

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC)
Indianapolis Marriott East
7202 East 21st. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219
September 14, 2023, 1:00 PM (Eastern Time)
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to order and determination of quorum - 1:00PM

Board Members Present

Eric Gentry (Vice-Chair); Amy Biggs; Pedro Caceres; Tom Hanify; M. Burke Jones; Stephen Jones (State Fire Marshal); Clayton Kinder; Tony Murray; Steve Anderson

Board Members Absent

Eric Dreiman (Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary); Scott Garrett; Tim Smith

Staff Members Present

Hillary Egan; Justin Guede; John Shafer; Zach Mathews; Michael Parks; Regine Johnson; Nichelle Elliott; Elizabeth Westfall

B. Consideration and approval of:

1. June 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 2023 minutes by M. Burke Jones, 2nd by Pedro Caceres. All other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

C. State Fire Marshal Report – Stephen Jones

- Hub-and-Spoke Training – Kick off for phase one was in August 2023.
- Volunteer Fire Departments PPE grant money
- Fire Investigations – (59) fifty-nine adults and (8) eight children’s fatalities to date.
- Smoke alarm awareness
- AFFF foam/PFAS – 243 sites have participated <https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/foam-program/>
- Fire Chiefs Academy – Education Opportunity

D. Academy Director Report – John Shafer

- Academy positions are filled.
- New feature on IDHS website – Instructor’s corner which includes FAQ’s, how to access Instructor templates, and the Instructor Handbook.
- Fire Chiefs Academy – 5th class completed.
- National Fire Academy – (8) eight additional classes will be offered this year. 1st class to be offered in Evansville, Indiana.
- Next Level project – 1.1 million prop funds will be offered.
- Incident Management Teams – new website
- Curriculum updates – New Fire Investigator program and Driver Operator has changed to the IFSTA book.
- (90) ninety departments have been visited in the last (6) six months.

E. Old Business – None currently

F. New Business – None currently

G. Legal

1. OALP draft template

Motion to approve by Tom Hanify, 2nd by M. Burke Jones. All other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

2. Delegate issues to OALP

Motion to approve by Tony Murray, 2nd by Stephen Jones. All other voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

3. 655 IAC – Rule Rewrite update

- Fines/Monetary fees went before the OMB and is currently waiting on a letter of Approval. The next step will be a Public Hearing about fees.

H. Open discussion, comments, questions? – None Currently

I. Adjournment at 1:20PM

Next meeting: December 13, 2023,
10:00AM
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