



BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

June 17, 2020 6pm
Meeting Minutes
WEBEX
Virtual meeting conducted due Covid-19
Indianapolis, Indiana

NOTE: All variance requests must be received no less than twenty (20) days prior to a meeting of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education in order to be included in the agenda.

A. Call to order 6:00 PM – Meeting called to Order

Board Members Present

Eric Gentry (Vice Chair); Jason Rogers (Secretary); Tom Hanify; Joel Thacker (State Fire Marshal); John Smith; John Brown (Director of Training & Preparedness and Director of Planning); M. Burke Jones; Rob Lund

NOTE: Due to the Board Members attending via webinar all votes were taken by roll call vote, with members stating their name and their vote.

Board Members Absent

Eric Dreiman (Chair)

Staff Members Present

Wade Walling; Elizabeth Westfall; Donna Saine; Phil Mellencamp; William Huffer; Paul Bradley; Regine Johnson; Jim Campbell; Brian Bowden; Eric Funkhouser; Patrick Fisher; Zach Westfall; Jonathan Whitham; Kristi Shute; Elliot Anderson

B. Consideration and approval of May 4, 2020 Fire Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes 1st by M. Burke Jones, 2nd by John Brown; all voting members voted to approve the May meeting minutes. *Motion carries.*

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Joseph Hall 9484-5227 Fire Officer 1 - 38 points



Motion to approve 1st Rob Lund, 2nd John Smith; all voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

2. Anthony Knight 7604-4267 Fire Officer 3 - 64 points

Motion to approve 1st Joel Thacker, 2nd John Brown; all voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

3. Donald Keck 3283-4968 Fire Officer 4 – 114 points

Motion to approve 1st John Smith, 2nd Joel Thacker; all voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.

D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial) -

1. Randall Miller 5419-6631 – Fire Officer 1 – 104 points – *Request Withdrawn*

2. Randall Miller 5419-6631 – Fire Officer 2 – 104 points – *Request Withdrawn*

E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation) – None

F. State Fire Marshal Report –Joel Thacker

IDHS is making great strides in offering online training.

G. Academy Administrator – Wade Walling

Grants – Reminder - New grant cycle begins July 1st, 2020

IDHS staff is working on processing previous grant requests. Award letters for approved grant funds will be issued once the process is complete.

Online Continuing Education Courses - Ohio Health Safety Institute (HSI247) 24-7.HSI.COM will offer Indiana Firefighters online in-service hours beginning July 1st, 2020. The courses are being offered at a discounted rate.

IFSTA Curriculum updates -

- **Mandatory - one hundred percent (100%) online interactive courses.** This course is offered at the students' pace. Students will still have to work with their local Fire Department to complete practical skills and the cognitive test.
- **Inspector 1 – one hundred percent (100%) online Instructor lead course.** Course information and registration can be found in Acadis now. * This course can still be offered in the traditional format.
- **Firefighter 1 & 2 – is currently being worked on to be offered as a hybrid course.**
- **IFSTA Mobile App – Free phone app that has interactive content, skills video, and tool identification module just to name a few of the features.**

- Indiana Landing page – learning material, videos, and quizzes are among the many features offered. Online courses can be held on this site also. Please contact Wade Walling or John Konrad for more information.

Trailer Updates – Fire Training Confidence Training Trailer is available now. Scheduling for trailers is done in Acadis under the Academy Resources tab. You can also schedule the new Hazmat Trailer, SCBA Confidence Trailer, or Live Fire Training Trailer in Acadis.

- H. Director of Training/Preparedness & Planning – John Brown
Emergency Preparedness Training - will begin again after July 4, 2020.
K-9 Program – Since March 17, 2020, thirty-seven (37) deployments have been made for the Accelerant-Detection and Cadaver-Detection K9’s.
- I. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders – Legal – Elliot Anderson
 Elliot Anderson – will operate as the Boards’ counsel.
 Krisit Shute – will handle administrative appeals.
- J. Old Business –
 Elizabeth Westfall – Curriculum Updates
Rope Rescues Committee – Skills are being finished, test questions are currently being written.
Vehicle Extraction - First Beta test is currently being conducted in District One. A second Beta test schedule to take place in District Ten. Books for this course are scheduled to be delivered next week.
Instructor Committee -
 Eric Funkhouser (Committee Chair)- Jones and Bartlett and IFSTA books has been reviewed.
 Recommendation to adopt the IFSTA 9th Edition curriculum.
 Brian Bowden (Committee Vice Chair) - The benefits with the IFSTA curriculum better fits the needs of the direction Indiana is going.
Motion to approve 1st Joel Thacker, 2nd Jason Rogers; all voting members voted to approve. Motion carries.
Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics Committee -
 Brian Bowden – IFSTA offers a few features like the Moodle and Blue Chip programs.
 Recommendation to adopt IFSTA Structural Firefighting: Initial Response Strategy and Tactics, 2nd Edition for the new curriculum.
 Eric Funkhouser – Resource One offers Instructors the ability to give prebuilt quizzes. Recommendation to adopt IFSTA for the new curriculum.
A motion to approve was made and withdrawn for further consideration of the proposed curriculum. Board Counsel Elliot Anderson stated that tabling the matter was not needed due to this not being on the Agenda.

- K. New Business –
Donna Saine – Updated the Fire Academy's Policies and Procedures and would like the Fire Board members to review them and give their feedback.
- L. Open discussion, comments, questions?
Jason Rogers - Officially stepping down as a member of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education.
Elliot Anderson – Will research the statues of the IAC 655 rule re-write.
Regine Johnson – With Jason Rogers’s resignation as a member of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, a new Secretary will need to be elected.

Motion to adjourn by Jason Rogers, 2nd John Brown, and all members voted to approve. Meeting is adjourned.

Fireboard WebEx Information

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Next meeting: September 10, 2020 10am IERC - Conference
TBA – Dates may change due to COVID-19

Approved: _____
Eric Dreiman, Chair

Date: _____