by Chief Becraft and Chief Craft.
 - Note: The bylaws state that the election is to be conducted at the end of the meeting but the Executive Committee felt that was counterproductive. The results of the election will be announced towards the close of the meeting.
5. **President's Report – Mark Becraft**
 - Shared his experiences – he has been in the State Chiefs about 4 ½ years but has been a member for over 15 years. He has learned over the years that in the Western we are very progressive and Utah is right in the middle of that. It is impressive to be part of this organization.
 - As an organization it is a goal to reach out to the Rural and Volunteer departments which comprise approximately 80% of the departments in Utah. The goal is reach out to them, help them, and be there for them. Great to see UFA here.
 - Recognition of Vendors/Sponsors - Thank you to all Vendors/Sponsors: (AES, Alpine Restoration, Graham Fire, ServPro, UDK, UFRA, Zoll, ARS, Belfor, Iris Medical, Liberty Restoration, LN Curtis, Motorola, Paul Davis, Restore Masters, Superior Equipment, Weidner, Airpro, Ferno, Gold Cross,

Larsen Apparatus, Kussmaul, Ward Diesel, CSU, Lexipol, Firefighters Credit Union, All Star Fire.)

- Take a minute to listen to them, to what they have to say, stop at their booths, they really make this happen. We have come a long way in the last couple of years we have gotten a lot of Vendor support which has allowed us to get really great speakers to our Symposium and Leadership.
- Quote by Theodore Roosevelt called “The Man in the Arena” – “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, (which is all of us) whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”(excerpt from the Speech “Citizenship in a Republic” delivered at the Sorbonne, in Paris, France on 23 April 1910)
- There is not a Chief in this room that once they made that Rank thought, “Boy be careful what you wish for...” “Some of us would like to go back and just be a Captain again and that would be just fine...We are all trying, we are all trying hard, we’ve got retention problems, retirement problems, we’re all in the same boat, we have talked to Chief’s clear across the State. We are all facing the same types of dilemmas. We just want to reassure you that we are representing you with legislation on the hill, we represent ALL of Utah not just the Wasatch Front.”

6. Sec / Treas. Report – Jess Campbell

- As of our last meeting September 13, 2017 at the Loveland Aquarium our ending balance at that meeting was \$46,580.00.
- Now, due largely in part to the Vendor Sponsorship money that we have received, by those that Chief Becraft just mentioned to you, we now have a balance of \$63,850.00. We still have a few checks that are forthcoming.
- This show last year checks were written for approximately \$29,000.00 to pay for the day and a half event shared between our Venue, Food, Accommodations, Speakers, etc.
- Appreciation was voiced for the quality that has been brought and continues to be brought. We are honored to be a part of this and of all of you (The State Chief’s).
- Discussion on the Website. - Chief McElreath – one of the things he did before his leaving and separating was to work with the Western Fire Chief’s Association to improve the quality and experience of our website.
- Since Chief Campbell was put in as Secretary Treasurer some time ago, one of the things he has been working on is trying to find a simplified process for us to be able to register, pay and create a roster quickly without having to deal with spreadsheets that often are outdated.
- Mark was able to work with Western Fire Chiefs. The site is up and running. It is functioning. There are still some minor problems to iron out as far as being able to go in and pay, but we are working those things out. We are light years ahead of where we were and we will continue to work on that.
- One of the things that Chief Becraft spoke about is the fact that we don’t want to miss any agency within this state. We want everybody accounted for. We want to know who they are, their organization, who their leader is, where they are, so we can reach out to them and they to us if there are any issues we can help them with.

- That is the biggest reason why we want to have the website up and running.
7. **Approval of Last Meetings' Minutes** (September 13th, 2017)
- A motion was entertained to accept, reject, or table the minutes as posted from our September meeting.
 - Ted Black, move to approve. Seconded by Gil Rodriguez. No further discussion.
 - A vote was called for – all in favor Aye. All ayes, no opposed. Minutes approved.
8. **Legislative Report – Coy Porter in place of Dave Spatafore**
- Hard copies passed out, copies also emailed out a few days before this meeting.
 - Legislature begins on Monday (January 22, 2018)
 - Anything that comes out that is reviewed by DPS and has any potential for a fiscal note gets forwarded on to us. Ted and Coy received five bills the evening of Jan 16th. Any specific questions can be directed to those who sit on the Joint Council.
 - **HB 38 - Fireworks** – 5 legislators all opened bills on Fireworks. After discussions, we were able to get 3 or 4 legislators together. They have combined their major concerns and a lot of consensus was given.
 - Combined into one bill – reduction of the number of days of discharge to: 2 days before, the day of, and 1 day after. 4 days instead of 7. Both the week around the 4th of July and the 24th of July.
 - Language was clarified on authority and closures in municipalities.
 - Included in “restricted areas” are waterways, rivers, streams, and paths.
 - Strengthens the number of areas. Had discussions with TNT, Phantom, and other reps there, the Retailers Association.
 - It is a consensus bill which allows communities in 2 different areas to do restrictions. One is called a historical restriction - if you restrict an area 2 years out of 5 that becomes historical restricted area. The other is weather restriction - which will allow for additional restrictions due to severe weather around the time of the 4th and the 24th.
 - We will be working closely with Mike Meldon and others when they are doing their cuts for fuel moistures and posting that information.
 - **HB 78** – The title is “**Volunteer Fire Department Financial Reporting Amendments**” – really ...geared towards special service districts.
 - Language needs to be cleaned up between “departments” and “districts”.
 - Change will be to exempt the volunteer fire departments when you have over half their departments as volunteers.
 - **SB 21 – Retirement** – Addresses delays when for those who hadn't retired but have died. Wording will be changed to include if you have died, your retirement would start the day before you died in order to help your surviving spouse speedily receive the benefits.
 - **SB 67 Fireworks – Senator Weiler** – wants to insure the proper disposal of fireworks that are confiscated – illegal fireworks or fireworks that are being utilized illegally such as fireworks that are being discharged in the days that it is not legal to do so.
 - It gives rule making authority to the fire prevention board to decide how to dispose of properly.
 - Surprising within the language it doesn't just say “fireworks” it is any public safety entity so police or fire that confiscates any type of explosives...so he has included all explosives including Class 1, 2, and 3.
 - **SB 87 - School Security Locks** – A concerned father and attorney in Sen Weiler's area who is definitely convinced his 2 daughters, both going to elementary school, are going to be in a lock down situation wants purchase after-market door security locks for the school paid for out of his own pocket. We would not allow him to do that. Ted and Coy met with him and the education representative of the Governor three times. Each time ended in an impasse. Ted

and Coy met with Sen Weiler; who opened up a bill file. Ted wrote some language for the bill which states that the after-market door device has to be openable from the exterior. Ted and Coy informed Senator Weiler that if he does run the bill aggressively, the Fire Service will oppose it.

- **Retirement** – changing Tier 2 from 37 ½% benefit to 50% benefit. Quite a bit of discussion there are questions that still will need to be answered; we will not see a bill this year.
- **SB 30 Aggregated Murder Amendments** – The wording of the bill says that if you ambush a police officer it gives the courts the ability to automatically charge the person with aggregated murder. This amendment added Firefighters, Ambulance Technicians, and EMS workers. If you are shot in the line of duty it is Aggregated Murder.
- Any questions, talk to Ted Black or Coy Porter.
- **Phone tree call in** on Thursday mornings at 9am all are welcome to listen in.
- **Arson dog – Oscar** in Richfield area – injured his leg and had to have surgery, he is under the weather for about 6 weeks.
- **Health and Gas Inspector** - Lost Matt Saco to Lehi Fire – posted for employment to replace him had 20 applicants, health and gas inspection – hired a new individual
- **Moving office** possibly around May.

9. Utah EMS Report – Guy Dansie

- **Rules:** Bureau of EMS is moving through some changes, working on rules and bringing them up to date, implementing the language change from the term “Certification” for EMT’s, AEMT’s and Paramedics, to the term “License” for which legislation was passed last year.
- Due to the change in language, Rules will be sent out for comment in a few weeks.
- The Bureau is working with some Salt Lake issues trying to clarify their facility and the roles of dispatch. There will also be clarifying language pertaining to that.
- Look for the rules in the next 3 or 4 weeks, pushing out as a package deal because of the language changes.
- Other things included in the package: **Mutual aid agreements** where you are a licensed department – you give aid to the communities surrounding you, **vehicle standards** – using NFP approved standards on Ambulances you purchase. , **Dispatch** – Taking the training officer requirement away and require training in the dispatch system they are using. Also gave them the opportunity to have supervisor sign off rather than a training officer.
Any Q’s please contact Guy.
- **National Registry:** The Bureau is working on aligning continuing education requirements and training standards with the National Registry. Along with that the National Registry proposed a 2-year cycle. There has been some pushback.
- **Fees:** The Bureau is trying to streamline the process and automate it. Fees were a concern. It has been proposed to the Legislature this year that the fees be cut down from 60 – 40 as an offset; so there would be 2 years at the lower fee. These items are proposed but nothing is concrete yet. Any concerns please free to share with the Bureau.
- **Image Trend:** The system will allow us to automate the process which will lessen the burden.
- **Medicaid:** The Bureau just finished looking through the Fiscal report analysis, we are set for 3.5% increase on base rates which came in last week.
- The Bureau shifted their data period - moved up to January to get the rule put through because they have to do the rule for Medicaid with the increased rate. Look for rate change to take effect in July.
- Because of our Medicaid reimbursement, last year, language was added to that

rule that you are required to report the run total of the number of billable EMS runs you made. If you go out and it is declined, no need to report. If you go out and transport a patient, whether in between hospitals, or scene to hospital, the Bureau has to have that official number from our departments. Make sure it is accurate – due at the end of March.

- A Question was raised: Will there be any change of what is paid per rate/assessment? Answer: The rate is fluid, every year the rate is recalculated based on the total of State funds that are needed to match divided by the total runs that happened. It will change slightly but will be in the same ballpark. It is based on how much Medicaid paid out then how many total runs made from the State. If that ratio changes, the amount would go up or down slightly.
- **Retirement:** Jim Hansen – former Fire Chief, in charge of training at the Bureau retired. Last Friday was his last day. Brett Cross been tasked with filling Jim's shoes for training.
- If you see or feel that something isn't going right, please let us know. We are in the learning process with Brett and we are trying to figure out what is best for all of you.
- Will be adjusting how we do our training and what the expectations are for the next year or two
- **Pass Rates:** – We have struggled in the last few years with our pass rates. We do the National Registry tests now for AEMT, EMT, and Paramedic.
- Our Paramedic pass rates have been very good; they are above the national average.
- Our AEMT and EMT pass rates have been below the national average and about 20% lower than Colorado and Wyoming (our neighbors). We know we need to do something different. We are trying to work with the courses, implement some new ideas, do audits, and bring in more effective teaching methods, to raise the pass rate.
- **Training:** January - new EMS Instructors Course. This is for the certified fire people who have already had the Fire Leadership Training.
- January – New EMS Training Officer's Course.
- **Legislature:** We do not have a lot of legislature this year that affects EMS directly.
- **State Critical Incident Stress Management Team:** Overseen by Guy Dansie. Items discussed: Did Surveys, talked about retention, and suicide rates which are very high in Utah it is on everybody's radar. We trying to do give First Responders emotional support or tools to help them cope. All please be aware of the need for that and if any are interested in coming to the table, please do.
- **Inner facility transports:** Language will be put in to try to clear up issues with overlap areas for inner facility providers and first responder fire based services. Basically it will put the onus back on the licensed providers to work out an agreement and it will be put in the rules as a proposal which will be part of the rules going out for comment.

10. Communications Report – Tom Kuhlmann –

- Utah Communication Authority is still going through the changes begun the middle of last year.
- The goal of everyone in the room is to be involved as the Regional Advisory Committee.
- If you are on the Administrative Control Board you cannot be a user of the system. You have to have knowledge of the system.
- The hope is that each Regional Advisory committee will look at local issues and each will have send representative to the Operational Board at the UCA. The Board will take that information forward to let them know what the local issues are.
- If you want to weigh in on communications that is where you will weigh in. Please be

very active.

- Still moving forward on an RFP for the Infrastructure throughout the state – major changes are coming.

11. WFCA / IAFC – Ron Morris

Ron Morris, who is currently serving as 1st Vice President of the WFCA over the State of Utah, replacing Gil Rodriguez, presented as Chief Doug Schrage who is currently serving at the President of the WFCA was unable to attend the meeting.

- Follow up on 1st net all 50 states have signed up – Governor Herbert signed a month ago. Very well supported by the Western.
- National level – the Western has a seat on the Emergency Vehicle Maintenance Section – Chief Pope from Uintah has been selected and last week the Board unanimously affirmed him as the Western representative to the Emergency Vehicle Maintenance Section – he will be moving to Idaho for a new position.
- Use the Daily Dispatch, its free, its great information, great training tool, it comes every day – you can sign up for multiple states/areas.
- If you have been following the National and the International Chiefs – Chief Tom Jenkins serves as the President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in meeting FRI coming up later this year, Chief Dan Eckleston will move up to President. Chief Gary Ludwig will be the 1st VP at International uncontested.
- Nominations are open for 2nd VP – currently 4 nominations have been accepted by the nominations committee to run.

12. Standards & Training Report – Robert DeKover

- An update on the Standards & Training Council given by Robert DeKover who is the Chair of that committee.
- The Council met just prior to the Fire Prevention Board meeting, they set up a committee to do an audit of UFRA which is done every three years and is scheduled for July. .
- The audit will include logistics, administration, finance, and certifications.
- The Council had an election for new Chair and Vice Chair. It was determined that since the Standards and Training Council only met once last year the decision was made to maintain the current chair which is Robert DeKover and Todd Smith as the Vice Chair from Farmington as they go through the audit to maintain consistency.

13. Utah Fire and Life Safety Educator Association / Sprinkler Coalition – Don Buckley

- The Sprinkler Coalition has been out educating the public on residential sprinklers.
- Last March they had a summit where they educated realtors and insurance folks on the benefits of residential sprinklers and what they need to know about those when they are marketing as well as insuring those.
- Out of the coalitions in the US, Utah had the most turnout for that type of summit. 80 people attended the summit.
- Thank you to the Sprinkler companies in Utah that we work with, they were able to build us a prop and a side by side burn trailer was used at South Towne Expo at South Towne Mall.
- In January (this month) did the Utah home show about 250 people stopped by their booth wanting to know about residential sprinklers. Quite a few wanted to know why they weren't in their homes. It was explained to them that they need to reach out to their state legislators and ask them those questions.
- If there interest in the side by side burn trailer for your area, it is going throughout the state, reach out to Don Buckley and they will get that to you.
- They will be attending the next home show in March – want to educate the public on the benefits of residential sprinklers and what they need to know about them if they have them in their homes already.

14. Fire Marshal's Association of Utah Report – Robert DeKover

- The Fire Marshals Association met at the Abbey Inn at the same time as this

meeting. They had a great conference. The conference consisted of 83 students and it covered subjects from: medical gasses, fire suppression systems, section 8 of the International Fire Code talking about interior decorators and finishes, and NFPA 72 fire alarms, unwanted alarms, testing, maintenance, and inspections of fire alarms.

- Had good support from the ICC as well as the NFPA in helping them and bringing in Instructors.
- Also had a lot of support from Vendors – Alpine Restoration, UDK, etc.
- New Fire Marshal Association of Utah website up and running to better main
- Fmau.org
- Set up committees, website committee, anybody within the state if they had a fire marshal or code question will be able to put on the website and get consistency throughout the state re code issues.
- 2nd Vice President over training for FM association – 3 individuals from Sandy, Ogden, Cache Valley, and Unified that assisted in putting together the training opportunities, that committee will continue as 2nd Vice President – did Spencer Pres, DeKover 1st, Mike Owens 2nd Vice President
- Legislative action committee –develop and maintain and stay on top
- Ryan Miller – legislative liaison – dealing with Homebuilders Association and making sure good communication
- Legislative action report – title 10 was never meant to be interpreted to mean infrastructure – meaning fire dept access roads – met with Rep Schultz – FD dept access roads did not mean paved but meant drivable surface. Have had a lot of discussion – it could mean road base and they need to be maintained in order to have access to construction sites
- Waiting to see what will happen while having discussions with the legislatures

15. **ICC Report** – Scott W. Adams / Dave Nichols

Not given.

16. **NFPA Report** – Ray Bizal

- Spoke about things that relate specifically to the Fire Chiefs that impact us as an organization the NFPA wants to help and assist in any way possible.
- Showed PowerPoint
- **NFPA 1700 – Structural Firefighting** - the NFPA is putting together a guide for structural firefighting. Not a Standard. It is a Guide. It will include strategies, tactics, and tasks on the fire ground. It is all about science based approach to firefighting.
- 1st draft will post in Sept then you have until 11/15 to post comments – your feedback and comments are important.
- **NFPA 1802 - Personal portable 2-way** radios – new standard being developed based on a NIOSH report from San Francisco where a firefighter lost communication because his radio got too hot, his cord melted and he ended up dying. There were no standards. San Francisco requested that a standard be developed. It is currently being developed. It is going to the April Standards Council meeting to move forward into revision cycle. We really want to hear what you have to say. Go to the website, click on the link and give your input.
- **NFPA 2400 – Drones** – Involves all law enforcement. The Committee is Law Enforcement and Fire Service. The standard first draft report will be in April – public comments are due in June.
- **NFPA 3000 – Active Shooter** - Huge ONE. Active Shooters have been a huge issue in the last few years. NFPA has been requested to put together a standard that talks about unified command, integrated response, and effective recovery. The largest technical committee in NFPA. The have about 45 people on this from: Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, to Emergency Room physicians, other first responders, the fire service, and the airport. This is the 2nd time in NFPA's 121 year history that we are going to do a provisional standard. That means that NFPA has

been requested by Homeland Security to get this thing in place so we can start to save more lives of citizens and protect the first responders. It is now open for public input. Go to the NFPA 3000 website, select the standard and let's have your input on it. After that it will go into the full NFPA cycle. There is also a FAQ sheet on the website as well

- New doc - doesn't have a Standard Number yet – **Contamination Control of PPE Accessories and Equipment**. It will go to the Standards Council when they decide its ready to go it will go into cycle. If you are interested in this – this is being promoted because of the cancer issues – if you want to be a part of that, we want feedback and public input in developing this standard.
- Another tool that is going to be available – Sprinklers are a good example – where policy makers are affecting your lives as a firefighter. A new **NFPA Fire and Life Safety Policy Institute** has been developed in Washington DC. They are going to start dealing with developing tools and resources for policy makers so they don't change the codes and the standards and they don't take away the authority that you have to do your job. It will be designed to support you with your elected officials and your policy makers.
- **First Responders App** – Go to the App Store download the first responder's app – tons of information –free. It is for firefighters, command staff, EMS, Wildland, Public educators and the AHJ.
- Most importantly – for Utah we have a new Regional Director introduced - Bob Sullivan – he is our resource for information and our tie to NFPA

17. Utah Emergency Management Association (UEMA) - Mike Melton – Fire Management Officer –

- The deployments to California were discussed. There are two different deployment systems and payment systems.
- The System used in Utah is almost immediate. We deploy within a couple of hours of the call. Documentation is packaged and sent to the receiving unit. We have that assistance going to those communities within a couple of hours.
- With the IMAC, when Chiefs call saying they are ready to go, it may still take a few days before approval is given and deployment happens.
- Looking for some input on how to refine the IMAC –
- California was the only who uses the IMAC – they were the only ones happy
- We need to have a system in place – we want your input.

18. UFRA – Dave Owen

- Changes at UFRA – Brad Wardle is the new Director, Dave Owen is Assistant Director.
- Working hard at streamlining the ways they do business there – less fail points to forget about things – ready to launch.
- CTC started rewrite on both the Career side and the Volunteer side - one size fits all didn't fit.
- Committee built from across the state – taking the approach from the Volunteer Chiefs which make up about 80% of our state: Rod Hammer, Paul Bidont, Ron Harris, Russ Young, and several other volunteer chiefs have helped –just about ready to launch.
- Career side – the new rewrite is coming. Again people from across the state are involved.
- UFRA will be doing a menued approach of the way they deliver classes especially in the rural areas.
- Brad has a grand vision about a leadership academy to be announced later.

19. Vendor Presentation – UDK – exciting things going on – special gift for each of attendees.

20. 15 Minute Break 10:30 -10:45

21. Vendor Presentation – Lexipol – Sam DiGiovanna

Lexipol presentation – Issues, concerns, policies, consistency, etc. Lexipol is state

specific, they now have procedural content, up to date on fire ground policy; and consistency reduces lawsuits.

22. **Fire X West-** Jess Campbell

- One of the things we at Saratoga Springs Fire & Rescue have been focusing on is what we could do as an organization to offer the best training available. Rather than sit back and complain about training offerings that were or were not up to par, our personnel were challenged to put their money where their mouth is...so last year they come up with the first annual Fire X West – There was a tremendous turnout. We had Jocko Willink as our keynote speaker, and because of that and the Eschelon group, we have Dave Berke tomorrow. Reservations and registrations are being taken for the second annual Fire X. The website is firexwest.com. More can be learned by visiting the website. Our goal is to do what we can to make as much available to whomever and whatever organization there is throughout the state and region. We had people from as far away as South Carolina at our event last year. We are excited about it and honored to be a part of it. This is a continuing effort on our part.

23. **Old Business**

- **SUSAR Update and curriculum presentation – Reed Thompson**
- Showed slides
- SUSAR rescue board is comprised of urban areas throughout the state.
The Board meets monthly, chaired by the Division of Emergency Management. They have established the mission for us which is to establish search and rescue capabilities throughout the state of Utah particularly in the urban areas but also looking at wide area search. –
- Some goals of the Board include creating great policy, managing the program at a State level where everyone talks to each other and works together, providing information to the State including a year-end report, and developing a training curriculum, etc. Broken down geographically, some areas included are: Northern Utah County, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo/Utah County, Weber County, South Davis Metro, St.George/Southern. USFCA, UFA and UFRA are also represented.
- Chief Watson from UFA is the FEMA representative for Task Force 1. Partnering with FEMA on how federal dollars are spent locally and throughout the state. Training has been geared around help for that effort from the federal team.
- UFRA is helping with the curriculum building the coordination will be on how we accomplish the testing bank and the testing process for certification –
- Objectives: ANSI standards have been adopted or USAR – SUSAR Alliance nationally have adopted that standard. Our goal at the state level is to get everyone under one umbrella as far as personnel records and training.
- Shauna Lawrence splits her time between Task Force 1 and the SUSAR program is – gathering the information.
- Goal is to build not only at a Task Force level but at an individual company or squad level. If you have technical rescue teams whether they are large or small, get them catalogued to know what we have around the state.
- Funding piece – allocation is between \$60,000 and \$70,000 for the year, the goal is to maximize the dollar as best we can.
- Goal is to work and leverage with the FEMA partner within the State – they are s state resource first and foremost, the goal after that is to serve outside of the state. WE have looked at we have looked at classes we are providing, working towards obtaining FEMA equivalency.
- End goal is make sure we have a database of personnel and a cache of equipment to have rostered people able to respond to local and regional emergencies
- In light of what happened with hurricanes this past fall, there were 2 IMAC requests from Texas and also Florida. We put a roster together and started to accept that request but ran into some challenges.

- It was a struggle to get the information done in timely and appropriate manner with the hurricane deployment but if happened today we would be a lot further along in the process from late fall of 2017..
- Curriculum – goal for disciplines/prerequisites for USAR is to have a statewide curriculum for: Rope, Confined Space, Trench, Structural Collapse, Vehicle and Machinery Extrication, and the Water Component. Whether you are attending or teaching in St. George or Ogden you will have the same foundational piece. You will be trained in the same way throughout the state. It will continue to match the NFPA 17 and 1006 standards.
- Sent to Texas to get water rescue program updates then we will provide training to state.
- Same thing for the rest of the disciplines, as we have them scheduled we will get them out.
- Fall 2018 Structural Collapse tentative.
- Oversight committee handles the Curriculum – each of disciplines have been assigned a lead instructor or curriculum builder, they then have a team assigned to them. The request went out statewide – if people expressed interest a spot was found for them.
- Steve Lawrence and his team are handling Rope and Confined Space. Other teams have been assigned for Trench, Vehicle Machinery
- Structural collapse will be handled by our FEMA partner with Task Force 1 – curriculum already built.
- Water component – Tyson Frazier with Saratoga Springs – taken the lead on that – goal is to build a curriculum that is equivalent of what we do in a dry state knowing that we may be utilized somewhere else.
- Look for the curriculum to be ready for a vote by the spring meeting.
- Accomplishments last year - Nov national SUSAR conference – 40 different states and their individuals attended, major undertaking. Important takeaway – the Task Force Leader class - 9 from Utah were certified.
- 2018 conference – will be in New Orleans.

24. **Vote to Table our Spring Meeting in May – Jess Campbell**

- Because it is on our agenda as an action item, we need to put it out there and entertain a motion to table our May meeting. Motion to table by Ted Black, seconded by Ron Morris. A vote was called for. All voted aye to table the meeting.

25. **New Business**

- **GPO Program – Kelsey Jones – WFCA**
- Thank you for being our liaison and for helping us develop our website. She has been our contact and has done a great work.
Kelsey gave an update on the fire rescue GPO, and the revenue share program.
- For the first three quarters of 2017 due to the revenue share program \$1150 went directly to the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association.
- Everyone at Fire Rescue GPO is busy expanding contracts. There are five vendors of apparatus contracts available.
- **Western News – The Daily Dispatch.** There is now an app available for IOS – Apple but not Android – free download. Great resource for our departments.
- Kelsey is working on the new website – work with the board and help figure out memberships, design new site, make it work with our association. She is willing to help. If you have any problems including password reset, she can help.
- **Update on Jeff Ellis** – brother from Murray who had an accident – Jeff Ellis Battalion Chief quite a significant motorcycle accident a week before Thanksgiving, 10 days coma, severely injured, 2 weeks ago he was able to go home from the hospital, recovering in a remarkable way from extensive injuries. – Cognitively – doing fantastic, physically – broken bones – only casted the wrist, the rest are healing. There may be future surgeries. He is still planning and trying very hard to come back to work – He and his family really just wanted to relay the thanks to the fire community and their support. For updates go to Martha's Facebook page: Martha

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- **Firefighter Mental Health and Wellness – Jordan Peterson – Murray Fire**

Marc Becraft introduced the next presenter by saying “We all know health and wellness is important across Utah – if you have been in this business long enough we all have a form of PTSD. We are each other’s keepers – Jordan Peterson – our next speaker – reach out to our firefighters, our friends on the line

- Jordan spoke on Firefighter mental awareness. He is working with UFRA to put out the information.
- Port classes are offered including firefighter resiliency, firefighter spouses, and what is being done to minimize the threat of firefighter suicide.
- UFRA resources on the website main page include resources on mental fitness, articles, and stories.
- Warning signs include feeling like they don’t belong, no one cares about them; perceived sense of being a burden; overall capability to commit the act.

26. **Vendor Presentation – Exposure Tracker - Chris Memmott** – he was on the agenda – listen to see if we need to add anything.

- Vendor presentation and slide show
- Partnership with national firefighter behavioral health alliance.
- System for every firefighter to document all of their exposures – including PTSD.

27. **Election Results - Jess Campbell**

- 3758 votes cast Kevin Ward is our new 2nd Vice President.

28. **Good of the Order**

1. **Next Meeting** May 9th, 2018 - 9:00 am Layton Fire Department our desire to spread throughout the state – so as many of you can come – if there is anything relevant, timely, and important – contact Laurie or Jess they will get it on the agenda.
2. **State Chiefs Annual Business Meeting** - September 12th, 2018 @ 0900. Address: Loveland Living Aquarium, 12033 Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, Utah 84020.
3. **USFCA Membership** - President Becraft in closing asked that some of the neighboring agencies who have volunteer fire depts. –reach out to the chiefs of those departments. Their membership is free. We would like them to play an active role in this organization. We are trying to reach all of them. We are asking for your help.
4. **IAAI** (International Association of Arson Investigators) – annual Convention and Conference in Wendover Feb 25-28. Excellent training,

29. **Adjournment** Ted Black – moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.