

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 5, 2014
IL Fire Service Institute
Paratech Boardroom at 11 Gerty Dr., Champaign IL
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Kent Tomblin, Peoria FD	Mike Toika, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.
Michael Dillon, IAFFPD	Katherine Nunes, OSFM
Greg Daily, IFIA	Kevin Schott, Volunteer Firefighter Rep.
Greg Knoll, IL Professional Firefighters Assn.	Les Albert, OSFM
Brian Thompson, IL Society of Fire Service Instructors	Larry Matkaitis, OSFM
Steve Iovinelli, IL Fire Services Assn.	Jim Watts, OSFM
John Swan, IFA	Alix Armstead, OSFM
Joe Holomy, Effingham FD	Charles Stewart III, 1 st Deputy, Chicago Fire Dept.
Royal Mortenson, IL Fire Service Institute	Francisco Velez, Chicago Fire Dept.
Stephen Clarkson, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.	Joe Cluchey, MABAS-IL
	Michael Stoffa, IFA Director

The meeting was called to order by K. Tomblin, Chairman, at 1:00 p.m.

L. Matkaitis introduced Katherine Nunes of OSFM.

Old Business

A. SCAC Update – L. Albert

- L. Albert reported on the progress of the following SCACs: FSVO and FAE. Went over some details of progress and packet for each SCAC. He noted that there has been difficulty finding individuals to serve on committees. The biggest need is to find people who will serve on the SCAC committees. He hopes to start moving forward in a timelier manner. He indicated that after a review of necessary content, it has been established that the program matches NFPA standards. There is still a need to answer some policy questions, ex. investigators. The estimated final delivery for the programs is Fall 2014.
- L. Albert responded to questions about the SCACs. He also noted that a copy of the manual can be obtained by sending an email to L. Albert.
- Brain Brauer presented a brief powerpoint on the flow of the SCAC movement.
- R. Mortenson congratulated L. Albert and B. Brauer for working so hard on preparing the SCAC revisions.

Motion to approve use of new SCAC booklets made by Steven Clarkson, 2nd by Joe Holomy, approved.

New Business

- Larry Matkaitis requested a moment of silence for recently deceased former State Fire Marshal Tom Armstead.

A. Fire Marshal Statement

- L. Matkaitis discussed a recent press statement about sprinkler requirements. Fire Marshal Matkaitis has agreed with Senator John Cullerton and Representative Sara Feigenholtz to work with all stakeholders. He explained that this is meant to encourage cooperation and only deals with new sprinkler requirements.
- He described the difficulty of misinformation about the status of sprinkler requirements in Illinois as well as misinformation about buildings meeting current standards. L. Matkaitis noted that current requirements have not been changed by his recent statement. The code remains the same.
- L. Matkaitis asked for any comments regarding future sprinkler requirements discussion and responded to questions.

B. State Fair

- S. Iovinelli stated that they need to make changes because of scheduling issues during the State Fair. He deferred discussion to a later meeting.

C. Any other new business

- L. Matkaitis mentioned that the Office of the State Fire Marshal's budget has increased this year. The increase should allow for better funding of OSFM-administered programs.
- L. Matkaitis also mentioned that an OSFM initiative to increase loan cap for fire truck loan programs from \$250,000 to \$350,000 has passed the legislature. It is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- A round of applause was initiated in thanks for the efforts of L. Matkaitis and all members.

Motion to adjourn by John Swan, 2nd by Steve Clarkson.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.