

FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD

Regular Meeting February 25, 2009 GA Building – Olympia

Board Members Present: T.J. Nedrow, Wayne Wienholz, Scott Kramer, Dean Shelton, Rick Chaney

Board Members Absent: Jim Broman, Mike Ciraulo

WSP Staff Present: Mike Matlick, Paul Perz, Anjela Pimentel, Paul Snider and Kathy Ritter

Guests Present: Bryan Pearson, Bob Garrison

OPENING:

Chair Nedrow opened the meeting at 9:11 with introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rick Chaney moved and Wayne Wienholz seconded to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2008 Work Session and the January 21, 2009, Regular Meeting. Motion passes. Unanimous.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT:

State Fire Marshal Mike Matlick advised that fees for the Fire Sprinkler Fitter Program, the Fire Safe Cigarette Program and the Fire Training Academy did not go forward in the Governor's budget. SFM Matlick indicated we would go forward with the Fire Safe Cigarette program until August 1. After that there is no funding for the program. SFM Matlick further advised that he has been in contact with Ms. Julie Murray in the Governor's Office and is waiting to hear back from her on the issue of fees.

The revision of the Mobilization Plan is progressing. There are significant changes as relayed to the Board by Chief Dave Lafave, Fire Defense Committee Chair. Further, the Incident Commander and Operations Section Chief on Type 3 Teams must have National Wildland Firefighter credentials to function at a wildland fire.

Assistant State Fire Marshal Anjela Pimentel advised that Ms. Maria Valledares has been hired in the Union Gap Deputy position and will begin on March 9. She further advised that the Bellevue Deputy position is on hold due to the hiring freeze. Filling this position will need to once again go through the approval process. The unfunded Plan Review and vacant Sprinkler Licensing positions are also on hold due to the hiring freeze.

SFM Matlick briefed the Board on the cost of the trip to Spokane for the Chief's meeting. A spreadsheet with expenses for the overnight trip was developed, which showed the total expenses as approximately \$4,000.

SFM Matlick advised the sewer and dorm building projects were progressing according to schedule. SFM Matlick advised that the agency fared very well in the Governor's budget and did not take the same level of budget reductions as other cabinet agencies.

SFM Matlick further advised that as the FTA projects were not "shovel ready" they are not eligible for federal stimulus funding,

DECISION ITEMS:

Raw Score vs. Standard Testing:

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Paul Snider passed out charts showing the impact of raw scoring vs. Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) when the tests were administered by the Fire Training Academy, Bates Technical College, and local career and volunteer agencies.

Mr. Perz explained that the question came from the TAG, "If we had an ideal program, regarding scoring and testing of our standards process, what would that look like?" One of the recommendations from the Training and Education Committee was to take a look at web based training and testing. CDSFM Snider is researching these possibilities.

The question proposed to the Board is should the SEM be removed, and the passing score of 80% be retained, or should an alternate passing score be determined?

Chair Nedrow advised that he had heard from Chief Broman and Mike Ciraulo who asked that the decision be postponed since all of the information is not available. Chair Nedrow advised that the Board would defer the decision until May, at the earliest.

Accreditation of Port of Seattle Fire Department Programs:

NFPA 1001 Firefighter II

NFPA 1003 Airport Firefighter

In reviewing the Decision Item presented, Chair Nedrow acknowledged that site visits were conducted, and that it was the recommendation of the site team that both programs be accredited.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accredit the Port of Seattle Fire Department's NFPA 1001 Firefighter II and NFPA 1003 Airport Firefighter Programs. **Motion passes.** Unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

May Board Meeting Location:

Chair Nedrow advised the Policy Board would decline holding their meeting in conjunction with the State Chief's conference in Spokane. This may be discussed again at the April Work Session.

Revisit of Pro-Board Accreditation:

Chair Nedrow acknowledged that an error had occurred in the voting process on the Pro-Board Accreditation Decision Item during the November 19, 2008, Regular Meeting. Joe Schramek's vote on the issue is invalid,

Chair Nedrow announced the need to revisit the Decision Item. Mr. Wienholz developed the following motion for approval of the Board:

MOTION: To revise the voting results from the November 19, 2008, vote on the Pro Board Accreditation Item by removing from the vote by Joe Schramek. Mr. Schramek's vote is not allowed under the Policy Board's Operational Guidelines. Therefore, the original vote should be revised to reflect 2 yea votes, and 3 nay votes. The vote by the Chair to break the original tie would, therefore, not be counted. The motion to adopt Pro Board Accreditation would therefore be defeated.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was held on whether or not the vote was valid. It was agreed that the motion, as developed and read by Mr. Wienholz would be voted on.

Motion passes. Unanimous.

Guidelines of the Fire Protection Policy Board:

Chair Nedrow advised that it is the responsibility of the Chair and Vice-Chair to ensure that the Board's Operational Guidelines are followed in a prudent and proper manner.

Discussion was held on the Chair's participation in voting on issues brought to the Board for approval. Following discussion on the conflicting language, Mr. Wienholz advised that he would research this issue and provide additional information to the Board during their May 27, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Elimination of Fire Protection Policy Board:

During discussion on the proposed elimination of the Fire Protection Policy Board, it was generally agreed that the Board is effective in providing input to the WSP Chief and providing a voice for the fire service on emerging issues. It was noted that there are 150 Boards and Commissions that are identified to be eliminated. Further discussion on this issue will be held as necessary.

Board Assignments:

During discussion it was agreed that due to Board vacancies, board assignments will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Appointments:

County and DNR positions remains unfilled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30, following review of the Fire Protection Policy Board's Strategic Plan, Pending List and Annual Calendar.

Next Meeting**May 27, 2009 – 9:00**

WSP Conference Room

General Administration Building

Olympia, WA 98504