

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Office of State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL
1:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Attendees:

Kevin Schott, Volunteer FF Rep.	John Swan, IL Firefighters Assn.
Joe Cluchey, MABAS	Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Services Assn.
Mike Dillon, IL Assn. of FPD	Jim Kreher, IL Fire Services Assn.
Cheri Brennaman, IL Assn. of FPD	Joe Holomy, Effingham FD
Bryan Doyle, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.	Steve Clarkson, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.
Jim Moore, SCAC member	Shawn Connors, Rockford FD
Nick Steker, Franklin Park FD	R. Mortenson, IL Fire Services Institute
Brian Brauer, IL Fire Services Institute	Cathy Bormida, OSFM
Mike Toika, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.	Ed Dunne, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.
Jim Plunket, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.	Chris Bednarek, Associated FF of IL
Deborah Williams, OSFM	Alix Armstead, OSFM
Mitzi Woodson, OSFM	Pat Devaney, Associated FF of IL
Gerald Farina, State Farm Ins.	Jim Watts, OSFM
Les Albert, OSFM	Larry Matkaitis, OSFM
Angela Stinson-Marti, OSFM (call-in)	Max Dulberger, IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs(call-in)

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Fire Marshal Matkaitis due to the absence of Chairman Tomblin.

Old Business:

A. Fire Officer Update:

L. Albert presented a status on the Fire Officer SCAC progress; he also stated that several other SCAC groups are working and making progress, meetings are being held. Albert reported the Personnel Standards and Education rules are being prepared to be submitted to JCAR. J. Moore, of the Fire Officer SCAC then went into detail explaining the new proposals for the Fire Officer program. Moore then asked the Commission for permission to run a pilot Basic and Advanced Fire Officer class.

J. Holomy made a motion to run the Fire Officer pilot, M. Toika seconded the motion, a voice vote was taken, all voted "aye". Motion was unanimously approved.

Continuing education was then discussed and it was the consensus of Commission members that this was something that will be worked on at a later date.

S. Clarkson inquired as to the status of Inspector I and II rules, L. Albert responded that the rules have not been sent to JCAR at this time.

B. NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator Update:

B. Brauer gave a history of the SCAC program and an update on the present Fire Investigator SCAC work. A PowerPoint presentation was given. (attached). He stated that in the future all FAC organizations should submit the names of their subject matter experts in each SCAC to L. Albert as soon as possible as this will enable the committees to start working in a timely manner.

C. SCAC Haz Mat Update:

L. Albert stated that this committee is meeting at OSFM on Monday, Sept. 22nd for a final review of their work.

D. Other Old Business:

None

New Business:

A. Dept. of Defense/OSFM Equivalency Certification

Max Dulberger with IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs was a call-in participant stating he was attending to listen and gain insights into Illinois' fire fighter certification standards. L. Albert stated several DoD standards are not equal with the OSFM but there were some that were compatible, and presented a PowerPoint with two proposals to be considered; pros and cons of equivalency certification were discussed.

Some questions were posed and discussed including whether or not a person needed to be on a fire department to receive equivalency. It was decided they should be a member of an Illinois fire department to receive equivalency. Several of the DoD certifications do correspond with OSFM certifications, some of the more advanced DoD certifications do not meet the requirements for OSFM certifications.

Following this discussion P. Devaney made a motion that the Fire Advisory Commission support Proposal "A" as presented, seconded by J. Holomy. A voice vote was taken, all voted "aye". Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal "A" will be posted on the websites of OSFM and DoD explaining the requirements which will build awareness and answer questions posed by fire fighters inquiring as to equivalency.

B. Other New Business:

Fire Marshal Matkaitis presented an Appreciation plaque to Gerry Farina for his 13 years of dedicated service to the Fire Advisory Commission. Farina has been transferred out of state by his employer and can no longer serve.

L. Matkaitis noted that the Fire Truck Loan Program is awaiting approval of new rulemaking, after which, a notice will be sent to all fire departments and applications will be accepted. Also, the Small Equipment Grant Program is now running and applications are being accepted.

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Mortenson, seconded by J. Holomy. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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