

**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 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.

Staff recommends denial. If 17 year olds do not have to do this skill, they are not meeting the NFPA standard as required per Board rules.

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 recommendation is to deny. He cannot locate paperwork that shows he has completed the skills or when.

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.

Staff recommendation is denial. 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 Capt. Zelhart passed is a 35 question test (state’s test is 100 questions) and the answers on this test were already in bold. They have also submitted training records for Mr. Zelhart. Brandon Wood was not contacted for assistance in this matter and to our knowledge; Mr. Zelhart did not attempt to contact anyone else holding the certification to assist.

There is no question that Capt. Zelhart assisted in creating this certification. However, the test is made of questions both submitted by Capt. Zelhart, the state of Kentucky questions and NFPA questions. If this is allowed, why should anyone take the state testing if they can create their own and have anyone evaluate the skills? This would open the door for anyone that did not want to follow the rules.

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 REPORT,

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, Judge Bippus

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING:

**April 29, 2013 6pm
Ft Wayne Training Facility
7602 Patriot Crossing
Ft Wayne IN 46816
260-439-8200**

