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**Nevada State  
Fire Service Standards & Training Committee (FSSTC)  
June 26, 2009**

**Elko Convention Center  
700 Moren Way  
Ruby Room  
Elko, NV 89801**

Members Present:

Gary Neilson-Acting Chair, Division Chief, City of Reno Fire Department  
James M. Wright, Chief, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Alan Olsen-Training Officer, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department  
Lenny Mayorga-Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department

Members Absent:

Gary Stevenson-Training Officer, Clark County Fire Department  
David Fogerson-Chairperson, Deputy Chief Training, East Fork Fire & Paramedic District  
Ken Smith-Chief, Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department  
Pat Irwin-Chair, Board of Fire Service, Lovelock Fire Department

Staff:

Denesa Johnston-Administrative Assistant, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Dennis Pinkerton-Bureau Chief of Training, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Guest:

Ross Rivera, Ely Fire Department  
Lori DeGristina, Training Officer, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division  
Mike Heidemann, Executive Director, Nevada State Firefighter's Association

Call to Order and Roll Call (Agenda Item 1)

Chief Neilson called the meeting to order.

Introductions (Agenda Item 2)

Introductions were made.

Approval of May 19, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item 3)

Alan Olsen motioned for approval of Minutes at submitted.  
Chief Wright seconded the motion.

Discussion regarding I.F.S.A.C. (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress)  
accreditation costs for additional certification levels (Agenda Item 4)

Bureau Chief Pinkerton followed up with I.F.S.A.C. regarding the cost. The cost will be \$100.00 for each new level requested. This cost is from administrative review.

Report of the number of students tested from January 1, 2009 thru June, 2009 in Hazardous Materials and Firefighter (Agenda Item 5)

Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that there were a total of 686 tested/certified during that time frame.

Discussion of Reciprocity and other Professional certification levels that currently do not require testing for certification by the Professional Qualifications manual adopted by FSSTC (Agenda Item 6)

Bureau Chief Pinkerton asked that this be placed on the next agenda. He will build guidelines for the procedure and submit it during the next meeting for approval by this Committee.

Chief Neilson shared that he would like to have a subcommittee to review Reciprocity requests.

Discussion regarding the validation of the Hazardous Material Operation & Awareness and Fire Service Instructor test bank (Agenda Item 7)

Bureau Chief Pinkerton reported that the Instructor test bank took two days to validate with few changes being made.

Training Officer DeGristina shared that there were four people involved in the validation of the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations test banks and that it only took one day. There were not a lot of changes made.

Discussion regarding the scheduling of upcoming meetings (Agenda Item 8)

Bureau Chief Pinkerton shared that he has discussed upcoming meeting with Chair Fogerson.

Chair Fogerson expressed that he would like to have this Committee meet quarterly and that the meetings be made productive.

The Fire Service Board budget was discussed. Chief Wright shared that this Board currently has a "zero" budget. One of the issues that were addressed during the forming of the Board budget was the fact that the Board Members did not claim per diem, thus showing no activity. Since FSSTC has been more active, the budget was able to remain established.

Acting Chair Neilson asked that Bureau Chief Pinkerton work with Denesa Johnston and Chair Fogerson to schedule future dates.

General Announcement (Agenda Item 9)

Chief Neilson shared that it has been an honor serving on both the Fire Service Standards & Training Committee and the Fire Service Board. He also mentioned that Chief Wagner's position is open on the Fire Service Board. He stated that he has seen a positive change take place at the State Fire Marshal Division

Call for public comment (Agenda Item 10)

Ken Riddle commented that the Nevada Fire Chief's Association will be hosting the Fire Show Reno and that for the first 100 people to register, their organization can send a second person free.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 11)

Chief Wright motioned to adjourn meeting.

Alan Olsen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.