



# UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## Utah State Fire Chiefs Association Fall Business Meeting

Minutes - September 12, 2018

### Welcome and Call to Order – Chief Mark Becraft

- Chief Becraft opened the meeting at 0900 and called to order. He introduced the Executive Committee. President, Mark Becraft North Davis Fire Department, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jeremy Craft, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kevin Ward, Secretary Treasurer Jess Campbell, Ron Morris South Salt Lake – President of Western Fire Chiefs.

### Review and approval of last meetings minutes – Chief Mark Becraft

- Minutes were posted on the website, emailed to all and hard copies in the room. Any questions regarding the minutes? No questions. A motion to approve the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting (May 19, 2018) was made by Chief Ron Morris and seconded by Chief Smith. A vote was taken. All voted Aye. The minutes were approved.

### Financial Report – Chief Jess Campbell

- At our main meet in Layton as reported, we still needed to invoice UFRA and the Firefighters Association Restricted account.
- We were able to collect that \$20,000 leaving us with a balance prior to expenditures between that meeting and this meeting of \$56,500.
- Since then checks have been written; and we have paid our speaker in January \$10,000.
- In addition to that we had some expense at Layton for \$819.42 leaving us a balance of \$45,680.58.
- Any have family members that want to enjoy this wonderful venue today - we are allowed up to 90 people to come and enjoy the wonderful facility. Any members over 90, the State Chiefs will take care of the difference.

### Retirement

- Dave Spatafore – gave background and what we are looking at and where we are at regarding the retirement issue.
- Two Legislative Issues regarding Firefighter Retirement were discussed.
- The Two Issues discussed:
  - The shortfall in the Firefighter Retirement account and what the cost may mean to your department. This is the most immediate problem.
  - Fixing Tier 2 Funding to bring to 25/50.

- Dave and Ashley Spatafore met with the League of Cities on September 11, 2018 to discuss these issues. During today's discussion, it was decided that we needed to come up with a specific game plan and make sure that not only all in the room, but the entire state chiefs, their bosses, and their elected officials are on the same page.
- The deadline to come up with a preliminary game plan to present to the League of Cities was before Friday morning, September 14, 2018.
- Key points presented:
  - With the 1<sup>st</sup> Issue - Whatever we do in 2019, there is going to be a fiscal note. The current fiscal year's budget has \$9M from the state to put into the Firefighter Retirement fund. Funds needed to cover the need would be \$14M. The difference would be a shortfall of approximately \$5M.
  - 2 possible solutions were discussed –
  - **Option A** – Go into the Statute and designate \$14M to come out of the current insurance premium tax... This may or not be successful but that would be approximately a \$5M fiscal note.
  - **Option B** – try to raise the Insurance premium tax .25 %. This would generate between \$14M and \$17M. Then tell the State to keep the \$9M, give us the \$14M to \$17M generated from the Insurance premium tax.
  - That would solve the problem; the fiscal note issue would go away because we are not asking the State to add any more money to the General Fund. BUT we are asking for a tax increase.
- **However**, if you add the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Tier 2 and try to solve both at the same time...there are a number of things which would complicate the issues.
  - All need to be on board and in agreement – Firefighters, the Chiefs, the League of Cities, the Counties, the Police Chiefs, etc.
  - This is the only time we will have the chance to fix Tier 2.
    - **Option 1** – increase the insurance premium tax by .25 %; take the current \$9M which is currently appropriated by the State, add that to the \$14M - \$17M which would be generated by the .25 % tax increase would make it \$24M to \$26 M. That would comfortably cover both the shortfall in the Firefighter Retirement and the cost increase necessary for Tier 2 to go to the 25/50 equivalent.
    - **Option 2** – Try to increase the insurance premium tax by .5 % which would raise between \$28M to \$34M. Tell the State they can keep their \$9M which was in the general fund appropriation for this year. That would increase the State's general fund by \$9M of revenue. The \$28M-\$34M would do both our shortfall and the Tier 2; then there would still be money left over that would be designated for Retirement to pay off the unfunded liability of Tier 1; which would then reduce your contributions down the road.
    - You can ask for more and get less; you cannot ask for less and get more.
- Questions were asked and discussed. Points made regarding Volunteer Firefighters and death or disability.

- Dave Spatafore's recommendation to all was to call your Mayor or your City Manager or any Council Members...any who would be in attendance at Friday's League of Cities meeting and explain what needs to be done including what the cost will be to your city if this is not adopted.
- Also from Dave Spatafore: "Coy Porter and a number of you in the room worked hard with Curt Bramble in 2016 to solve this issue. It passed the Senate. It didn't get prioritized in the House because of the fiscal note. It did get to the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Had our elected officials focused on the solution in 2016 we may not be in this situation today. 2019 is the year to fix it. If we don't fix it in 2019, 2020 will be too far gone. So we have got to do it now.
- Chief Mark Becraft – "We sometimes sit on the fence, whether it be an EMS issue or Wildland or something like that because we represent the whole state...but today...in this room...we need direction and need the whole group on the same page to move forward with this...we are asking that you as an Association vote on that" –
- Chief Becraft entertained a motion on direction on what we want to do in the coming legislative session as a united group..."
- The motion: (worded by Dave Spatafore) "The Utah State Fire Chiefs Association supports increasing revenues to cover two retirement problems. Problem A is the backfill of the Firefighter's Retirement to at least provide \$14M/year ongoing into the Firefighter's Retirement fund making sure the fire academy's funded, making sure the volunteer firefighters death and or disability care is included. Secondly, to try to effect the change in Tier 2 Retirement for Firefighters and Public Safety by adding about a 6% increase to get the Tier 2 Retirement to roughly 25/50 or better. Then if only one can be solved, the priority is to backfill Firefighter Retirement."
- There are some different ways to do all that but that is the motion. Add to that that the League is really going to be the decision maker.... we will support the League's plan in the direction that they go...only if they do what we want them to do..."
- A vote was called for - All in favor – Aye. All voted Aye there were no Opposed...the motion carried.
- It was recommended to inform all elected officials by Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>. A formal email was sent out Wednesday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> with direction to contact Jeremy Craft or Mark Becraft with questions.
- Final note: We are pretty small in representation at this meeting – we need to get the information out to all our unrepresented departments.

### **Ashley – Air B& B – no legislation this year**

#### **Retention hold on Retirees**

- A retention hold on Retirees was introduced by Chief Peterson and discussed.
- Due to the challenge this last year where there were a large number of retirements in March. His department ran 17 positions short going into the summer.
- The program discussed was an option for re-employment – An option for people in our organizations to allow them to retire then occupy, for a short time, the same seat that they previously occupied. They would lose their accruals but they would remain on our staff for approximately 4 to 6 months which would allow time for staffing.

- Rule sets could be built into the system to approve, for example: Retirement by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>; reemployment starts in November after retirement. Reemployment would then be for the period of 4 to 6 months.
- We will need to have a discussion with the labor group as the reemployed may be seen as scabs. We have not seen a situation where labor has supported a drop program.
- Departments would have the power to implement or not...this would be by policy. This may be more beneficial to more established departments.
- Ashley will continue to meet the URS to answer questions such as the impact to the departments, limits, and target dates, number of months for reemployment, financial impact, and health insurance during the reemployment period.

#### **Fireworks Bills**

- In a meeting with Senator Iwamoto, Representative Dunnigan, Coy Porter, and others, it was decided that there will not be any fireworks bills run this year.
- It will be better to let the shortened discharge period settle.
- In the in future shortening the number of days of sales is a possibility.

#### **Valet Trash Service**

- In multi-level apt complexes – initiated for senior living – the elderly may sometimes have a hard time taking out the trash.
- A valet trash service business has been created with the idea that the residents will put their trash bags in the hallways outside their door and Valet Trash comes to remove the trash once or twice weekly; this is paid as part of the resident's HOA fees.
- The difficulty is that trash bags are starting to accumulate in the hallways – in areas of egress. They are creating hazards.
- Some of the buildings do not have sprinkler systems.
- In the next legislative session this will be discussed with an effort to create correct language regarding 2018 fire code.

#### **Mobile Fueling**

- This new start up business is spreading across the country. The idea is that they come with a mobile unit to fuel your vehicle while at work or anywhere you may need fuel.
- You download an app, and pay with a credit card. Using the app, select fill my car. You remotely release the gas cap cover, if locked, but do not unlock the car.
- The mobile fueling company shows up, tops off your car with up to 30 gal per dispense, charges your card, and they are on their way.
- Fire code will need to be written. In other states reviewed there is a 10 ft minimum distance needed to be away from a building.
- We need to look at issues including: grounding, bonding, and point of sale, taxes, business licensing and cost of licensing – every community vs statewide, what will be inspected, company location/street address.
- The tax issue – gas tax goes into the transportation fund.
- We will discuss with Senator Henderson who ran the food trucks bill.

#### **Farm Bill**

- The farm bill shifts the current definition of tobacco into a “consumable agriculturals” farm product.
- Currently at the national level – good bill as far as the farmers.

- Re-issuing fire safe cigarettes again. All 50 States have the fire safe cigarette as well as Canada.

#### **AT&T FirstNet Update – Shae Cook**

- Showed PowerPoint – Update on FirstNet for state of Utah
- FirstNet is here now. Nov 6<sup>th</sup> of 2017 it became available. Utah opted in on Nov 6, 2017.
- <https://firstnet.gov/>
- <https://firstnet.gov/news/utah-tranform-communications-public-safety> (for podcasts)
- First Responders Network available Now
- FirstNet Services are now available on the AT&T Commercial Network with full Priority and Preemption capabilities
  - Local control of users and applications
  - FirstNet Public Safety Application Store
  - App Developer Program
  - Dedicated FirstNet Help Desk
  - Satellite Services
  - Enhanced Push to talk (EPTT) with Interoperability to LMR Networks (CSSI/ISSI/RoIP)
- Available NOW - IOC-2 March 30, 2018
  - FirstNet Core
  - Deployable Access
  - ICAM
  - Additional Band Class 14 Devices
  - Subscriber Paid (Volunteer/Employee Owned)
- Awarded additional bandwidth (band class 14) specified for public safety –
- Vision of FirstNet – one community on one community’s platform
- Primary Participants include: Fire, Law Enforcement, PSAP, and Emergency Management.
- Extended Primary – Healthcare (hospital, medical facilities), Utilities, Transportation, Others –
- Network – Coverage \$200+Million invested in to the Utah network over the last 3 years
- Utah – 16 new sites committed in the initial build plan
- First Priority...part of the network core...game changer – highest quality of services with prioritized access always on – voice, text, messaging, data sessions,
- WPS and GETZ – 1<sup>st</sup> in line access to their assets as long as in 4GLTE coverage area.
- Terminates or relocates lower priority
- Deployables – Sat cults...cows, drones, 30 mile radius
- 25 lb. drop kits satellite panel, smart phones, cradle point router, new not available...will be in 60 days
- Touch on couple of key differences – pricing and how we will be able to take advantage – 1<sup>st</sup> priority – all band solution
- 3 levels of priority permanent
- Wireless devices are available to be used on 1<sup>st</sup> net – any smart phone in the s SonomXP5 SonomXP8 Apple iPhone 7, phone X...

- Questions – slot canyons – yes it takes care of the gaps with the additional coverage – network team is all ears – 2 cell sites slated for Zions in future.
- Here for long haul...25 years

#### **NFPA Report - Bob Sullivan**

- Bob Sullivan is the new Southwest Regional Director
- He has 31 years in fire services in multiple states.
- Showed PowerPoint
- Feel free to contact: [bsullivan@nfpa.org](mailto:bsullivan@nfpa.org)
- Working on NFPA 3000 new standard for Active Shooter Hostile Events which are increasing in quantity and severity – 250 hostile events to the present.
- Trends seeing 6 ½ incidents per year now about 16

#### **NFPA 3000**

- Background – Pulse Nightclub shooting June 12, 2016 – a standard was needed to be established for events of these types.
- Technical Committee was formed which was comprised of 46 members plus alternates. Some agencies represented: FEMA, DHS, DOJ, DOD, FBI, IACP, IACP.
- Las Vegas Mandalay Bay shooting occurred October 1, 2017
- Standard published May 1 2018 – this was developed and pushed out in about 18 months, granted provisional status.
- Brief stats – shootings in schools – 22% of overall shooting events.
- Vast majority of shootings occur in commerce areas because of soft targets with low security.
- The standard will be a resource for everybody involved in active shooter events - community leaders, emergency management, public healthcare officials, non-governmental partners, first responder's, facility managers, etc.
- Whole community, unified command, integrated response, planned recovery – 4 main concepts
- Recovery part is the largest standard
- Roadmap – plan, respond, and recover
- All in the room whether or not you are NFPA - you can have input.

#### **NFPA 855**

- Stationary Energy Storage facilities - standard for the installation of stationary energy storage systems

#### **NFPA 2400**

- Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) – public safety operations, drones

#### **NFPA 1300**

- Community risk assessment and community risk

#### **NFPA 1700**

- Guide as opposed to a standard – guide for structural firefighting

#### **NFPA 451**

- Community healthcare programs

#### **NFPA 1802**

- Portable 2 way radios

#### **NFPA 1877**

- Selection, care maintenance of wildland fire fighting protective clothing and equipment

- Enforcer Funding Program – want to be involved – funding to go to meeting 80% of travel costs covered
- 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Connection App – for firefighters
- Emergency Responders Page on the NFPA Website health and wellness, data and research, high risk hazards, job tools and resources, outreach...
- Fire Wise USA – wildland urban interface mitigation, preparedness

#### **Other Items:**

- Fire sprinkler Initiative – working with the Fire Sprinkler coalition
- Public Education – free download with box to put the dept logo on it. We still have **Sparky** but have also added **Simon** a new blue guy - a more grown-up character.
- NFPA Heroes Experience in Pelham Alabama to be built next 3-4 years

#### **Western Fire Chiefs Association - Ron Morris**

- Elections for western board were held.
- Daily Dispatch – get your departments signed up; easy to do; free of charge. You can add a list of department members email addresses and it will automatically send out to them every day.
- You can opt out if you decide it's not for you.
- Legislation – federal side – fight with funding – have it back to where it has been in the past
- National project funding now restored.
- Working with owners and Builders Association re sprinkler issue.

#### **Fire Marshal's Office – Coy Porter**

- Update on state FM report - in Aug Commissioner Spires went to work for ANDE Rapid DNA - last day was Aug 31.
- Highway Patrol Major Jess Anderson – new public safety commissioner.
- Commissioner Anderson – schedule for winter fire school to come down and meet with us
- Governor likes him a lot he is really tall...6 ft 6" or 6 ft 7".
- No experience on fire side.

#### **Standards and Training – Ted Black**

- Chief Hewitt rep on standards council – 1<sup>st</sup> hazmat tech certification – taken look at 50 hour course and 120 state UFRA course – recommended as S7T council – go back to HAZMAT advisory council work with UFRA Pro Board certified course – want to compare and see difference and which direction we want to go
- Nonaffiliated accreditation – get accreditation thru UFRA – no issues at this time – continue going forward
- Red Cards can be issued the same day or within a week, certifications follow after that.
- **Winter Fire School Jan 25, 26, 2019.**
- Command training center up and running now – last year scheduled twice now have 46 scheduled or in process – changed the curriculum because 10 years old – curriculum was based on full time, career agencies.
- Brad Wardle - moving forward with the new academy building – relocating from airport in Provo to new property to be built in Vineyard area – working on conceptual drawings – property will be very nice and in a nice area.

- Received a grant to replace all of the packs at UVU – more state of the art – all newest technology – firefighters will be using the latest equipment.

#### **State Fire Marshal's Office – Scott Spencer**

- Meetings at State Fire Prevention Board – continue to invite all agencies to participate and broadcast on Facebook live for those who cannot
- Winter Fire School training in Jan – members 50.00 pays for all training during the year
- Fiscal reporting guidance – better data – 6 months instead of 3 fiscal due Dec, county due June accurate numbers very important
- New allocation – split between fire and ems – learned a lot on how it is done in last month
- Rule changes – biggest – behavioral health issues – transporting and issues for delaying transport

#### **SUSAR – Reed Thompson**

- Slow down as far as committee meeting.
- Curriculum is still being reviewed by committees - hope to have things in place by Winter Meeting.
- Open request thru EMAC for potential deployment to East Coast.
- Task Force 5 on alert.
- Task Force 1 sent yesterday.
- Potentially more deployments – we are on alert, extended offers to other agencies that have technical rescue and swift water qualifications.
- If requested, it will be filled - anticipate a few hour turn around.

#### **10-4 Responding – Chief John Harris – Murray City Fire**

- Two missions – First is suicide awareness – suicide is the #1 cause of death
- Second is to develop wellness and resiliency – before they ever get to suicide.
- Flyers –event Nov 3 at the Red Lion – fundraising dinner, keynote speakers include: Chris Stewart, Dr. Hill, Jordan Peterson BC of Murray
- Cost \$80 per couple – can sign up on website; they would love every department to get a table (4 couples/table).
- Dress – No uniforms because there will be a bar.

#### **Vendor UDK - Fred Roberts**

- Emergency Response Manager with UDK and help with board up program – always willing to participate in fairs and events please contact them.
- Left things on the table. Board up – provide after the fire bag to homeowner/property owners – partnered with Lowe's
- Very committed to keeping up with technology – drone – measuring on property; measuring within matter of minutes.
- Start wall system – several hundred feet of wall system –
- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighters Chili Cook-off** – UDK sponsors 25,000 last year 65,000 over the last 5 other years. 14 teams participating – Angel Donor – whatever amount we raise this year, will be matched dollar for dollar.
- Encouraged as many people to come out as possible.



### **Upcoming Events**

- a. **Winter Business Meeting** – January 22, 2019 0900, Hilton Garden Inn, St. George Utah.
- b. **Winter Leadership Symposium** - January 23, 2019 0900, Hilton Garden Inn, St. George
  - Kevin Ward re: Leadership Symposium – 2 great speakers lined up thanks to Clint and Jeremy –
  - Mary Kelly, PhD, CSP, Commander USN (ret.) – all attendees will receive a copy of her book, we don't charge for this, lunch is provided – she will be morning speaker.
  - Chief Peter Van Dorpe – afternoon speaker – Chief of smaller dept in Ohio. Keynote speaker in afternoon. He will also be an instructor at Winter Fire School.
- c. **DEM annual conference Oct 16-17**
- d. **Winter Fire School January 25-26, 2019**

**A motion to adjourn** was entertained by Mark Becraft, so moved by Paul Sullivan, and seconded by Kevin Ward. Vote to adjourn unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 pm.** Lunch served.