

NH Fire Standards and Training Commission**MEETING MINUTES** (Not Approved)**November 7, 2024**

9:30AM – **Dormitory Building, Classroom 5 & 6**

Please note the changes in the agenda in bold red.

FST Commission members present:

Alan Clark, Don DeAngelis, Robert Field, Frank Fraitzl, Neil Irvine, John Keller, Steven Lavoie, Ronald Sebastian, Jason Smedick, Sean Toomey, Eric Wilking

FST Commission members not present:

Jeffry Beard, Wayne Grudzein, Steven Sherman, Christina Wilson

Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS Staff:

Nick Bibeau, Casey Burrage, Corey Clark, Justin Cutting, Max Dodge, Jeffrey Phillips, Steve Soloman, Crystal Tuttle

Guests present:

Thomas Blanchette, Eric Lambert, Guy Newbery, Rob Freese, Keith Gilbert, Al Poulin, Peter Pszonowsky

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Membership- The AG's representative may change soon.

Item 3. Commemoration of Barry Bush and all his achievements with the Division of Fire Standards and Training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made (Field/Fraitzl) to approve the September 5, 2024 minutes as presented. All in favor with one abstention. None opposed. Motion passed.

II. REPORTS

Item 1. Questions/comments regarding reports (Division, EMS, CB, FMO, Forest Protection, Curriculum).

- Division Report- Jeff Phillips updated the Commission that Veteran Affairs has suspended eligibility to utilize benefits for fire and police training due to their online learning definition. Senator Shaheen is aware of this and is working to correct this alongside the Division.
 - The Division had applied for an EV development grant along with Vermont and was not awarded. It was awarded to the NFPA.

- FMO- Number of fire fatalities so far this year is 20, carbon monoxide and smoke detector messaging continue.
- Forests and Lands- Nothing to report.
- Coordinating Report-

Item 2. Waiver Report- Emily Crosby-FMO and Philips Biron- FMO

Item 3. Legislative Report – 200 LSR’s have been submitted.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES

Item 1. Administrative Rules Sub-Committee – No current meeting held.

Item 2. Curriculum Review Sub-Committee –

- Received applications for the FFI and FFII visiting committee, and the curriculum committee recommends appointing 7 members and 3 alternates. Per FSTC policy, the Curriculum Committee is responsible for providing guidance to Visiting Committees. There was discussion regarding the goals and outcomes of previous visiting committees.
- The Curriculum Committee agreed on the following guidance for the Firefighter Visiting Committee:
- The Firefighter I and Firefighter II programs must:
 - Meet NFPA standards.
 - Promote student-centered active learning.
 - Have clear performance objectives.
 - Consider the various delivery formats, including resident, nights and weekends, and On My Time.
 - Provide instructors with flexibility to adapt delivery when appropriate and within clearly defined limits.
 - Provide students with opportunities to practice and develop entry-level competence.
 - Use hybrid learning to prepare students for in-person performance.

A motion was made (Clark/Field) to accept the guidelines for the FFI and FFII visiting committee. All in favor. None opposed.

The following people were nominated for voting membership on the visiting Committee:

- Tom Blanchette, Loudon Fire Department Chief
- Cory Clark, FSTEMS Instructor
- Dana Cullen, Center Ossipee Fire Rescue Chief
- Jeff Currier, Bartlett Fire Department Chief
- Brad Hardie, FSTEMS Instructor
- Chad Miller, Littleton Fire Rescue Chief
- Bob Welch, FSTEMS Instructor

The following were nominated to be alternate members of the visiting committee:

- Raymond Abair, Springfield Fire Rescue Fire Inspector
- David Bengtson, Moultonborough Fire Rescue Chief
- Dan Tice, FSTEMS Instructor

A motion was made (Clark/Irvine) to accept the voting membership of the FFI and FFII visiting committee as presented. All in favor. None opposed.

A motion was made (Clark/ Fraitzl) to accept the alternate members of the FFI and FFII visiting committee as presented. All in favor. None opposed.

A motion was made (Clark/Fraitzl) to accept John Keller as the commission member representative to the visiting committee for FFI and FFII. All in favor. None opposed.

No public comment was provided during the public comment period for the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations curricula.

A motion was made (Clark/Field) to accept the Hazardous Materials Operations curricula as presented. All in favor. None opposed.

A motion was made (Clark/ Fraitzl) to accept the Hazardous Materials Awareness curricula as presented. All in favor. None opposed.

The airport firefighter curriculum was reviewed and has minimal changes, and so the curriculum committee sees no reason to seat a visiting committee.

A motion was made (Clark/Fraitzl) to post a public comment period for the airport firefighter curriculum. All in favor. None opposed.

Alan Clark will be the commission representative for the public hearing for airport firefighter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. Committee of Merit

- Ceremony is in April 2025. Awards committee has discussed potential candidates, and at the January meeting they will have a nomination.

Item 2. Nomination for Chair/ Vice Chair of FST Commission

- The nominating committee had one candidate for Chair, Frank Fraitzl and one for Vice Chair, Robert Field.

A motion was made (Clark/Smedick) to accept Frank Fraitzl as the FST Chair. All in favor, one abstention. None opposed. Motion passed.

A motion was made (Fraitzl/Smedick) to accept Robert field as Vice Chair of the FST Commission. All in favor, one abstention. None opposed. Motion passed.

Item 3. Vote on 2025 FST meeting schedule

- A discussion was held about the 2025 schedule date for January, which was originally January 2. Due to the holiday, the commission would like to move this date to January 9th at 10 am.

A motion was made (Fraitzl/Field) to accept the 2025 schedule as discussed with the date change for January. All in favor. None opposed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Max Dodge gave a presentation on the 2024 New Hampshire Fire Service Practice Analysis.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Item 1. A discussion was held on recruitment and retention and reaching municipalities and citizens about the need for personnel.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made (Field/ Fraitzl) to adjourn the meeting at 10: 50 am, passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2025 at 10 am

Respectfully submitted by Crystal Tuttle

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