

**FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Joe Holomy, Effingham FD**

**James Reardon, MABAS**

**Mike Mavrogrorge, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.**

**Glen Lyman, Chicago Fire Department**

**Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance**

**Les Albert, OSFM**

**Patrick Reynolds, Hazmat SCAC**

**John Swan, IL Firefighter Assn**

**Sean Maley, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.**

**Bill Clossen, OSFM**

**Alix Armstead, OSFM**

**Mitzi Woodson, OSFM**

**Bryan Doyle, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.**

**R.P. Mortensen, IL Fire Service Institute**

**Brian Brauer, IL Fire Service Institute**

**Nick Steker, Franklin Park**

**Greg May, OSFM**

**Matt Perez, OSFM**

**Pat Devaney, Associated Firefighters of Illinois**

**Shawn Connors Rockford FD**

**Greg Knoll, IL Professional Firefighters Assn.**

**Michael Dillon, IL Assn. of Fire Prot. Districts**

**Kevin Schott, OSFM**

**Kent Tomblin, FAC Chairman**

**Chris Bednarek, Rope SCAC**

- 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 N. Steker, seconded by J. Holomy to approve the minutes of the September meeting. A voice vote was held and all approved. Motion passed.
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - A. B. Brauer discussed changes to the SCAC 2.0. Mr. Brauer handed out a document on current NFPA revision cycles for professional qualifications. Discussion took place. R.P. Mortensen added comments on how well the involved organizations have worked together on this topic.
  - B. P. Reynolds, Chair of the Hazmat SCAC, presented an overview of the new proposed hazmat classes. Mr. Reynolds gave an overview on the committee's recommendations for Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operation, and merging Hazmat Tech A & B to Hazmat Technician. He also handed out a report on what the changes would look like. J. Reardon asked a question on how this would interfere with firefighters currently taking classes and in the process of being certified. Discussion took place and it was determined a student that is currently in-process would have 3 years to complete the certification. There were still some concerns on the time allowed to complete the

classes. A question was asked if this time frame would give fire departments enough time and ability to adjust their budgets for training. Mr. Reynolds asked for the commission to approve a motion to move forward per the recommendations of the committee. J. Holomy seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

- C. L. Albert presented information on an update for the Fire Officer Programs. He revised estimates from five year to three years before the old program would be completed. Members felt that this was an appropriate change and J. Reardon made a motion to accept the changes and B. Doyle seconded. Motion Passed.

## **V. New business:**

### **A. Future Budget & Appropriations- J. Swan**

Mr. Swan discussed concerns about the budget with being proactive. Discussion took place about using refunds vs. reimbursement for training. L. Albert stated that all of the funds are being used and that 65-80 fire departments are being refunded each year for training. Questions were asked about Cornerstone Program vs. Reimbursement funds. R.P. Mortensen discussed that 16,000 students were trained by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) with the Cornerstone Program in 2015. 90% of Cornerstone trainees were paid on-call or volunteer. He continued to state that the Illinois Fire Service Institute runs out of funds for the Cornerstone program around the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the year. Further discussion took place.

### **B. Informational Update on the Part 270 Rule, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Reimbursement Standards- L. Albert**

Mr. Albert informed the FAC on updates on proposed rule changes. Fire Departments can file 14 up to 90 days for reimbursement on equipment only; this is not to be used for fire department personnel. The cost of the incident to the Emergency Response Agency must exceed 2% of the Emergency Response Agency's annual budget. Funds for this come from the Fire Prevention Fund. He stated that the FAC may be used to review applications and that a special meeting to approve some of these items may be needed.

### **C. Rescue SCAC Update – Christopher Bednarek - Chair**

Mr. Bednarek presented a letter to the FAC with some possible changes that the SCAC committee would like to implement in the Rope Recue program. FAC reviewed the changes. Mr. Bednarek added that there would be an 8-hour bridge class for students and that the committee would like to see the changes implemented and the current program completed in the next 3 years. Mr. Bednarek requested a motion to accept the changes. A motion to accept the changes presented today was made by P. Devaney and seconded by J. Holomy. Motion Passed.

### **D. Other New business**

J. Swan brought up a need to look at the Blue Ribbon Report. He asked that a committee be formed to review the report. Members of the FAC supported that the

Illinois Fire Services Association form a committee to review the report. Discussion took place and it was asked that a link be shared to the FAC from the past reports. Members asked that this be added to the next FAC meeting in March.

**V. Public comments:**

No comments were presented

**VII. Motion to adjourn made by J. Holomy, seconded by J. Swan.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.**