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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA **9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020** **St. George Dixie Convention Center, St George, Utah**

- I. Welcome, Call to Order 9:05 am**
- II. Reports of Committees and Executive Committee and Guests**
 - **President’s Report and Introduction of Board Members – Jeremy Craft**
 - All were welcomed and the members of the Executive Board were recognized: Mark Becraft, Western Rep; Kevin Ward, 1st Vice; Clint Smith, Second Vice President; Jay Ziolkowski, Secretary/Treasurer could not be here; Jess Campbell who is still the Secretary/Treasurer while the transition is being made; and Laurie Stone.
 - **Approval of Last Meetings’ Minutes**
 - A move to approve the minutes from the last meeting on September 18, 2019 was put forth by Chief Craft. A motion to approve was entertained and given; the motion was seconded by Mark Becraft. A vote was called for. All voted Aye. The minutes of last meeting were approved.
 - **Secretary / Treasurer Report – Jess Campbell**
 - We greatly appreciate all of you making the effort to be here and join us.
 - **Financial Report:**

▪	\$32,110	Beginning balance from our last meeting (\$22,110 Balance in Checking and \$10,000 Security on our Credit Cards.)
▪	<\$5,268>	Meeting at the Loveland Living Aquarium (venue and food)
▪	<\$2,500>	Deposit issued to the Dixie Center for our space
▪	\$24,342	Working balance
 - As a note we are on track to collect \$40,000 in sponsorship which will be most helpful.
 - **Dues:** At this time we are about 40% compliant with our dues. If you or your full time agencies have not registered yourself and your chief officers, please do so. Register on the website and payment can be made by credit card.
 - Volunteer agencies need to register as well. There is a box to click indicating that you are a Volunteer agency. This will take care of any dues or fees that would have been associated with the registration. There is no cost for Volunteer agency registration.
 - The registration of Volunteer agencies helps know who is in those leadership roles in those agencies, and where and who best to communicate with.
- **Legislative Committee – Jeremy Craft**
 - We are still moving forward with our Legislative Committee. They meet every Thursday at 7 am where the Cafeteria was on the Capitol. Anybody who wants to attend is welcome to come up there. If you can’t attend but you would like to call in – talk to Chief Craft and the phone number will be provided.

➤ **Legislative Report – Coy Porter**

- **Joint Council:** The Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations will be meeting every Thursday at 9am at the City Health Dept. There is a phone number available that will allow you to call in.
- If you do not have your email registered with the State Chiefs make sure that you take care of that. Emails go out every week; sometimes a couple of times a day as we get closer the Session.
- **Legislative Session:** Couple of dates: the Session Starts Monday January 27th and runs through March 12th.
- **Fire Service Caucus Luncheon:** Every year we have a Fire Service Caucus Luncheon at the Capitol in the Hall of Governors which is on the main floor/bottom floor of the Capitol (not the basement). The acoustics are terrible but the food is really good.
- There is a group of about 20+ tables (rounds) with 8 people per table. The idea is to pair up Firefighters that have a Representation from the Districts of where their Senators and Representatives are from; then they go down the food line and they sit next to them. The worst thing that can happen is to not have enough firefighters there to sit “Firefighter/Legislator” all the way around the table. Every once in a while we have a table that is all Legislators then we are not very effective.
- Some training is done right before the luncheon starts including providing some speaking points that help you to address the concerns the fire service has and the priority of the concerns. You have the opportunity to visit with the Representatives one on one, and speak to them on an issue of your local concern. The luncheon is February 3rd, it is also a Monday, it starts at Noon, and parking is always terrible so come early if you would like to come.
- Those counties that are off the Wasatch Front, if you know your State Senator or Legislator we would love you to invite them to come. We often have close to 80 Legislators out of 105 that come to that luncheon so it is a great opportunity to let them know the concerns of the fire service.
- Last thing – it is vitally important to establish the relationship with the Legislators that live near you – it makes a huge difference – things happen on a regular basis we will keep you informed.
- **Bill List:** Our bill list always starts with 6 or 8 primary bills and before the session is done we are pushing 35 to 50 bills.
- Only a few were highlighted: A lot of these are just now being numbered. Sometimes these bills are corrective type things and sometimes they are new things so a couple of examples:
- Re: Code a few that deal with Mass Timber Construction and also Small Airports/Airparks that have small Hangars - less than 5000sq ft. there was a bill to fix a couple of things in the Code.
- There is a bill from Senator Harper – one of the Public Safety and Firefighter II Retirement enhancements.
- Senator Harper will also have a bill that will address the permanent funding of the Fire & Rescue Academy. That is a big priority for the State Chiefs Organization to try to finally get that funding formalized and permanent.
- In the last 4 years we have been basically just getting enough money to fund the program and we continue to run a little bit short. Brad works diligently to try to keep the classes to as many as he can but as we get closer to the end to the fiscal year, some of those classes have needed to be cancelled due to lack of funds.
- There are a number of Wildland bills – Wildland Fire Planning and Cost Recovery Amendments, there is one that allows for certain fires regardless of what the burning index does – Forestry Fire and State Lands works really hard, it takes them months if not years to get prescribed burning or they get slash piles and they want to get that taken care of, and there

have been some complications after months of planning when they get denied to be able to do some of those burns. There is a bill there to help us with that.

- Topics for upcoming bills: Emergency Management, Tall Wood Buildings, School Threats, and Campus Safety. There is an ems bill coming out of Cache County that helps to ensure that everyone is playing on a level field.
- There are a number of funding bills.
- Right now funding, especially at the Volunteer Ranks, for your coverage if there is a line of duty death comes out of the Restricted Account – one of the requirements is the we have a current roster from your department on file at the State Fire Marshal's office – **please make sure there is a current/updated roster on file.**
- PEHP (Public Employees Health Program) is also funded out of that to cover you for long-term disability – which means basically – if you are disabled while in performance of your fire duties and you need job retraining or whatever, it covers you for about 2 years to get you back up and able to get back to work. That is also free but **it also requires that your rosters be on file with the State Fire Marshal's office.**
- **On the Roster only 2 things are needed – The name of the Firefighter and their Hire date** (Do not send Social Security numbers, phone numbers, spouses, ex-spouses, next of kin, radio call numbers, etc. none of that is needed for those rosters.) As the name and hire date are entered into the system will let them know if they are either Tier I or Tier II in the retirement system.
- Please do not forfeit your ability to have claims for surviving spouses and children or the ability of your firefighters to be able to have that long term coverage just because you don't have rosters turned in. The roster can be emailed to anyone in their office; they have a binder and an electronic file to keep them in.
- If you need something or want something please contact the Fire Marshal's Office Coy and Ted will be glad to get back to you.

➤ **Jeremy Craft and Dan Peterson - Senate Bill 56 – Tier II retirement bill**

- Chief Craft - One of the bills that the State Chiefs have worked on pretty hard during the interim is Senate Bill 56 – the Tier II Retirement Bill. There has been a little bit of controversy over it. It is important that we have an understanding of exactly what Senator Harper is trying to do and where we as Chiefs think we should be.
- Chief Dan Peterson - Senators Harper and Lee have fully included the Fire Chiefs – we gained a lot of presence on the Hill by many of us coming up; we gained a spot on the interim committee. We are working closely with the retirement independent entities to make sure that our voice is heard.
- The controversy – we wanted to hold on to the Tier II changes that were accomplished last year and we also wanted to make sure and correct the oversight of the death benefit for Tier II employees in the hybrid plan.
- What ended up coming out was a protected draft that started to increase the cost of all of our Cities and Districts from the 14% that was identified up to 16.5% with no option of whether you were able to pay that or not. This riled up the League of Cities pretty strongly and created a rift that the League is going to struggle with when it comes to the Police Chiefs and the State Legislatures. That is a challenge for us to work through.
- We were not brought into that issue but we did join in the meetings with both the League and the State to try to resolve it.
- What came out of the discussions is the posted bill you see in Senate Bill 56 brings that number back to 14% so your cost will go up from 14% to 16% beginning July 1. You will still have the option to pick up the balance which right now has been estimated at about 16.27% - if you choose to pick it up – you will be picking up all of the cost going forward even if in future years that increases.

- The thing that we are concerned about is that the State wants to take the growth in the insurance premium tax and apply that towards funding state employees and make that a mandatory piece for state employees – which we are not having a major problem with - just don't force us to pay more without providing us with the revenue.
- We are taking the position that the fact that our employees may have to pay a few percent actually gives us credibility on the Hill when you are talking directly with the Legislators about what we are trying to accomplish. Our argument is simple: please don't mandate us to pick that up if you don't provide the funding for us to do that.
- Our biggest concern to date relates to the issue of the use of the insurance premium tax and the use of that growth. We don't want that to impact our Tier I funding, we don't want to see an amortization rate added to our particular rates in 2, 3, 6, 10 years from now because the State is using it for Tier II enhancements.
- We have hired Steve Young, who is the attorney that we used last year to make the argument to correct Tier II. We hired Steve to tell us what risk we have got on that particular issue before we are willing to get on board with Senate Bill 56 completely.
- But as it stands today Senate Bill 56 is a good product, a good piece, and if you have thoughts or concerns concerning our position as just described please reach out to Jeremy Craft.

➤ **ICC Report – Dave Nichols**

- ICC's President is Greg Wheeler from Colorado and the CEO is Malcolm Sims. Thank you for your participation in the ICC process. Your support is critical to ICC.
- ICC's primary mission is to support YOU in our governmental member jurisdictions. To develop, promulgate the model living fire safety codes that are used across the nation. Those codes help protect your community, your citizens, and your businesses; and also help protect firefighters and first responders.
- Code development process depends on our governmental member participation – your governmental jurisdictions have governmental member voting representatives that take a critical role in voting on items that are contested items in the code building process. The content of the code is voted on by our governmental members they have no vested interest in the materials, in the labor, in other aspects of the code. They are strictly voting to protect the interests of their communities and safety, their businesses, to create a national model code that gives us a reasonable minimum standard for our buildings and fire line safety.
- Our codes reference nationally developed standards and they coordinate all of the standards and bring into a code that is very useful to their governmental jurisdictions.
- Thank you for adopting those codes in the State of Utah.
- ICC Membership Councils (Building Membership Council, Fire Service Membership Council, PMG Membership Council, Sustainability Membership Council, ICC Global Membership Council, Emerging Leaders Membership Council). Coy Porter serves on the Governing Committee for the Fire Service Membership Council which is a forum, networking group. Anybody who wants to belong can belong to any number of membership councils. any of you who would like to participate in the fire service membership council – the governing committee, the council members, discuss emerging trends and issues and training and how the fire service can participate in ICC's process; that goes up to their board often for action. Thank you Coy for your participation and representation on that governing committee.
- 2021 code process – just ending now – getting ready to publish those codes later this summer. Utah will be considering those for adoption during 2021/2022. Some of the issues that came up during the last process – a couple of things that are being dealt with in the 2021 code are the Energy Storage Systems. The incident in Arizona was referenced where firefighters were severely injured – those things were addressed in the 2018 code and more so in the 2021 codes.

- Another thing was considered during this 3 year cycle were Flammable refrigerants – chlorofluorocarbons being replaced because of the ozone thread and going to more flammable type of refrigerants. It is important to see that when we are in the field, it is important to have these types of code provisions protecting our citizens and our first responders.
 - Building Safety Month for ICC the Theme for May is Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World: Week 1 - Disaster Preparedness, Week 2 Water Safety, Week 3 Resiliency, Sustainability, Innovation, Week 4 Training the Next Generation. –ICC Building Safety Month – All invited to seek the building safety proclamations which will be posted on website – (<https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/2020-building-safety-month/>).
 - ICC is a healthy organization, it is your organization. It is growing, it is diversifying itself, they don't depend so much on the sale of the Code Books, they are going to Code books that are available in the Cloud, codebooks that are available in electronic format, so dependency on the published code books in hard copy format will not bring as much revenue to ICC in the future. ICC has a number of acquisitions – they have General Code, NTA (National Testing) for building products and systems. They are diversifying so that the revenue stream that will support your needs as code administrators for building and fire life safety codes will be met. ICC is healthy, growing, and changing their byline to “A Family of Solutions” – their family of solutions is there to help you and help support you in your mission. Thank you for your support. See attached report for more details.
- **Utah BEMS Report – Guy Dansie**
- EMS committee approved a few things in rules – albuterol use in schools, that will be coming out shortly
 - Working on unaffiliated EMTs and paramedics and how they get their CME – with the new software system there is a way they can do that. Looking at doing an approved training center concept – basically a ski patrol or a hospital or one of those types of entities that employs EMT's can go in an set up and account complete the process for approval.
 - Looking at ambulance rates this time of year. They received most of the data at the end of the year – when they started crunching the numbers, they were a little alarmed. None of the services that were reporting exceeded the 10% profitability margin. Last year there were 19. This indicates that there has been a down-shift. On the overall bottom line, we have lost a lot of money as a whole in the State on EMS this year.
 - Looking to set a rate which is to be approved in April which will offset some of those losses.
 - The EMS Committees and Sub-Committees are looking at Staffing. Discussions re the shortage of paramedics. They are looking to take it a step back on those services – softening it for the ground ambulance services - without lowering the standard of care.
 - Grant process – In past it has taken about 3 months to receive the applications and work through the process, get the approvals, and get those grant contracts out – they are looking at compressing the time frame. The goal is to hopefully have those out by the 1st part of July.
 - Bills – Rep Johnson's bill for Essential Services for EMS – the Bureau is supportive of this bill.
 - There has been a bill proposed to reinstate Regional Consultants with BEMS – Rep Owens has been discussing that concept.
 - Back in 2009 the Department of Health took a 10% budget cut overall. There have been discussions on the rural side of looking at dedicated funding from funding another source to possibly try to help that situation. As research was done on that they looked to Colorado our sister state about \$10.5 M that goes out to local EMS Grants. We allocated this last year about \$700,000. This discussion is that we need to do something more there, there have been ideas and strategies – will let know as things roll out.

- One of the rumors is that Rep Vaughn is thinking about doing something for mental health for first responders. She is looking to especially help the Rural Fire, Rural EMS, and Rural Police departments, with possibly some funding or some way to allocate something that will help with the mental health issues with First Responders.
 - Peer Support Training Program – 8 hour course – minimal cost – just to cover speakers – trying to keep under \$1,000 per training for a group of people.
 - Joint Chiefs – meeting every Thurs morning 877-820-7831 pass code 107111 – same number that has been used.
- **Utah BEMS CISM Report – Kevin Barlow**
- Critical Incident Stress Management
 - Member of team for 4 or 5 years – the CSIM team is strong, doing well, and is available - don't hesitate to call and use their services – if you have concerns or wonderments of where the team is at please don't hesitate to call Kevin Barlow. They are looking for ideas and ways to update and make sure they are using the right model.
 - Appreciate Guy mentioning that the peer support side of CISM – it is not the CISM team's responsibility to oversee the peer support program but they have been tasked with developing the training curriculum for that.
 - Kevin is on a marketing committee the Arizona State Fire Chief's Association for FRI coming to Phoenix in August. He would like to encourage all to support the Conference and where it is this close in our back yard to support the Conference thru the I Chiefs and certainly if nothing else - get the line personnel to the vendor floor – there is a great opportunity there.
- **UCA Communications Report - Mike Mathieu**
- UCA – sub for Jim Miguel who is recently elected the chair of public safety advisory committee. Updated on what is going on legislatively – Sen Harper is working on some UCA adjustments – may be focused on the recent legislative audit – which audited UCA on its performance and its duties which for the most part got a relatively positive report because they had really turned some things around. Secondly it focused on the 911 centers and their performance addressing things like trade standards, staffing and, one of the biggest things - transfer rates amongst neighboring 911 centers – which is a big concern. Because of that Sen Harper has asked the 4 or 5 PSAP managers that are affected by this audit to put forward some benchmark performance adjustments which they are working on. Tomorrow Mike Mathieu will be meeting with the entire PSAP group to review those to determine feedback and identify improvements.
 - UCA had been reconstituted statutorily in the last couple of years – It is made up of a seven member board – Two Advisory Committees: a Public Safety Advisory committee – which advises or radio network, radio inner-operability to the Director of UCA; and a
 - PSAP advisory committee that advises on PSAP related matters/911 matters.
 - UCA is in the midst of launching new radio network over the next 3 or 5 years with L3Harris.
 - UCA is working on issues related to radio discounts. With the new radio system coming in they have negotiated with L3Harris for a 65% discount – that is if 15000 radios are purchased collectively across the state in order to take advantage of that. They are also working with Motorola now to put a package together for discounts for them.
 - Personal opinion about the whole
 - Radio transition issue – especially if 1st version of UCAN – proprietary system
 - Going to P25 compliant system that says they have some basic standards that any radio network provider has to live within, however – trying to use another vendor's radio on the new P25 system – they found that there are still proprietary hooks – meaning that the radio you currently have may work but there may still be some functionality issues.
 - The 1st tier radios are obsolete so they are going away

- The 2nd tier the XTS and XTL and ones purchased around 2010 – they will work even in the new Harris network under what they call the Phase I version but they won't work in Phase II.
- The new Motorola Apexes will work on the new system – they are P25 compliant, but we may run into some proprietary issues
- Will wait until P25 system is here to do a total fix (after have the new network)
- Importance of collaboration of encryption when it comes to public safety – law and fire – especially during something like a mass shooting event and have a situation where you need to patch fire and ems into that encrypted law enforcement network that once we patch into that it makes the whole talk group no longer encrypted unless we are encrypted with it One of Mike's roles is on the Public Safety Advisory is when you start doing the fleet mapping with this new radio system – they will also talk about encryption – to get more fire and service leaders involved with that encryption issue and work that out so that you are encrypted where you need to be with your law enforcement partners in the areas of the service.

➤ **WFCA / IAFC – Jeff Tucker , Fire Chief - Kenai, Alaska**

- Current WFCA President - Jeff Tucker
- Showed PowerPoint of Annual Updates on Board of Directors, Committees, Services and Products, GPO Program, Daily Dispatch, Blue Bulletin, Interim Fire Chiefs Program, Confidential Executive Recruitment Services Program, Wildland Fire Policy Committee, Emerging Technologies, upcoming summits
- The Western Fire Chiefs Association (which is comprised of the 10 western states as well as the west pacific islands) is one of eight divisions in the International Fire Chiefs Association
- The Association provides vertical alignment between the IAFC and state associations.
- Doug Schrage is our current board member from the Western who sits on the International.
- Chief Mark Becraft is the Utah State Fire Chief Association member to the Western Board of Directors.
- Committees – occasionally emails will be sent out seeking for representation on different IAFC committees.
- Daily Dispatch – all should be members great general information of what is happening throughout the fire service. Confidential Executive Recruitment Services Program which has been quite successful.
- Blue Bulletin which is a law enforcement publication – looking to expand that.
- One of the biggest focuses that the Western has is on Wildfire issues. Wildfire Policy and Solutions – western issue – Kim Zagaris is the wildfire policy and technology advisor
- Wildfire Policy Committee that is formed of members of the Western Fire Chiefs they are focusing on the 5 core issues: Pre Event, Event, Post Event, Technology, and Insurance & Laws. They have held several meetings and each of these groups are working together to put forth policies and initiatives for wildfire and. For more information visit the Website – www.wildfireinitiative.org.
- Emerging Technologies – what things are out there in technology will help the fire service in the future. The Association has contracted with David Blankenship from Interrea to be the Technology advisor for the Western Fire Chiefs.
- Summary – WFCA is conduit to the International – offering multiple services to our members and member organizations.

Vendor Presentation - Source Well – (new Fire Rescue GPO) - Crosby Grindall

Order information to be put in the minutes if anybody interested.

➤ **State Fire Marshal's Report – Coy Porter**

- The State Fire Marshal's Office has a total of seven sworn Inspector/Investigators. Right they are down three. Two are in post right now so they will be tied up for the next month. Things are just being finished up for the 3rd position.

- They are trying to cover the whole State with just 4 Inspector/Investigators so please they ask for your patience as they bring the new 3 on board.
 - The last day and a half, the Fire Marshals have been meeting they have talked about Marijuana in Utah.
 - The Fire Marshals Association presented material and provided a packet and a thumb drive with pertinent codes for the following facilities: Grow (8 currently in the state), Production/Extraction (4 currently in the state with more to come), and Dispensary/Pharmacy (14 licenses currently issued by the Health Department).
 - If you want some training from the Fire Marshal's Office – contact Coy Porter.
 - A PowerPoint can be provided. They have spreadsheets with all the code references. They have and a hard copy of NFPA 1 Chapter 38 which deals specifically with marijuana growing, production, and dispensing facilities.
 - There is a lot to this and the State Fire Marshals Association appreciates the Fire marshals and the effort they are going to have.
 - Almost everybody they have spoken to out of state has said – “that is how we started and within 5 or 6 years we had recreational as well as a referendum of the people”.
 - Right now the legislature has decided this is a local issue – the enforcement comes from you. The State Fire Marshal's office wanted to make sure that everyone had the same material, same background information in the code so there is consistency on how these businesses are inspected and taken care of.
 - Questions about revenue – they had a gentleman from Colorado present at the meetings yesterday – he represents Colorado Code Consulting Firm. In Colorado they have a 30% tax on dispensed marijuana products so they are using it as a huge revenue source. However, what they have found in some of the more urban areas - because of the increased issues for liability primarily in law enforcement and other first responders - that for every \$1 in tax revenue they have received, they have spent \$4.2 to provide additional public safety coverage and so forth. So they are not winning in that particular category, but they kind of jumped in with both feet and it went kind of crazy.
 - The State Fire Marshal's office will continue to try and be supportive of your Fire Marshals. If you know that you are going to have a facility or if you are hearing about a facility being requested in your area during in your city council meetings. There are a lot of issues to be aware of, including the hazards of destroying the product, odor issues, extraction of the product. There is a waste stream from the plants that has to be dealt with appropriately - they don't just go mulch it and put it in a landfill...it has to be mulched for example with 51% or more of non-marijuana products.
 - The State Fire Marshal's Office is here as a support as you go forward. If they can help in any way just let them know.
- **Standards & Training Council Report – Robert DeKorver**
- Standards and Training is going really well they met Jan 5th and talked about those members that are on the Standards and Training Council. All those who may have Firefighters or Battalion Chiefs who are on that Standards and Training Council are asked to encourage them to reach out to Ted Black or Robert DeKorver and come to the meetings to ensure they have a full quorum when they meet as a Standards and Training group.
 - This last year their biggest accomplishment was accrediting the four different non-accredited facilities– UFRA, West Valley, Davis Tech, and Bridgerland – all have received reaccreditation and Standards & Training is happy to report facilities are doing a great job.
- **Fire Marshal's Association of Utah Report – Mike Owens, PCFD**
- President of the Fire Marshal's Association of Utah. They have been having their training next door at the Hilton Garden Inn – thanks to all of us for moving out there and for having a

good relationship with them – it helped the transition for them to be able to take over when they moved to the new venue. It's good to have the space.

- As far as the Association goes they have a strong membership of roughly 120 members and of those about 60% are participating pretty regularly in their training meetings.
- They have 3 committees that have been put together – the Membership Committee, the Technology Committee, and the Training Committee.
- The Membership Committee in reaching out to their members, they have identified a need - they discovered they were not reaching out to their rural agencies as often as they should be. They were missing out on a lot of what rural agencies could both provide for the group as a whole and what could also be done for those rural agencies. The Committee will be reaching out to a lot of those agencies to find out what they can do for them and how they can help them; especially recognizing that there are a lot of people who wear several hats – whether it be fire marshal/fire chief/building code official – all in one.
- The Technology Committee is working on ways that they can bring more participation in from agencies that aren't close by. If you are within the Salt Lake/Utah County/Davis County areas – it is easy to get to meetings. Outside of that area it gets a little difficult.
- The Training Committee sent out a survey to all the members – they had about a 60% response to the survey and they said they wanted some training at a very basic level – what it takes to be a fire marshal in the state of Utah, what it takes to be and Inspector in the State of Utah. The survey responses asked for training outside of the big conferences – so you will see training coming up in those areas as well.
- Over the past year there has been some training on the updates in the 2018 Fire Code which has been adopted.
- A representative from the American Pyrotechnics Association came up the Fire Marshal's Office and gave training on fireworks and fireworks safety, and how fireworks sites should be inspected.
- John Swanson from the Minnesota Fire Marshal's Office spoke to the Association about HazMat. One of the things they are seeing a lot of now are mass co2 units being put in place where instead of these small co2 containers we are having these large co2 canisters that take a liquid and turn it into gas. It has a few dangers we are not used to seeing – we are seeing those pop up all over the State of Utah – they got training on that as well.
- Our vendors make this meeting possible – we would like to give them a few minutes.

Sponsor Presentations

Apparatus Equipment & Service – Will Arbus

Cordico – Sam DiGiovanna – app for firefighter wellness

15 Minute Break

Sponsor Presentation

Debby Johnson – Purchasing – State Contracts

➤ **NFPA Report – Bob Sullivan , Broomfield, Colorado (9:10)**

- Showed PowerPoint – contact info: Southwest Regional Director for NFPA showed contact information on PowerPoint – he is here to be a resource for you to help you out with stuff, help you with codes, code development process, questions about issues being addressed, etc.
- Consolidating project going on for some of their standards – there are well over 350 standards at the moment and 114 are for emergency responders. The way it is set up right now is you may have to look at 5 or 6 different standards to get an answer to your question. This project will take the 114 different standards for emergency responders and get them down to about 43 documents over the next 5 years.
- The technical committee met for the 1st time last week to get the process going. There is a

link that will take you to the website that talks about all of the below items and the notes from Bob Sullivan will be added to agenda minutes.

- One example: the current NFPA 1500, 1521, 1561, 1583, and 1584 are all going to be combined together into one document and it will be a new document called NFPA 1550 and it will be published in 2024.
- New things in place – Hot Work Safety Certification Program which is available on the nfpa website: www.nfpa.org/hotwork. 2 hour online program – get your certificate at the end of the program. They will help you administrate it if you would like to follow that program.
- NFPA 1300 is available for community risk reduction – This is National Community Risk Reduction Week – where fire safety professionals from across the country come together to work on safety topics. Website: www.crrweek.org
- Enforcer Funding Program – Fire Marshals, Fire Inspectors who are classified as fire code enforcers – they can come and be part of the technical committees and NFPA will cover up to 80% of their travel costs if the person you send is classified as an Enforcer. This is a way to help you with the budget part of sending someone to sit on the committees.
- Standards in Action – Your Voice Matters – all of NFPA Codes and Standards are open to public comment (everybody in the room, all your constituents, and everybody you work with can be part of their standards development process – you do not have to be an NFPA member) the way to make the standards better is to get everybody's input. Make comments publicly on the NFPA website – that starts a process where the technical committee will respond back to you and let you know how your comment went when they discussed it in their meetings and ask you for more information if they want to add your comment to the standards. That process is in place to improve the standards for everybody.
- All standards are available for free access – just set up a quick profile with user name and password.
- Fire Sprinkler week is May 17-23rd. The Utah Fire Sprinkler Coalition is planning some events.
- Urban Fire Forum – held in September at the NFPA Headquarters near Boston. It consists of Fire Chiefs from all over the world that come and talk about various topics then produce position papers on those topics. www.nfpa.org/metro_uff and see all the discussions, things they talk about, and position papers they have issued. There are multiple topics/issues.
- ESS systems (Energy Storage Systems) – a new standard called NFPA 855 – published in September. Big Lithium ION Battery Energy Storage Systems that were going to do wonderful things for the energy grid, but when they catch fire they can be a nightmare. Referenced the incident in Arizona in April where an energy storage system had an explosion and 8 firefighters got hurt. There is a whole presentation on just this topic alone. Online resources are also available.
- NFPA 1 Chapter 38 – just adopted - deals with Marijuana facilities. Public Education – on webpage – crash course on Marijuana issues and educational resources.
- Other topics: Tall wood buildings, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Flammable refrigerants, Firewise USA to help harden structures against wild fires.
- Contact: Bob Sullivan phone: 720.237.1752 email: bsullivan@nfpa.org

➤ **Utah Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition – Don Buckley**

- Don Buckley has been the Chair for a few years now. This year the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition will be sponsoring home fire sprinkler week May 17th - 23rd. They do have the side by side burn trailer available all week. The Coalition will be using the Side by Side Burn on May 20th to do a public media blitz on the benefits of residential sprinklers and getting out the education as to the benefits of why homes should have sprinklers in them.
- Working with NFSA to hopefully obtain a second trailer – because the one trailer they currently have is being used quite a bit. There were roughly 20 requests last year. They were

able to meet almost all of those. Once there is a new trailer there will be better coverage from one end of the State to the other with the trailer.

➤ **Fire and Life Safety Educator's Association – Todd Smith**

- The goal this year is to have a class or an academy where they are going to work with anybody who is doing public education for our fire departments and try to get more individuals trained as Fire and Life Safety Educators.
- They want to create a network that departments can use for training materials so that while you are out there and teaching the public whether a station tour, or Facebook, Instagram, etc. however you are reaching out that you have a network of tools you can use.
- There is an ISO rating out there that will give you some educational points if you have an educational program, or are doing community outreach. They want to have individuals trained and certified in teaching the public so that they can actually qualify and use those educational points. It depends on the individual doing your ISO rating/evaluation for your department on how they are going to count your educational pieces on what you are using.
- Sending out survey monkey in the next couple of weeks to the Chiefs in the departments on what you are using currently and if you have any individuals in the department you are willing to send to a class or an academy for a 1 or 2 day class.
- What are you doing currently in your own department and who is teaching that information? Do you have a standard of what you teach to the public when they come to do a station tour? Do you have something that you use from NFPA or other programs that are out there? They want to find out what you are using and if you have any tools that you can pass on to other departments. The results should come out some time in August before Fire Prevention Week in September.
- A lot of those educators that fill multiple roles are going to be in multiple associations. They might be in the Fire Marshals Association, they might be in a Public Education group or team or department. They may just be someone hired to work part time to do those public education things. Every dept will be uniquely different. The goal is to bring those ideas together and to come up with a way to teach the same/similar messages, and to be filling the educational needs and goals for that year.

➤ **Utah Emergency Management Association (UEMA) – Will Lusk – not in attendance**

➤ **IAAI of Utah – Lynn Schofield**

- Utah IAAI Annual Conference will be Feb 23rd – 26th at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino in Wendover Nevada. Last year at the conclusion of the conference, two of the national instructors who came in to present, turned their speaking fees back to the organization to provide seed money, which the organization has matched, to provide a sponsorship programs for the IAAI conference.
- Why is this important and why bring this to the Chiefs? Back when you were a fire chief and were elected or appointed somebody slipped a piece of paper into your pocket that had the numbers: 53-7-210. This is the responsibilities of the fire chief to determine the origin/cause/and circumstance of any fire that causes damage or destroys property.
- With the sponsorship program – the IAAI would like to invite the Chiefs to put in for yourself or one of your folks to come out to the Conference in Wendover. The IAAC will provide 5 sponsorships this year which pays for Hotel and Conference Registration. Your department will pay for food and travel.
- This year some of the topics will be “Fire Origin - Hypothesis, Development, and Testing” as well as “Ventilation Effects on Investigations” - Ventilation flow paths and their effects on fire behavior and fire patterns. These are all hands on and practical training, and a great opportunity to come and interact with fire investigators throughout the state, and develop

those networks. All invited to fill out the application that was sent out by email during this meeting.

- The applications need to be returned via email to the return email address printed on the application. Please return by Feb 1st with notification by Feb 10th those for whom sponsorships will be provided. The IAAC would like to fill all 5 sponsorships.

III. Old Business

➤ **Presentation by Utah Fire Office Professional Development Commission (subsequent action request) – UFRA and Commission Representatives (Dennis Goudy and Lynn Schofield)**

- **UFRA – Dennis Goudy – PowerPoint – Fire Officer Development Program**
 - ❖ Glad to represent the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy – part of a great team when it comes to Officer Professional Development. Gave background – this was Chartered back in 2005 – a group of Fire Professionals from around the State got together and formed the charter which was actually called the Utah Consortium for Fire Officer Professional Development. This type of program has been around since 1966 which is nothing new but what we want to focus on now is where we were, where we are at, and where we are going. The program was designed to provide motivation, direction, mentorship, and validation. Validation of what you guys, what your firefighters, what your prospective officers do as they begin their path in fire officer professional development. It is a journey. It really defines the leadership development paths – it never ends but it gets them in a place where they want to be. The program is based off the International Association of Fire Chiefs’ Development Handbook. Showed a PowerPoint Presentation.
- **Action Item: Lynn – Schofield – Proposal/change in by-laws – structural changes to the Board – 42:45**
 - ❖ The purpose of this is to recognize Fire Officers for their experience, their training, their formal education, and as they move down their career path. What we have found as we were reviewing this of what has happened from 2005 to present is that the organizational structure of the Consortium/Commission was getting in the way of the ultimate objective which was to have a fairly lean process for these firefighters/fire officers to progress.
 - ❖ Structural changes are being proposed to the Board.
 - ❖ Briefly go thru the changes and changes asking for and changes to the bylaws.
 - ❖ The draft can be reviewed on the website.
 - 1st change – Because this is patterned after the I-Chiefs Fire Officer Development program – it was felt that rather than having a consortium be the governing body or oversight body for this program. It probably would fit better to be as a part the Utah State Chiefs. With the President or their designee able to determine oversight and accountability to fill that function. (Have it be governed by the State Chiefs to determine the oversight)
 - 2nd change – They proposed to change the name to Utah Commission for Fire Officer Professional Development and then consolidate the Executive Board and the Commission so that’s it is just a little bit leaner and meaner.
 - ❖ It was asked for this to be an action item:
 - ❖ The 1st action item would be for the State Chiefs accept the role as the Oversight and Governing Board
 - ❖ Couple of other changes to the bylaws to go through really quickly:
 - The Executive Board or the Chair is going to provide a quarterly report to the State Chiefs that includes the number of people who have applied for

accreditation in one of these Officer Development programs, and the number of people who have completed their requirements.

- We also found one of the problems with the Consortium/Commission was trying to get a Quorum together to be able to make decisions.
 - The number of people required to make a quorum has been revised to be a minimum number of 5.
 - The other big change is previously – within 5 days of the end of the application period, the commission would have to meet and act on all the applicants – it is proposes to change that to 30 days. O&A (Oversite and authority)
 - **The Commission will be maintaining that database, the applications, their records, and those who receive their Fire Officer designations.**
- ❖ Showed on PowerPoint screen - the Commission as it is currently formatted.
 - ❖ One of the other changes in the bylaws due to th fact that presently everybody who serves on the commission was appointed at the same time, so their terms of service will expire at the same time. **It was proposed to stagger the appointments of active commission to 2 year appointments** so there will be a constantly changing commission to bring fresh ideas, and fresh perspective.
 - ❖ Proposal today to ask the State Chiefs – (We believe the program is a great program, it recognizes experience, training, and education as we develop our Fire Officers). **It was proposed to turn the oversight authority back to State Chiefs to develop this commission; and let the commission do the running of the program, the receiving of the applications, the vetting of the applications, and the recommendation for approval for fire officer designations in this prescribed program.**
- Chief Craft asked for discussion/comments on how the body felt about the State Chiefs providing the Oversight and the Authority for this new Commission.
 - The Executive board has had some discussion and likes the direction the program is going and thinks that the Board/Committee will be able to provide what is required.
 - Ron Morris made a motion that the State Chief take over the Oversight and Authority
 - Discussion was asked for:
 - It was recommended to make sure that the caveat is included that the Executive Officers have the opportunity to further discuss on how they would structure filling that qualification and to further determine exactly how that board would be built.
 - There were no other comments or discussion.
 - Chief Coleman seconded the motion. A vote was called for – all voted aye – no nays – the motion passed.

IV. New Business

➤ **Wildland Fire specific EMAC Requests – Brett Ostler & Wade Snyder of Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and Division of Emergency Management**

As many of you are aware we had an EMAC request late last year to help out California with some Wildland fires. That didn't go quite as smoothly as it could have. Since then we had a meeting with the Board – State Chiefs were represented by Chief Craft and Chief Ward; also State Forestry Fire and State Lands was represented by Brett Ostler and Wade Snyder. We came up with what we feel as an Executive Board was a really great solution moving forward. Asked Brett and Wade to walk the group through it.

- Solution moving forward – Brett and Wade – Good morning Chiefs, he first thanked Chief Craft, Chief Ward, and Chief Smith for the opportunity to come and talk to the body today. And he thanked them for what they do for State Chiefs it is a huge workload that they take on to do this.

- EMAC does not really have anything to do with Forestry Fire and State Lands...EMAC is run thru the Department of Emergency Management. Forestry Fire and State Lands just kind of sits on the sidelines and help support where they can. Like Chief Craft mentioned, there was the last Deployment that probably didn't go off as smoothly as it could have and ESF4 felt there was an opportunity to help improve that a little bit.
- ESF4 didn't really step up and do what it probably should have done. There are two individuals who sit at the ESF4 table – Coy Porter and Brett Ostler. They kind of let DEM run with that and it kind of buried them with everything that came upon their desk. The DEM reached out to ESF4 and asked them to help put together an SOG. Forestry Fire and State Lands took that on as they knew wildland fire in the State of Utah with the cooperation of their operators. Brett asked Mike Madsen and Wade Snyder to take a look at what could be done to make things better.
- A few draft copies of and SOG were passed out at this meeting with the invitation to visit the display booth set up for further discussions. Sheila Curtis with DEM and several of her staff were also in attendance to answer questions.
- The time was turned over to Wade and Mike to go thru the SOG – questions to be answered after.
- Mike – (showed PowerPoint re the EMAC process) collaborative process working with the Chiefs, DEM, ESF 4, Forestry Fire and State Lands, Fire Marshals, etc. – trying to come together to make the process smoother and make is something all can live with.
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) – mutual aid agreement among the states and territories to share resources once a state of emergency has been established. That goes through DEM.
- Forestry Fire and State Lands is mandated to deal with the Wildland threat in Utah working with the local governments to determine and execute the best methods for accomplishing that.
- Most of you are part of the Utah Wildland Resource Memorandum of Understanding. You know what he is talking about when you go into the normal dispatching system: They use ROSS, we use NWCG qualification standards, and this is how 99% of the orders go. Most who have participated in Wildland know exactly what he is talking about.
- With that they are able to - at the local level within the areas - the FMOs that they have in each of their 6 areas in the State – they know what resources are going out, and what qualified folks are going out. Their division and local entities are under agreement that if you are a local jurisdiction, you do whatever you do – try to keep fires small and suppress initial attach. You go outside of your area and or you are working on delegated fires. It is expected that you meet national standards minimum qualifications. There are national standards for that and that is what they follow with the caveat of FF type I, FF type II that you do manage those through NFDA – anything above that and division qualifications is managed through NWCG which is the standard that we follow there.
- National Interagency Dispatch System
 - Expected to meet minimum qualifications NWCG
 - When you dispatch thru the ROSS system – that is where Forestry Fire and State Lands helps with the payment process, fire business systems, which is the typical Wildland dispatching system that is used in the State of Utah.
 - With that we have a parallel program when EMAC comes in. That is why they wanted to clarify that process.

- Why was this SOP? First and foremost to make sure Utah is protected that resources are not being entered that might be critical to the need or the for **reseeable** need. Want to make sure they are only sending out qualified individuals to these chaotic environments
- EMAC Developed to:
 - Committing to sending out fully qualified people, streamline, be totally transparent, be equitable, get the word out to all, equitably distributed,
 - In the ROSS system - When say you are available – be available to leave within 2 hours. EMAS's take a little longer than that.
 - They can come up with processes and collaborations to shorten the getaway time – one day (24 hours) reasonable.
 - EMAC Wildfire Development SOP
 - Process: when the order comes in, Sheila and her staff look at the order to determine if it is an order for firefighters, apparatus, and equipment.
 - If yes, it goes to ESF 4 – will get a call going or meet face to face, go over order to determine if it is a Wildland order or an All Hazard type of order.
 - If it is a Wildland order Brett or his designee as needed is the lead on the Wildland side.
 - It will go thru Brett who will work with the other FMO's who will organize an FMO call to assess where they are and what the draw down capabilities are. Are they in a position to draw down and send more resources out?
 - Once identified, they want to start building structure - top down. They will be looking for targeting a Task Force Leader, a Strike Team Leader, the wildland qualified folks to start to top the organizations out. How many Task Force Leaders can we identify and allow them to start building those task forces. Once the Leadership is established then the FMO or the Task Force Leader if they have been established can begin reaching out to all the fire departments in the area, advertise the opportunity, and start to collect qualified individuals for that order. Once it gets to the fire departments, the expectation is for the fire departments to determine which qualified people that they have – how many qualified people do we have, are they able to go, start building the manifest, then work with the Task Force Leader or Strike Team Leader that has been identified to build manifests for personnel and equipment, what apparatus will you be taking, make sure the type is right, you have the proper red cards and training, an engine boss on every engine, the proper training to run that apparatus on a wildland incident. Once all that goes thru – then the task force leader will work with the local fire dept to get the mission ready packages going.
- ESF4 (Emergency Support Function 4) make a recommendation on the Division Supervisor/Agency Rep so as we send these folks out we would like to send a division to run a group of task forces that may go. Qualified task force leaders with their apparatus underneath that so once the mission ready packages are assembled, they can go back to the Division Supervisor/Agency Rep and the team leader for the EMAC – the A-Team Leader who will look at the mission ready package and put together a verbal offer to the requesting State. The State can then accept that verbal offer and we can start mobilizing. That is the goal – speed up the ability to make those rosters, make sure they are fully qualified, the apparatus is properly status and roadworthy, that is happening at the local level. The last check will be the FMO to look it over at the area and then give the nod to send it out.

- Once we get the verbal offer, the task forces can assemble and mobilize. They will have the agency rep in place to work with the DEM A-Team leader to – determine the location for all of that and to get the ball rolling.
- Little more information in the draft copy handed out (50 copies) – any comments or information reach out to Brad or Sheila and they will continue to develop and finalize that draft.
- This is only for the Wildland side of things. All the Area FMO's are in the room today.
- Last comment – when they assemble the SF4 they agreed to bring a representative from the Chiefs Association as well so that all are getting the full scoop, you have a voice in the room in the conversation early on.
- Any questions to be brought in front of the group? Otherwise get with them at their booth. Or talk to Chief Craft, Chief Ward. No questions.

➤ **EMS Essential Service (1:05:56)**

- This is important legislation – it solves a lot of problems in the state – it solves an issue that a lot of people did not realize existed – Because the Bureau of EMS has existed since the 70's it may have been an assumption that EMS is an essential service and until you have had problems with a neighboring agency that was growing or putting a burden on your staffing, it was difficult for you to see this problem – that still may be the place that may still be true for some agencies... what we are trying to do here is make EMS an essential service in the State of Utah by including it in an existing statute (11-7-1) if you are familiar with the Fire contract code – our statute – that is where we are placing EMS – to make it an essential service. We are not trying to change the way licensure is obtained thru the Bureau of EMS – it will remain the same – the problem exists because if you have a geographical license for EMS services, you do know that there could be cities within your geographical area that may or may not participate and sometimes that is a financial participation – that really boils down to your capacity or ability to be able to serve them. At some point that becomes a problem whether you grow or they grow it becomes an issue. This really is a statute about instituting that contract, the language, if you want to see it is should be in, it's protected, the final language went to Rep Dan Johnson yesterday. We should have a bill number sometime early next week. Dan Johnson the Representative from Cache County is the sponsor for this bill the co-sponsor is Lyle Hilliard the Senator from Cache County. Some Representatives who have showed open support to this are Val Potter from Cache, Daren Owens from District 58, Phil Clymen from 73, Carl Albrecht from 70, and Lee Perry from Box Elder. If you representatives that you believe in support this bill, please have them contact Brad Hannig or Dan Johnson at the House. They realize that this is just a foundational principle that once it is changed it can open up the doors for some of the rural communities that may be struggling as Guy talked about earlier about potential funding sources to help support some of the rural communities. This is a big problem in Central Utah; this is not only a Cache Valley issue as we can see with representatives throughout the state. Brad is happy to talk to anyone or field questions, emails, and phone calls.

➤ **Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament – Chief Clint Smith**

- Mention – for the past several years – Murray City Fire Department has been the Department that has graciously stepped up and taken all of the oversight and planning process for the annual Fallen Firefighters Golf tournament and they have done a fantastic job of that over the past several years. It is a great organization. For us to support it supports those that are close to us if you haven't had the chance to actually go back to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial we encourage you to do so, it is an experience that you will not forget by any means. It is very moving to be there. With

that being said, Murray City has basically said that it has been a large task for them to take on and have reached out for additional support in order to be able to keep that tournament moving forward and in a sense to ‘share the love’ a little bit in responsibility in oversight and management of that so from the State Chief’s perspective, we have decided that we would take on th oversight and management of the but with that we are asking for those who are interested or willing to help serve on the committee to help oversee that fall tournament to reach out to the Executive Committee – it is obviously a large effort to round up the sponsors, make all the preparations at the Golf Course itself for the tournament, and of course help provide for the drawings and such that they do as part of the tournament. They are looking for some help – if you have an interest desire or willingness please reach out to Chief Smith, or other members of the Executive Board with your contact information and they will start to put the group together.

- **Kevin Ward – 9th Annual Guardians of the Ribbon** Golf Tournament on June 5th. At the Mal... Golf Course. This was born out of the “Pink Heel” concept. We have done funraising – if you make a donation to ... for Weber and Davis County. So far to date we have donate almost \$100,000.00 to date. The midtown clinic with the funds we give them it goes towards early detection and treatment of all types of women’s cancer for basically socially and economically depressed women in the area and it is a great service, we love supporting it. sign up – we have great support, great prizes, and great food. We look forward to your support. For more information:
<http://www.weberdavisguardians.com/index.html>

Sponsor Presentation - Verizon – Ben Curtis showed a thank you to first responders

video

V. Good of the Order

- State Chiefs Spring Meeting; May 20th 2020 @ 0900, @ Layton Fire Dept.
- Add to May agenda? – Vote on the Proposed Changes – after further discussion by Executive Committee.(already voted on as an action item at this meeting)
- State Chiefs annual business meeting September 9, 2020 @ 0900, Loveland Living Aquarium, Draper, Utah

Sponsor Presentation Time

Graham Fire

VI. Adjournment Meeting concluded 12:28

- Motion to adjourn – Ted Black motion, Kevin Ward seconded– Roberts’s rules – You don’t have to motion to adjourn. Don’t deprive Ted of his favorite part.