

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2015

IL Fire Service Institute

11 Gerty Dr., Champaign, IL

1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Jim Kreher, IL Fire Safety Alliance

Shawn Connors Rockford FD

Matt Perez, OSFM

Brett Kunkel, IL Assn. of Fire Prot. Districts

John Swan, IL Firefighter Assn.

Greg Knoll, IL Professional Firefighters Assn.

James Reardon, MABAS

Joe Welter, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.

Brian Brauer, IL Fire Service Institute

Les Albert, OSFM

Jim Plunket, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.

Nick Steker, Franklin Park FD

Bryan Doyle, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.

Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance

Joe Holomy, Effingham FD

Brian Thompson, IL Society of Fire Service Instructors

Michael Dillon, IL Assn. of Fire Prot. Districts

Steve Iovinelli, IL Fire Services Assn.

Michael Mounts, IL Professional Firefighters Assn.

Robert Morris, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.

Kent Tomblin, FAC Chairman

Roger Lunt, IL Fire Service Institute

Anthony Nichols, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.

Terry Ford, OSFM

R.P. Mortensen, IL Fire Service Institute

Cathy Bormida, OSFM

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tomblin at 1:00 p.m.**
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum met.**
- III. A motion was made by S. Connor, seconded by J. Holomy to approve the minutes of the March meeting. A voice vote was held and all approved. Motion passed.**
- IV. Old Business:**
 - A. R. Lunt of IL Fire Service Institute proceeded to report on the recommendations of the IFSA Minimum Firefighter Training Committee via a PowerPoint presentation. A guide has been created by this committee and a discussion was held. These recommendations are just that, a "guide" and not a "mandate".**

A motion was made by J. Swan that these recommendations, as approved by the Fire Advisory Commission, be forwarded to the OSFM for Fire Marshal approval and implementation, seconded by B. Kunkel. A vote was taken and all voted "aye". Motion approved.

It was also suggested that this document be placed on the OSFM website, sent to all fire departments via blast email, and an education packet be put together and given out at conferences.

J. Swan thanked the committee for all of their work, he is very satisfied with the result.
 - B. Any other Old Business – None**

V. New business:

A. FAC Secretary Position

L. Albert stated that OSFM will no longer be able to provide a secretary for the FAC and that legally the FAC has to have a member as their secretary for all future meetings. The responsibilities of that secretary would be to set up the quarterly meetings, create the agenda and post such at the venue, take minutes/notes, and provide those minutes/notes to OSFM for posting on their website within 10 days after the meetings (all of which will conform to the Open Meetings Act).

Fire Marsha Perez stated that he appreciates the work the Fire Advisory Commission preforms for OSFM.

B. NFPA 1033 Update

Brian Brauer reviewed the SCAC process involving NFPA 1033 (Fire Investigator). He handed out a "Fire & Arson Investigator Training and Certification Matrix" and Administrative Code recommended changes. The only major change was dropping "full time" from "Be employed by a local governmental agency". This would allow volunteer firefighters the opportunity to be certified. Chief J. Holomy questioned why the language stated firefighters must hold certification as a Basic /Operations Firefighter, what about Firefighter II/III? Brian stated "or equivalent" would be added to the proposed language.

A motion was made by J. Reardon, that these recommendations, as approved by the Fire Advisory Commission, be forwarded to the OSFM for Fire Marshal approval and implementation, seconded by S. Connors. A vote was taken and all voted "aye". Motion approved.

Brian thanked everyone for the opportunity to be involved on the front end and getting it done.

L. Albert thanked the SCAC and IFSI for completing the NFPA 1033 process in a timely manner and for a great job.

VI. Public comments:

J. Swan spoke as a private citizen on his concern for budget sweeps of the Fire Prevention Fund. He stated that his small town fire department has about 30 volunteers, a small budget, trucks that are very old, old air packs and not enough for all firefighters, they have problems and wondered what they can do to make the community safer. He called the director of the Illinois Insurance Agency and talked to them about the funds they collect and about to which funds they are all disbursed to. A few years ago these funds were swept by government including the funds for the Cornerstone Program. He is worried about the same situation happening today and wonders what is happening to the budget money, he is hoping some of that \$23million will be given back stating that the Fire Prevention Fund should be left alone. He is standing up to say that he is very concerned now and that the Fire Advisory

members should make sure they are heard. He is waiting to hear from the Lt. Governor's office for an appointment to discuss with her and thinks FAC should be proactive and this would be a good starting point. He would like to include the president of the fire caucus, the IL Fire Services Assn. representative at this meeting when it is scheduled.

FM Perez stated that he has spoken to the Governor's office regarding not sweeping that fund and they are cooperating so far.

J. Reardon said MABAS is very supportive of being proactive. He has spoken to the Governor's office also regarding their state grant monies possibly being swept.

VII. Motion to adjourn made by J. Holomy, seconded by S. Connors.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.