

FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD

Work Session
July 22, 2009 - Olympia, WA

Board Members Present: Dean Shelton, T.J. Nedrow, Scott Kramer, Joe Shramek and Gregory Dean.

Participating via Conference Call: Mike Ciraulo and Rick Chaney

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

Guests Present: Robert Bradley – WA. State Association of Fire Marshals
Ward Knable - Training and Education Committee
Bryan Pearson - Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
Bob Garrison – International Code Council

Opening

Chair T.J. Nedrow opened the Work Session at approximately 9:10 with introductions. T.J. welcomed Chief Gregory Dean, Seattle Fire Department, who replaced Chief Jim Broman, representing fire chiefs and Mr. Joe Shramek, who replaced Mark Kahley as the WA. Dept. of Natural Resources representative. T.J. also advised that Wayne Wienholz resigned from his position representing the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, and that the Governor's Office hopes to have a replacement appointed to this position by the end of August. T.J. further advised that Mr. Jim Hall, Director of Emergency Management for Yakima County, has been appointed to the Board as the County Representative.

DISCUSSION

Board Liaison Positions – T.J. reviewed the current Board liaison positions, and requested Board members to give thought to the open positions:

State Fire Defense Committee – Joe Shramek
Fire Prevention Committee – will discuss with new WSAFM representative, when appointed
Training and Education Committee – Rick Chaney
State Executive Interoperability Committee – Mike Matlick agreed to provide meeting information to the Board, as he is already a sitting member on this Committee
E911 – T.J. Nedrow will be primary representative; would like secondary representative
Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee – T.J. Nedrow
WA. State Fire Service Leadership Forum – Need 3 representatives

These positions will be further discussed and monitored as necessary.

Status of Committee Deliverables – Paul Perz advised that articles regarding the board's decision on using raw test scores have been developed and will be submitted for publication in the major fire service association newsletters. T.J. suggested also having this information posted on the Bureau's web page. Paul also advised that the Training and Education Committee will review the Policy Board's Strategic Plan to determine which goals can be accomplished without funding.

Anjela Pimentel advised that the Prevention Committee has not met since the last Fire Protection Policy Board meeting. She further advised that the Committee has reviewed the Strategic Plan deliverables and removed anything with financial impact. The Committee remains focused on data collection and has developed fire death data reports that have been posted on the internet. In further discussion regarding fire deaths, Dean Shelton questioned if presumptive firefighter deaths are captured in the fire death data. Anjela advised that they are not, and advised that the issue of classifying line of duty deaths was discussed the previous day at the Washington State Fire Service Leadership Forum meeting.

In further discussion regarding the Board's standing Committees and the challenge on achieving maximum participation, it was suggested that the meeting schedule be revised to quarterly meetings, with the continued option to participate via conference call.

In further discussion it was agreed that the Board's standing committees should be structured to focus on work plans and product deliverables. It was agreed that the success of the committees is heavily dependent on strong, central leadership provided by the committee chair, and supported by the Policy Board.

Following discussion on updating the Policy Board's Strategic Plan, Mike Ciraulo, Scott Kramer and Dean Shelton agreed to participate on an internal committee to develop initial recommendations for establishing specific goals for review at the October Work Session. T.J. advised he would communicate with the Committee Chairs regarding interim expectations of their efforts during revision of the Fire Protection Policy Board's Strategic Plan.

Pro-Board Presentation – Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Fred Piechota, from the Pro-Board, would be included on the August 26 agenda to have further discussion on the issue of Pro-Board certification. Paul Perz advised he would have staff make the necessary contact with Mr. Piechota.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Adoption of Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator – Pumper Paul Perz provided an overview of the Information Item, clarifying that it does not replace the EVAP or EVIP program. During discussion, Rick Chaney clarified that the CDL component of EVIP is a mechanism for satisfying the CDL requirement for driving apparatus. T.J. advised that Board members need to make their associations aware that this will be brought forward for a decision at the August meeting.

Re-Accreditation of Volunteer Firemen's Subsidiary (VFIS) Emergency Vehicle Accident Prevention Program – Following Paul Perz' overview of this Information Item, discussion was held on the written test score. It was agreed that the passing test score should be set at 80% to maintain consistency. Staff will contact Mr. Dave Love, Program Manager for VFIS to advise that per Board direction, the written passing score is requested to be revised to 80%. T.J. advised that he would communicate with the Washington State Fire Fighters Association to advise them of this change.

Accreditation of Everett Community College Hazardous Materials Operations Level Program – Following Paul Perz' overview of this Information Item, T.J. requested that in the future, a list of the site team members be listed in the Information Item. He also requested that staff prepare a handout for the August meeting detailing what a site visit encompasses and what is required of the department/agency personnel during a site visit.

REPORTS

State Fire Marshal Report - Anjela Pimentel gave an update on the program activities in the Prevention Division. The Fire Safe Cigarette Program will be operational on August 1. The website is now operational and contains information on reduced ignition propensity certification requirements. It is anticipated that this program will bring in \$100,000 in annual revenue. Anjela advised that the State Fire Marshal's website also contains information on novelty lighters, and also pointed out that fire deaths in the state are double what they were last year at this same time.

Paul Perz advised that the new dormitory building at the Fire Training Academy has been completed and invited everyone to the dedication ceremony being held at 1:30 on August 31. Following an overview of the legislative Tour held at the FTA on July 21, Paul advised that he would forward the Policy Board a list of the Legislative Day attendees.

Paul also advised that the FTA has been cited by the Dept. of Ecology for not meeting standards for the training water. He explained that the bureau has hired a consultant and will be taking a comprehensive approach to remediating the training water, ARFF water and storm water run off.

Paul also provided an overview of the IFSAC reaccreditation process which will take place in March of 2010, and advised that a reorganization of the Mobilization Section is being considered to maximize how staff can be used in other programs.

Mike gave an update on the bureau's budget and advised that the Governor has directed all cabinet agencies to take an additional 2% general fund cut. Mike will keep the Board updated on any impacts to the bureau.

State Fire Defense Committee – The 2009 revision of the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan was been approved.

Prevention Committee – No report

E-911 Committee – No report

Training and Education Committee – No report

SIEC – The State Interoperability Executive Committee is currently focusing attention on the preparation for the 2010 Olympics, and advised that there maybe a need to extend the deadline for the PSCIP Grants.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee – T.J. advised that the Committee is beginning to plan for the Annual Memorial Service being held on October 11th, 2009. The Committee is discussing how line of duty deaths are recognized, and will be drafting a guideline. Their next meeting is currently being scheduled for the first few weeks of August. Mike advised that the State Fire Marshal's Office will act as the "notification repository" and compile a list of the deaths for review by July of each year.

Forum – Following discussion at the July 21 Forum meeting, it was agreed that the Forum will explore possible solutions regarding traffic management as it relates to responder safety, quick and efficient clearance of roadways, maintaining a safe work zone and interoperability issues.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

T.J. advised that he has had written and phone contact from the fire service regarding the legislative action to remove the regional funding, and that he reviewed the notifications and information that were sent and feels that adequate notice was provided. Mike Matlick clarified that the decision to eliminate the regional funding was put forth by the WSP in response to the Governor's direction to cut the budget by 3.8 million.

T.J. advised that on behalf of the Fire Protection Policy Board, he presented a plaque to Jim Broman at the Fire Chief's conference in recognition of his efforts and dedication in addressing fire issues while on the Policy Board. A plaque will also be ordered for Wayne Wienholz, was a replacement for his position has been appointed.

T.J. advised that he was currently reviewing a draft of the New Member Handbook for Policy Board members.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45

Next Meeting

August 26, 2009
WSP Conference Room
General Administration Building
Olympia, WA