

Iowa Fire Service & Emergency Response Council

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2022

Fire Service Training Bureau

Council Members Present:

Justin Adams – Chairperson - IA Professional Fire Chiefs

Jeff Kling – Vice Chairperson - Public Member

Pam Kenkel – Public Member

Scott Kovarna – IA Professional Firefighters

Ray Reynolds – IA Professional Fire Chiefs

Brian Platz – IA Fire Chiefs Association

Lonnie Koch – IA Firefighters Association

Megan Wichmann – IA Professional Firefighters

Thomas Craighton – IA Emergency Medical Services Association & IaSFSI

Joseph Mullen – OSHA, Division of Labor, Ex-Officio member

State Fire Marshal and FSTB Staff Present:

Dan Wood – State Fire Marshal

Jess Dunn – FSTB Bureau Chief

Don Minks- FSTB Special Programs Coordinator

Russ Grossman – FSTB Field Programs Coordinator

Gary Howard – FSTB Certification/Accreditation Coordinator

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Justin Adams, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda by Thomas Craighton; second by Brian Platz. Approved unanimous

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2022. Motion to approve the minutes by Ray Reynolds; Second by Thomas Craighton. Approved unanimous

IFSERC Membership Update:

Chairperson, Justin Adams stated that he talked to President Raska with the Iowa Firefighters Association, and they are working to fill their vacancy. Chairperson Adams also noted that Chief Deb Krebill had resigned her position with the Iowa Fire Chief Association due to her retirement. The Iowa Fire Chiefs Association is working on filling their open position.

Community College Report (Kim Fensterman):

Kim was not present for a report.

laSFSI Report:

Thomas Craighton stated that there will be a conference at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston on December 9th and 10th. The agenda includes Jerry Eslick teaching a class on Electric Vehicles. This will be a train the trainer class. There will also be a class taught by Mark Neff and Russ Grossman on the training props. The conference will also have a class taught by Steve Siemens that covers what is in the instructor's "toolbox" and a motivational speech. Per Thomas the 9th will be the Banquet, the President's Address, Fire Marshal and FSTB update. Al McCune is the instructor of the year and will give an hour log presentation.

SFM Update (SFM Dan Wood):

Arson & Explosive Bureau, Fire Prevention Bureau, Electrical Bureau, and Building Code Bureau continue to be as busy as ever. Despite what is going on in the world we continue to approve plans and do inspections at a record pace. No changes in staff since last meeting.

FSTB Update (Bureau Chief Dunn):

Jess gave his background of what he did before taking over as bureau chief. Jess introduced Don Minks. Don is the new program coordinator for the FSTB. Don is responsible for setting up fire school, conferences, and the upper-level fire classes. Jess also asked Gary Howard and Russ Grossman to give

updates on their areas. Gary gave the statistics on the number of exam sites held in 2022 and the number of practical sites held. So far in 2022 there have been 103 test sites with 16 more scheduled. There have been 93 practical sites with 12 more scheduled. After some discussion with the fire service Gary will be combining the written and the practical tests going forward in 2023. Chief Dunn stated that Haz-Mat Awareness test scores are low and the test themselves are being evaluated. Gary proposed raising the test questions to 30, 40, or 50 question tests. Discussion was had about the test bank and the testing process. It will continue being evaluated going forward. Russ's update included prop deployments and other classes the FSTB has been involved with.

Chief Dunn stated that the Bureau received an AFG Grant for a driving simulator. FSTB is working with DAS on procurement. The FSTB has been meeting with Camp Dodge and DAS about the FSTB training tower that will be built on Camp Dodge. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2024. Fire School will be at Prairie Meadows on April 1st and 2nd.

Division of Labor Update (Joe Mullen)

Joe talked about what his bureau does at the Division of Labor. Joe also talked about their safety conference they sponsor and invited the FSTB to participate.

Old Business

The 2022 Fireworks Grant Process- SFM Wood notes that there were 61 departments that applied for grants. There were 30 departments that received grant money. There were 15 (15 of the 30) departments that received the extractor washers through the grant

Sub-committee for the FSTB budget- Not discussed

Senate File 333 Training for Drivers- Much discussion was had about exactly what the legislators were looking for in this bill/law. Also discussed was Senate File 551. It was then determined to write a letter to LSA asking if what was being planned was the intent of the law. Chief Reynolds volunteered to write the letter.

New Business

Chief Dunn discussed how the FSTB is changing a position to reflect the same job description as Mark Neff's. This is a fire service technician. This is replacing an open information specialist position.

Other Business

None

Public Comments

None

Action Items

Letter to LSA about the Senate File 333.

Adjournment

Thomas Craighton called for a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Scott Kovarna. Motion Carried and Meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING – January 19, 2023 - 10:00AM at the FSTB