

**Nevada State  
Fire Service Standards & Training Committee (FSSTC)  
April 2, 2008  
10:00 am**

**Department of Public Safety Training Division  
2101 Snyder  
Video Conference Room #5  
Carson City NV  
775-687-1610 Extension 221  
AND**

**Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol  
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Room 105  
Las Vegas NV 89118  
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**Members Present:**

David Fogerson, Chairperson, Training Officer, East Fork Fire Protection District  
Gary Neilson, Division Chief, Reno Fire Department  
Lenny Mayorga, Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department  
Chad N. Hastings, Captain, Assistant Nevada State Fire Marshal, Nevada State Fire  
Marshal Division  
Alan Olsen, Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department

**Members Absent**

Ken Smith, Chief, Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department  
Jack Sussman, Training Officer, Blue Diamond Volunteer Fire Department

**Staff**

Denesa Johnston, Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Dennis Pinkerton, Training Manager, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
David Fischer, Training Officer, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

**Guests**

Kelli Baratti, State Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator, Nevada Division of Forestry  
Peter Mulvihill, Assistant Fire Marshal, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District  
Rob Edgington, Captain, Reno Fire Department  
Bruce Evans, Fire Tech Program Coordinator for C.S.N.  
Al Alcalde, Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department Training Center

John Ocegüera, Assistant Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department

**Call to order (Agenda Item 1)**

Chair Fogerson called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call and Introductions (Agenda Item 2)**

Introductions were made.

**Approval of December 10, 2008 (Agenda Item 3)**

The December minutes were approved as submitted. Chief Neilson moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Chief Mayorga seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Discussion of action that has taken place within the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division Training Section since December 10, 2007 (Agenda Item 4)**

Dennis Pinkerton gave a summary of the events that had taken place since the last FSSTC meeting:

- 7 NFA Direct Deliveries
- 5 Fire Academy grant funded classes were delivered
- 3 Fire Officer Series that were deemed necessary with the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association with an average of 24 students in each course, with two more courses remaining.
- And had the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Safety Officer series.

Certification Testing:

- Firefighter I - 8
- Firefighter II - 7
- Haz Mat Operations - 3
- Retesting - 8
- Haz Mat Operations retesting - 5
- Dennis and David Fischer were involved in 4 Live Fire Direct Deliveries
- Certificates issues – 630 - in 3 ½ months of which 108 were historical recognition

The State Fire Marshal Division staff developed a work training program that involved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Haz Mat class for Washoe County. The RFP had a successful bid awarded.

The Training and Certification Section has received 11 requests for testing over the next two months. The Request for Testing form is now available on the website for downloading.

State Fire Marshal Division Training Officer II (Ben Jenkins) transferred to Department of Public Safety Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) effective March 10, 2008 and will be

starting the NHP Academy in April in Carson City. Training Officer Jenkins was the I.F.S.A.C. Coordinator and worked to get everything done before leaving for NHP. The State Fire Marshal Division Training Section has received response from the FSSTC letter that was sent out regarding historical recognition. One Department Chief was unaware that historical recognition was available so Dennis Pinkerton called this Department Chief and discussed the process.

Pete Mulvihill asked Dennis Pinkerton when the time period ends for historical recognition. Dennis stated it ends on June 22, 2008, which will be one year from the date that the new FSSTC standards were accepted.

Chair Fogerson asked if there were any other questions, none were asked.

**Review of outline for State Fire Marshal division Standards for Incident Command System (ICS) training and qualifications (Agenda Item 5)**

Dennis Pinkerton was asked by Chair Fogerson to report on this Agenda Item.

Chief Mayorga offered to forward the email attachments regarding this Agenda Item to Bruce Evans and Al Alcalde.

Dennis Pinkerton shared that he was able to put together a basic information sheet with the goal of creating a standard for the State of Nevada that contains a problem statement and that this consisted of minimum standards. He read the document and asked Kelli Baratti to share her role in this subject.

Ms. Baratti reported that her role with forestry is to implement the mutual aid program that was developed approximately two (2) years ago and implement in Nevada. The E.M.S. came to them as a partner to address position specific training that D.E.M. had grant money for. This process has been educating them on the background that goes with it. It was suggested to them (NDF) that a committee be put together consisting of law enforcement, search and rescue, fire, and first responders. She thought FSSTC was a good place to start to identify the training needs, create a team concept, state training standards and plan, and take the NWCG standards to see what they would need to adapt for the State of Nevada. DEM suggested FSSTC support putting this working group together so that they can take a look at the issues she discussed and she would like to see a standard for Nevada.

Chair Fogerson thanked Ms. Baratti. He proceeded to discuss the history that was discussed at the December 10, 2007 FSSTC meeting held in Winnemucca. He shared that he would like to see one curriculum chosen for the state and would like the fire service to have a voice and that the state pick one ICS curriculum. During the Winnemucca meeting, this committee asked Dennis Pinkerton to come up with a “white paper” to explain what the facts are for this issue at the next meeting.

Chief Neilson asked who had the authority to pick the curriculum on behalf of the state.

Chair Fogerson said DEM was looking at picking it on behalf of the state

Ms. Baratti explained that she assumes it's to meet their grant deliverables, but it doesn't work for Nevada but would help them meet their federal requirements and at the same time deliver something that works for Nevada and that their training staff has bought off on the concept that was discussed today.

Ms. Baratti read the names of some of the people she has suggested to work on this. The names were Dennis Pinkerton from SFMD, Greg Jackson from NDF, Michelle Candy from DEM, Andy McAfee from DPS Training, Frank Adam from the NV Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, Ken Riddle from the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association, Richard Brenner from Clark County Haz Mat Fire, Dave Fogerson from FSSTC, Shaun Murphy from Elko County Sheriffs office, and Staci Giomi as a facilitator from Carson City.

Chair Fogerson said California has done the same process and has looked at all the ICS curriculum available.

Al Alcalde asked what ICS level (100, 100, 700, 800) was being addressed and position specific.

Chair Fogerson said yes so that everyone had the same training, interpretation and specific discipline, and that they meet all the qualifications.

Chief Neilson said in the white paper it references the 2006 edition of 310-1, and he understands NIMS working group is changing 310-1.

Ms. Baratti stated it will happen concurrently. NWCG and others were getting ready to come out with one set of task books. There is one model to work from. When DEM came to them in the beginning, they wanted position specific training to Chief Officer levels without any of the supporting experience. The suggestion was that Nevada would work on the proper scenarios, proper shadowing and not going out and deliver these specific trainings. This will not work for Nevada.

Chair Fogerson said that he knows the Sierra Front is doing shadowing.

Bruce Evans shared he's hearing two issues, to standardize curriculum and validating procedure with the task books. From the college standpoint, they are sending all their students to the U.S. Fire Administration website or US Fire District website. The nice thing about sending students there is that there is a transcript registered with FEMA, documenting that the students had taken the class and that it is a federally recognized position.

Chair Fogerson agreed and said that this is what they are trying to get across and is why the working group is important.

Ms. Baratti stated that in some other disciplines, someone will take the on-line course, leave the answers next to the computer and the entire class will use those answers. Another issue is NFPA in rural Nevada; it was hard for the members to meet the NFPA requirements. This committee would have a step process that would work for rural Nevada to get to the national standards for this type of subject

Chair Fogerson said that this committee should provide support to this committee with the stake holders to make the decision for the state.

Al Alcalde said in regards to the procedures, there is a flowchart out that shows the position specific, mentoring and shadowing on it.

Chief Neilson asked about keeping the records, who would be responsible for the records?

Chair Fogerson said it should be up to the AHJ to maintain the records.

Chair Fogerson said it will be up to the committee and asked if there was a motion to go forth with a working group.

Chief Neilson made the motion to go forth with a working group.

Alan Olsen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

**Update of I.F.S.A.C. (International Fire Service Accreditation Counsel) progress made by the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (Agenda Item 6)**

Dennis Pinkerton reported that Ben Jenkins had put a lot of hard work to insure that the application package was completed and the test bank was validated. He also shared that the application had to be revised and is currently awaiting support documentation regarding financial and staffing support, and is also awaiting this group (FSSTC) to approve the Self Study report.

**Review of IFSAC Self-Study Report (Agenda Item 7)**

Chair Fogerson asked Dennis Pinkerton to report on this Agenda Item.

Mr. Pinkerton gave a brief summary of the Self Study and shared that this has taken a lot of time to complete and that it was sent out to the FSSTC members for comments. As of this date, there have been no comments.

Bruce Evans asked if a date had been set for the site visit.

Mr. Pinkerton stated that there has not been a date set.

Bruce Evans said the self study was complete for the degree side and would like to coordinate it with this group and assist with the financial side of it.

Chair Fogerson asked for any comments and shared that the completion of the Self Study made the SFMD one step closer getting IFSAC accreditation. He thanked Rob Edgington and Dennis Pinkerton for the work they had put into this project.

Mr. Pinkerton also thanked Chair Fogerson for the time he put into the Self Study.

Chief Neilson motioned to accept the IFSAC Self Study as submitted.

Capt. Hastings seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

**Update report on the Nevada Administrative code (NAC) workshop that took place on February 13, 2008 in Carson City (Agenda Item 8)**

Capt. Hastings reported that the changes are currently sitting at the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). He also shared that the changes submitted that dealt with training were submitted and went to LCB as recommended. Adoption for NRS 455 regarding live fire training 1403 and clarify the adjunct instructors and removal of semi colons. The next step will be to hold a final hearing.

**Review of artistic graphic design(s) for the State Fire Marshal Fire Service Training certificates (Agenda Item 9)**

Chief Mayorga stated he sent the renditions to Denesa Johnston, Denesa stated she never received them. Chief Mayorga offered to resend them and asked that Denesa forward them to Chief Wright for his review. Chief Mayorga motioned to have Chief Wright make the final selection.

Alan Olsen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

**Discussion of Committee reappointment/appointment for July 1, 2008 (Agenda Item 10)**

Chair Fogerson asked for discussion of this Agenda Item.

Chief Neilson motioned to have the SFMD staff send the letters to the various organizations listed in the NRS for names.

This motion was seconded by Chad Hastings.

All voted in favor.

**Update of next meeting to be held in June 2008 during the Nevada State Firefighters Association Conference in Fallon Nevada (Agenda Item 11)**

Chair Fogerson asked Denesa Johnston if she had been able to contact and work with the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association on scheduling a date and time.

Denesa Johnston reported that she had spoke with Ken Riddle and he had made a suggestion of having the FSSTC meeting on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning. She will continue to work with the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association representative, Ken Riddle, to confirm this information.

It was also discussed by all those present that the interactive video was well received and could result in others attending from the rural areas.

Bruce Evans asked that the next time the committee does teleconferencing that the agenda have the number to dial in.

The committee members would also like to see a Video Conferencing for Dummies purchased or written for its members.

**General announcements and call for public comment (Agenda Item 12)**

Chief Mayorga shared that his department is developing a technical rescue team and that in order to receive state certification; the county has submitted their curriculum through the state.

Dennis Pinkerton shared that in the Professional Qualification Manual requires all the requirements within the NFPA, the individuals would have to complete all the requirements in order to receive a rescue tech certification through the State Fire Marshal Division.

It was asked if there was a task book for it.

Dave Fischer stated that the task book is being prepared at this time.

Chief Mayorga will work with Dave Fischer on obtaining the task book.

**Adjournment (Agenda Item 13)**

Chief Neilson motioned to adjourn.

Capt. Hastings seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.