

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

ELECTRONIC MEETING through Microsoft Teams Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021, 6:00 PM

- A. Call to order and determination of quorum - 6:00PM
Board Members Present
Eric Dreiman (Chair); Eric Gentry (Vice Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary); Joel Thacker (State Fire Marshal); M. Burke Jones; John Smith; Tom Hanify; Clayton Kinder; Amy Biggs; Pedro Caceres
NOTE: Due to the Board Members attending electronically all votes were conducted by roll call vote.
Board Members Absent
Tim Smith
Staff Members Present
Alyssa Schroeder; Jonathan Whitham; Wade Walling; Elizabeth Westfall; Regine Johnson
- B. Consideration and approval of January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- C. State Fire Marshal Report – Joel Thacker
COVID-19 Vaccines - on track
Code Enforcements - busy with basketball tournament
Fire Fatalities – update on current number
- D. Academy Director – Wade Walling
Meghan Thiele – New Program Manager for Districts five (5) and six (6).
Instructor and Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics curriculum changes.
Instructor certifications will be aligned to the same expiration date.
Elizabeth Westfall –
Academy Appointments can be scheduled online.
Special Recognitions nominations can be made online on the Academy webpage.
NIFERS reporting is low for the Fire side at forty-eight percent (48%). EMS is over ninety percent (90%). This information is available on the Academy webpage.
- E. Old Business –
1. Best Practices legislation (IC 36-8-10.511) Alyssa Schroeder
Review of draft.

2. Investigation of Vehicle Rescue Technician course (VRT0002) and recommendation for disciplinary action. The Board declined the Academy's disciplinary recommendation. The Board proposed a different recommendation.
Shawn Husband

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2. Complete four (4) mentored courses.
3. Complete and pass the Instructor Reciprocity exam.

Walt Goble

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2. Complete four (4) mentored courses.
3. The Vehicle Rescue Technician test and skills are voided. Cannot test for this certification for one (1) year. He must complete and pass skills and the cognitive exam to gain this certification.
4. Complete and pass the Instructor Reciprocity exam.

Motion to approve 1st by Eric Gentry, 2nd by John Smith, Rob Lund abstained from voting, all other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

- F. New Business – None currently
- G. Open discussion, comments, questions?
Rescue certifications that were included in the IAC 655 Emergency Rule Rewrite.
- H. Adjournment

Next meeting: June 10, 2021