

**NEVADA STATE  
FIRE SERVICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMITTEE (FSSTC)  
January 9, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.  
Regional Public Safety Training Center – Room 109  
5190 Spectrum Boulevard  
Reno, Nevada**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** David Fogerson (Chairperson) – Deputy Chief Trainer, East Fork Fire & Paramedic District  
Chad Hastings – Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Alan Olsen – Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department  
Gary Stevenson – Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department  
Lenny Mayorga – Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department  
Gary Neilson – Division Chief, City of Reno Fire Department  
Pat Irwin – Chair, Board of Fire Services, Lovelock Fire Department

**Absent:** Ken Smith, Chief, Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department

**Staff:** James Wright – Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Dennis Pinkerton – Bureau Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Denesa Johnston – Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

**Guests:** Rob Edgington – City of Reno Fire Department  
Peter Mulvihill, Assistant Fire Marshal, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District  
Alan Joes – Assistant Director, Louisiana State Fireman’s Training  
John Cunningham – Executive Director, Nova Scotia Firefighters School  
Lori DeGristina – Training Officer, State Fire Marshals  
Rose Henderson – Training Officer, Nevada Division of Forestry  
Mark Regan – Captain, Sierra Fire Protection District  
Scott Shields – City of Reno Fire Department

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairperson Fogerson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., with eighteen individuals in attendance.
- II. **Introductions** – Introductions were heard.
- III. **I.F.S.A.C. (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) presentation of findings from site visit** – Dennis Pinkerton introduced Alan Joes and John Cunningham and reported it was a two-day site visit; the first day regarded the administrative procedure and today’s session included a mock written test and practical skills exam. Mr. Joes expressed appreciation to the State Fire Marshal’s Office on behalf of IFSAC for the effort put forth with the accreditation process. He reviewed the IFSAC Site Visit Recommendations handout and stated that this information would also be included in the IFSAC Site Visit Report. Their recommendation was for accreditation, but only the Board of Governors can approve accreditation.
- IV. **FSSTC discussion and make necessary changes to the State Fire Marshal Division Training Professional Qualifications Manual as recommended by the FSSTC Chairman to be in compliance with I.F.S.A.C. certification accreditation** – Rob Edgington explained the manual was compiled from other manual information and had only four corrections. It was user-friendly and could be easily accessed from the website. Chairperson Fogerson thanked Dennis Pinkerton and Rob Edgington for their efforts with the manual.

**David Fogerson moved to direct staff to accomplish the recommendations from the site team visit. Chad Hastings seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**David Fogerson moved to encourage the State Fire Marshal to require Dennis Pinkerton’s attendance at the IFSAC Conference in April.** He explained Mr. Pinkerton should be in attendance to represent and explain the site team visit findings. **Gary Stevenson seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

- V. **Discussion regarding Investigator certification and Peace Officers Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) acceptance of the Nevada Fire Investigator curriculum** – Chairperson Fogerson reported he and Terry Taylor went to see Ron Perini to discuss the acceptance of Fire Investigator I standards in POST. Scott Johnston was currently working on establishing the Fire Investigator I standard to count for the intermediate POST requirements.
- VI. **General Announcements** (*Please note: No action may be taken on matters raised during this agenda item prior to inclusion of the matter itself as an action item on a future agenda.*)
- A. A comment was made thanking Dennis Pinkerton for his efforts towards the credibility of fire service in the State of Nevada.
- VII. **Call for Public Comment** – Such comment may be restricted to content that is within the authority of the committee. The committee may limit such comment to three minutes per person. (*Please note: No action may be taken on matters raised during this agenda item prior to inclusion of the matter itself as an action item on a future agenda.*)
- A. Chief Alameda reported he and Chief Neilson had a meeting yesterday with vendors to discuss re-establishing the Reno Fire Tech. It was noted the new name would be Fire Shows Reno and would be held on October 27-28, 2009 at the Silver Legacy, the downtown ballroom, and the downtown Events Center.
- B. Chairperson Fogerson stated future meeting dates needed to be set. It was noted that a final budget has not yet been set due to recent budget cuts therefore discussion of dates should be put on hold. It was also noted that additional funding for enhancements had been cut. Chairperson Fogerson suggested holding a teleconference meeting in May after the IFSAC Conference in April.
- VIII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

**Alan Olsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Chad Hastings seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Minutes approved 5/19/09**