

FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD

**Work Session
January 21, 2009
Olympia, WA**

Board Members Present: Mike Ciraulo, Dean Shelton, T.J. Nedrow, Jim Broman, Scott Kramer, Wayne Wienholz, and Rick Chaney.

WSP Staff Present: Mike Matlick, Ellen Tombleson, Paul Perz, Paul Snider, Esther Hernandez and Anjela Pimentel

Guests Present: Chief Brian Van Camp, Bryan Pearson and Ward Knable.

Opening

Chair Nedrow open the meeting at approximately 9:10 with introductions, and a reminder to Board Members that if they are unable to attend a meeting or work session that they email he and Ellen Tombleson.

Chair Nedrow advised that he would like to add the following items for discussion on the agenda:
State of Washington Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition
SBCC's Report on Private Sprinkler Systems

Presentations

Decentralized Basic Firefighter Training Program – State Fire Marshal Mike Matlick provided an overview of the Decision Package for the Decentralized Delivery of Basic Firefighter Training, and advised that this proposal will be put forth in the 2011 session. Jim Broman suggested that further detail on measurable impacts be included in the “consequences” section, and include the need for additional facilities. Mike advised he would revise the document and present it again for review at the February meeting.

Budget Strategy – State Fire Marshal Mike Matlick provided an overview of the General Funds cuts to the Bureau, which resulted in a reduction of \$73,500 to the Fire Training Academy and \$8,300 to the Firefighter I program, and advised more cuts may be coming in the future.

Discussion was held on the Bureau's two new programs (RIP Cigarettes and Fire Sprinkler Pipe Fitter). Fees for both programs have not been approved. Mike advised that these programs may end up as self-regulating and the Bureau will continue to monitor the budget and workload associated with implementing these programs. Jim Broman requested talking points that include a factual assessment of the issues and what impact the lack of funding would have.

Mike also provided an overview of the Bureau's funding structure by fund.

Fire Training and Education Review Committee - Chief VanCamp provided an overview of the Decision Package for funding to develop and maintain the web based training program. Mike advised that this package did not go forward. Chief Van Camp also provided an overview of the Committee's proposed 2009 Work Plan. During discussion on the Work Plan, T.J. requested the committee consider a 24 month Work Plan from the Committee. Following Chief Van Camp's advisement that the Committee is now meeting every other month, T.J. requested that the Policy Board Chair be informed if there becomes a lack of participation by committee members.

At the February Regular FPPB meeting, the Board shall take action to approve Ward Knable being appointed to the Committee.

Legislative Strategy – Mike provided an overview of non-FPB capital projects approved in the Governor's budget and highlighted the critical need for stakeholder support in obtaining budget approval for the food service project and other needs at the Fire Training Academy. Rick Chaney suggested moving ahead now to be in alignment and prepared if funding were to arise out of a federal stimulus package.

JLARC Report – T.J. provided an overview of the information he provided in response to a request from JLARC, regarding the value and relevance of the Fire Protection Policy Board and statewide decision making process. T.J. advised that he provided information regarding meeting dates, terms and costs of operating the Fire Protection Policy Board, along with copies of the Fire Protection Policy Board's Strategic Plan, the Fire Prevention Master Plan, and the Fire Training and Education Committee's Master Plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Accreditation of Port of Seattle Fire Department – Paul Snider provided an overview of the Information Item for re-accreditation of Port of Seattle Fire Department's NFPA 1001 Firefighter II Program and accreditation of their NFPA 1003 Airport Firefighter Program, and advised these will be presented as Decision Items at the February 25, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Raw Test Scoring – Paul Snider reviewed the Information Item on Raw Test Scoring and the handout detailing test summaries for all accredited levels. In discussion, it was suggested that it would be beneficial to have input from the non-accredited entities as well. Mike advised staff would draft a recommendation that could be shared with the constituency groups.

In further discussion, Rick Chaney advised that he would like to revisit the Pro-Board decision where a non-appointed representative sitting in for an appointed board member voted on a motion. The item will be scheduled for the February regular meeting.

Washington State Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition - T.J. provided an overview of the newly formed Washington State Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition and advised that they are developing their plan to promote adoption of residential fire sprinkler systems in Washington State's Building and Fire Codes. To date there has been no request to provide a Policy Board representative on the Coalition.

SBCC's Report on Private Sprinkler Systems – Scott Kramer provided an overview of the State Building Code Council's (SBCC) report on Private Sprinkler Systems and advised that there is a recommendation in the report for the legislature to require the Fire Protection Policy Board to collect additional data. It was not clear as to what data could or could not be collected without changes in reporting requirements or staff time. Both Scott Kramer and Anjela Pimentel are on the SBCC's TAG and will continue to forward information to the Board as it becomes available.

REPORTS

State Fire Marshal's Office - Deputy State Fire Marshal Esther Hernandez provided an overview of the media kits which are being made available to fire department and districts through unexpended funds in the regional Contracts Program. Esther advised that the media kits were developed as a tool to departments to use as a resource in their media efforts.

E911 Committee – No report

SIEC – No new report

SFDC – It is anticipated that the State Fire Defense Committee will forward the new Mobe Plan to the Policy Board for their review at their April Works Session for adoption in May.

Fire Prevention Committee – Wayne Wienholz advised that the Fire Prevention Committee's next meeting will be in February in Ellensburg. The Committee will focus on the Fire Protection Policy Board's Goals and Strategic Plan.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee – No report

Forum – Jim Broman advised that the Forum met on January 20 and discussed DNR representation on the FPPB, FSDC and Forum now that Mark Kahley's position on the Board is vacant.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30.

Next Meeting

February 25, 2009

WSP Conference Room

General Administration Building

Olympia, WA