

**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**

AGENDA

**March 18, 213 6pm
WAYNE TWP FD
700 N HIGH SCHOOL RD
INDPLS IN 46214
317-247-8501**

- A MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:10 pm
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF February 4th, 2013 minutes as submitted.
- D. CERTIFICATIONS REPORT, Barbara Goble
- E VARIANCE REQUESTS
 - 1. Aaron Floor is requesting variances for Fire Investigator and Instructor I based on fire science degree classes at Southwest Michigan College.

Staff recommendation is denial. There is no record of skills being completed and the class description is for the basic levels.
 - 2. Benjamin Renz is requesting variances for instructor II/III based on his Law Enforcement Instructor.

Staff recommends approval based on the information submitted.
 - 3. Elizabeth Westfall is requesting a variance for instructor II/III based on her current PI.

Staff recommends denial. The Primary Instructor course does not meet the requirements of NFPA.
 - 4. Marty McCrindle is requesting a variance for the live burn portion of Firefighter I/II skills. The state has denied use of the live burn trailer for individuals not 18 years of age. The Elkhart Area Career Center is unable to do

this skill because we do not have the facilities to complete them. I am asking that the students not be required to do this skill.

John Buckman recommends denial. The State is not responsible for providing live burn facilities to be used by career centers or local FD's. OSHA declares that interior structural firefighting for persons under the age of 18 is determined to be unsafe. Expecting that IDHS or the State Firefighter Training System would knowingly provide a training prop to be used by persons under the age of 18 would place us in violation. If 17 year olds do not have to successfully complete this skill, they are not complying with the NFPA standard as required per Board rules. Allowing any person to become certified when they are publicly declaring they are not completing all of the skills will open the door for many other applicants for certification to request the same variance or additional variances simply they can't access the props or equipment.

5. Trevor Gallaway is requesting a variance for the 180 day requirement for skills. He states that due to multiple issues, he has not been able to complete the written exam and would like an extension on the skills.

Staff recommends denial. He cannot locate paperwork that shows he has completed the skills or when. The lead evaluator has not produced a copy of the skills.

6. Dennis Scott Zelhart is requesting a variance for Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply under reciprocity for equivalent raining. Charles Fadale has submitted a letter explaining that he acted as evaluator for the skills that were done on February 15th. 2013. Capt. Zelhart completed a written exam of 35 questions and passed the skills.

John Buckman recommendation is approval based upon the new information.

The board stated at the February meeting that:

“Candace Ashby made a motion to deny the request based on self testing when there is a written/practical skill test in place. I also think that Mr. Zelhart should be commended for the work he put into this. I also believe that he should have no problem passing the written/practical testing. Mike Garvey seconded the motion. Motion to deny passed.

Jeff Hayes asked the staff if Brandon Wood would be willing to go to Fishers to help put this group through the skills. “

Charles Fadale evaluated the skills and he does not hold the certification and the test. They have also submitted training records for Mr. Zelhart.

Capt. Zelhart is also requesting a variance to be able to teach/ be lead evaluator for this certification.

F. REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY.

G. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

1. Dennis Musgrave is appealing the Board's decision on denying his variance for Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV based on college degrees.

H. STATE FIRE MARSHAL, James Greeson

I. HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF OF STAFF Mike Garvey.

J. STATE FIRE TRAINING DIRECTOR John Buckman.

- Online application
- Online PSID application
- Online Lead Evaluator application
- Online testing
- Application process
- Modular testing / adding HMO to module 2

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, Judge Bippus

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING:

April 29, 2013 6pm
Ft Wayne Training Facility
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