

UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
January 7, 2015

Attendees – A copy of those in attendance is included with the Minutes.

Welcome, Call to Order, and Introduction of Executive Committee and Guests – Gil Rodriguez, President, called to order the Regular Utah State Fire Chiefs Association Meeting beginning at 9:10 am on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at the Garden Hilton, 1731 South Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah.

Department of Public Safety – Deputy Commissioner Jeff Carr gave a report on Fusion Centers, a place for collaboration of information on public safety issues, focusing on criminal activity. They push out to law enforcement classified information. A suggestion was made that information should be sent out to the Fire Departments. Their job is to let the different departments know so that they can be on the look out. Their mantra is “One Team, One Fight”.

Review and Approval of September 10, 2014 Minutes – Motion was made to approve the September 10, 2014 Minutes as written by Mike Jensen, seconded by Gerald Schiefer; motion passed.

Firefighters Credit Union – New Website and Invoicing Process for USFCA – Thomas Gourdin from Firefighters Credit Union gave a presentation on the USFCA website. They are providing it free of charge. A scrolling ad will be in place where sponsors can help support the cost of maintaining the website. All are invited to register as a member of the USFCA on the website by visiting www.utahfirechiefs.org; the data will be kept in the website. Registering and paying for membership now pay for the remainder of this year as well as the entire next year. If members wish to have something listed on the site or have any questions, contact Thomas as thomas@firefighterscu.com.

Reports of Committees and Board Members –

President’s Report – Gil Rodriguez stated that the donations from the vendors are greatly appreciated. He requested that everyone make sure to visit the website – it will be updated frequently. Elections will be held in the meeting in September. The Fire Caucus lunch will be held at the Capital on February 9th, 2015.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Jess Campbell reminded everyone to visit the website. They are helping to accomplish getting an accurate number of the members. A W-9 is on the site for those who need it. The following is the financial report since the last meeting: \$657 has been used for expenditures; \$4,957 has been received; the ending balance is \$42,657.

Legislative Report – Coy Porter handed out a copy of the legislative report; a copy is included with the minutes.

Lexipol – Ken Wallentine gave a presentation on the services Lexipol has to offer. They provide customizable, state-specific web-based Fire Policy Manuals with an integrated training component to help city and county fire departments and regional fire protection districts operate more efficiently and effectively. For more information, visit www.lexipolfire.com.

State Fire Marshal's Report – Coy Porter reported that they are working on an arson dog replacement, hoping to have it in late spring or early summer. The Hazmat Advisory Council is up and running again. Several replacements have been made on the different boards. Please send questions or challenges with the Fire Prevention Code to Ted Black, Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Standards & Training Report – Coy Porter reported that there were a number of replacements on the board; it is a working arm for the Fire Prevention Board.

Utah EMS Report – No one from the State Bureau of EMS was present.

Communications Report – Tom Kuhlmann reported that they are working to have a communications system in place that is cost effective.

Fire Prevention Board of Utah – No report was given.

NFPA / ICC Report – Dave Nichols reported that ICC is a membership organization that exists to serve the fire service. They create the building and fire codes. The following are updates:

- The Fire Service Membership Council is a way for fire chiefs to have input into the ICC process.
- Code development activity is now much more accessible to the chiefs. It is web based, allowing for participation with remote voting. The cycle for the 2018 codes has just started with a code change submittal process. There is a Fire Code Action Committee. Members are allowed to have governmental voting representative in the amount of 12 for 100,000, 8 for 50,000, and 4 for less than 50,000. Voting must be validated by March 20, 2015. Individuals must be appointed by the primary contact and will be engaged in voting on the code content.
- They are looking to strengthen the process of training with a new preferred provider network. They have a limited ability to deliver training and recognize that they need to have partnerships, companies and ICC chapters. A certain percentage of the renewal needs to come from the ICC or a preferred network. They are gathering the preferred providers, with no limit to the number of CEU. Training can be used to meet the CEU requirements, allowing for in house training for CEU renewals.
- Fire Marshals will pay the small fee for the small volunteer departments. Talk to the Fire Marshals to find out more.

NFPA – Ray Bizal reported that the NFPA is a not-for-profit association that is self-sustaining. Their mission is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life. They publish 320 Codes and Standards for the fire service and building environment. They are developing apps for handheld devices.

The following are the new standards:

- NFPA 1917 – Standard for Automotive Ambulances
- NFPA 1730 – Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations to the Public
- NFPA 950 – Standard for Data Development and Exchange for the Fire Service
- NFPA 951 – Guide to Building and Utilizing Digital Information

The following standard has been withdrawn:

- NFPA 1124 – Storage & Retail Sales of Fireworks. It was withdrawn because there was no proof that the standards worked.

There are 250 technical committees. The request was made to have individuals from the fire service sign up for the committees. They are working to have the following:

- Add more fire service representatives on the committees.
- Reimburse 80% of the enforcers travel.
- Go to www.nfpa.org/enforcers if you are interested in participating.

They would like to have any comments on the Standards. The following is available for making comments:

- They are all on-line.
- They are easy to follow.
- You don't have to be a member to participate in the process.
- Every document has its own web page. To find one, type in www.nfpa.org/1403 (as an example for finding NFPA 1403).
- There is a place for technical questions.

They have training and certification – go to www.EVSafetyTraining.org:

- Electrical vehicle training:
 - o Conducted on-site Train the Trainer
 - o Downloadable Emergency Field Guides
 - o Free on-line training
 - o Training on trucks, buses and fleet
 - o In 2015: CNG, LNG, hydrogen
- They provide webinars:
 - o Free, CEU's
 - o Smart Firefighter of the Future, 12/4
 - o Fire Safety Challenges in Tall Wood Buildings
 - o Fire Safety in "Green Buildings"
 - o Understanding Unwanted Alarms
 - o Responding to electric Vehicle Battery Fires
- They have the following forum's:
 - o NFPA Presidents Forum
 - o State Fire Marshals Forum
 - o Urban Fire Forum
 - o Electrical Forum

- They have information for Public Education:
 - o NFPA Hiring Public Education Regional Staff
 - o Free resources to localize your public education info
 - o Public Education Network with information sharing and a public education forum

Wildland Fire

- They have a Wildland Fire Operations Division. The following are offered: Learn from Fire Incidents, Increase Prevention Efforts, Firewise, and Fire Adapted Communities.
- They will be holding the following: Backyards & Beyond on October 22-24, 2015 and the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 2, 2015.

They also do data analysis – There were 97 total firefighter fatalities in 2013. There were 41 volunteer, 25 career, 19 wildland (municipal), 6 land management (5 Federal, 1 State), 5 contractors (3 Federal, 2 State), 1 prison inmate. The deaths were from internal trauma, sudden cardia. Deaths have dropped over the last 4 years – 64, 61, 73, 82. The annual average over the last decade is 87.

The US fire loss in 2013 was the following:

- 1.24 M fires (down 9.8%)
- 11.5 B property loss (down 7.3%)
- 3240 civilian fatalities (up 13.5%)
- 15,925 civilian injuries (down 3.5%)

There are the following research reports:

- Fire Ground Operations
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Administration

They are developing and have research projects:

- They are looking to require new homes to be constructed w/ sprinklers, working with the Fire Sprinkler Coalition

Utah Fire and Life Safety Educator Association – No report.

Utah Fire Sprinkler Coalition – No report.

Utah Emergency Management Association (UEMA) – No report.

WFCA / IAFC Report – WFCA Vice President Doug Schrage reported the following:

- They cover the 10 western states
- Meet twice a year
- Utah's representative is John Evans
- Values are brought by attending the State meetings
 - o Return revenue to Western Fire Chiefs paying dividends to the USFCA
 - o Daily Dispatch – puts all info into one email – a free service to have all firefighters and EMS with free event listing
 - o Fire Service Bookstore – they encourage looking at Fire Service Bookstore first – they will generally do price matching

- Currently working on an RFP for fire trucks
- Speakers Bureau
- Online fire training
- Fire Crucible – shark tank for fire service
- Online presence with apps
 - Exam prep – app store
- National level representation
- www.wfca.com

WFCA / IAFC Report – No report.

Old Business

Officer Designation Project – Kevin Ward reported that you can go to the UFRA website and go through the officer applicant process, the formal educational component. If there are any questions, contact Kevin.

Motion on Financial Contribution to Joint Council for Fire Caucus Luncheon – A motion was made by Chief Michael Jensen to donate a financial contribution to the Joint Council for the Fire Caucus Luncheon in the amount of \$1,000; motion seconded by Kevin Ward. Motion passed.

City Official Panel Discussion – Appreciation was given to the following for participating in the City Official Panel Discussion: Mayor Ted Eyre, Murray; Mayor John Curtis, Provo; City Manager Wayne Pyle, West Valley; City Manager Alex Jensen, Layton. A copy of the responses is included with the Minutes.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 9 am at the Sheraton City Centre, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT.

Adjournment