

**FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield IL**

**Minutes:**

**Attendee:**

Joe Holomy, FAC Chairman  
Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance  
Mike Dillon, IL Assoc. of Fire Prot. District  
Mike Mavrogeorge, Fire Chiefs Assoc.IL  
Chris Ware, Waynesville Fire Prot. District  
Jay Reardon, MABAS  
Mike Toika, IL Fire Inspectors Assoc.  
Roger Kruppe, State Farm Insurance  
John Swan, IL Firefighter Assoc.  
Terry Ford, IL Firefighter Assoc.  
Brian Thompson, IL Society of Fire Instructors  
Greg Knoll, IL Professional Firefighters Assn

Shawn Connors, Rockford FD  
Jim Kreher, IL Fire Chiefs Assoc.  
Brett Kunkel, IL Assoc. of Fire Prot. District  
R.P. Mortenson, Illinois Fire Service Inst.  
Nick Steker, Franklin Park FD  
Jim Dominik, IL Fire Chiefs Assoc.  
Robert Morris, IL Fire Inspectors Assoc.  
Roger Stancliff, Volunteer Firefighters  
Chris Bednarek, SCAC Rescue  
Matt Perez, Fire Marshal  
Pat Devaney, Associated Firefighter of IL  
Les Albert, Retired Fire Service

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Holomy at 1:00 P.M.
- II. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.
- III. A motion was made by R.P Mortenson and seconded by J. Kreher to approve the minutes for the meeting in March. A voice vote was held and motion passed.

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. J. Swan gave an update on the Blue-Ribbon Report.

**V. New Business:**

- A. Marshal Perez gave an update on the OSFM 2018 budget. He stated that the budget went fine in the IL House Committee. A handout was given to all members. Marshal Perez explained in detail the overview of the 2018 budget. Questions and discussion took place.

Marshal Perez stated that the OSFM was looking for new members on boards and commissions supported by the OSFM including an Illinois Fire Protection Engineer for the Fire Advisory Commission, a member for the Elevator Safety Review Board, and a member for the Firefighter Medal of Honor

Committee. He requested that if anyone knew someone who might qualify to please let him know.

- B. SCAC Rescue: C. Bednarek went over a handout with the changes proposed for Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, Vehicle Machinery Rescue, Collapse Rescue, and Water Rescue. He stated that these changes were in reference to OSHA standards and NFPA (1670, 472) standards.

Mr. Bednarek talked about the changes to Confined Space Rescue. Discussion took place. A motion was made by R.P. Mortenson and seconded by J. Swan to pass the changes for Confined Space Rescue. Motion passed. Mr. Bednarek continued to discuss the changes proposed for Trench Rescue. Questions and some discussion took place. A motion was made by C. Ware and seconded by J. Swan to pass the changes to Trench Rescue. Motion passed. Mr. Bednarek discussed the changes for Vehicle Machinery Rescue. A motion was made by J. Swan and seconded by C. Ware to pass the changes for Vehicle Machinery Rescue. Motion passed.

Mr. Bednarek said that the SCAC for the Collapse Rescue found that there was no published text book and the current test bank references the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Field Operations Guide (FOG). He said that he hopes to have this program complete by the next FAC meeting. C. Bednarek went over the information on Water Rescue and the Commission discussed. No action was taken.

- C. SCAC Instructor: B. Thompson gave an update on possible changes to the OSFM Instructor program. Mr. Thompson handed out a description of changes to the FAC members. The Instructor SCAC committee is considering a points-based system 100 points completed within four years to keep your current Instructor status. A question was asked if currently qualified instructors would be grandfathered in and the answer was no. In the handout was a possible point system laid out for each certification. There were additional questions and discussion. A motion was made by J. Reardon and seconded by R.P. Mortenson to pass the changes for the Instructor course. Motion passed.

- D. SCAC Juvenile Fire Setters: The FAC received an update on the program and a handout was given. Questions and discussion took place. No action taken.

- E. SCAC Chief Fire Officer: J. Dominick presented an update on the possible changes for Chief Fire Officer certification. He thanked the SCAC committee for their hard work. The program is 600 hours over a year. Graduation take place at the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) Symposium. Mr. Dominick also stated that 6 other states and 4 countries reached out to them for the program. The Fire Chiefs Association would like to see OSFM form a committee to take over the program. Questions and discussion took place. A motion was made by J. Reardon and

seconded by C. Ware to pass the changes for the Chief Offer Program. Motion passed.

F. Any other New Business:

- a. B. Thompson let everyone know that there was a Training Officer Boot Camp in Peoria April 21-23, 2017.

**VI. Public Comments:**

A. No Comments from the public

**VII. Motion to Adjourn by J. Reardon and second by J. Swan meeting adjourned 2:25 P.M.**