

December 2014 Meeting Minutes

Purpose of Meeting:	Fire Standards Council Fall 2014 Meeting		
Date:	December 17, 2014	Location:	GoToMeeting
Time:	1200 – 1300		https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/817709749
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I. Call to Order - Chair – Buddy Lane	1200	
House rules – Chair – Buddy Lane - Review Coffee, cell phones, breaks.		
II. Roll Call - Chair – Buddy Lane		
Seat A/Greg Coon- Vice Chairman Seat B/Bryan (Buddy) Lane- Chairman Seat C/ Sara Garcia Seat D/ Jerome Bender Seat E/ Bryan Crisp Seat F/Chris Steeves Seat G/ Arlen Skaflestad Seat H/ David Lundin	Seat I/ Benjamin Endres Seat J/ David Gibbs Seat K/ Jan Mitchell Seat L/Dan Grimes Admin.-Gordon Descutner Admin.- Jordan Rubio	*Absent/ excused
III. Approval of Agenda – Chair – Buddy Lane – Action		
Motions: 1 st <u>Crisp</u> 2 nd <u>Steeves</u> A. Amendments 1. Name change for council seats 2. Fee statement regarding unpaid application fees Motions: 1 st <u>Lundin</u> 2 nd <u>Garcia</u> Approved as amended		
I. Approval of Minutes – Chair – Buddy Lane - Action		
A. September 22, 2014 B. Lane – Motion to move minute approvals to February meeting in Juneau Motions: 1 st <u>Mitchell</u> 2 nd <u>Crisp</u> Passed unanimous		
II. Visitor Recognition- Chair – Buddy Lane- Action		
A. Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department – Sam Stewart – Training Coordinator		
III. Technical Advisory Committee- Progress Reports	1205	
NFPA 1041: Fire Instructor- Dan Grimes		
A. Motion to approve the change from the term recertification to renewal.		

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Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Crisp

- *Justification: The term renewal is a more accurate description of the process because there is no examination requirement. Technically, anyone expired more than 12-months must recertify because an examination is required.*
- Discussion –
 - i. Public – none
 - ii. Council – **Garcia**, Page 6 of draft directive under certification time lines recertification needs to be adjusted – Renewal should say certification

Passed unanimous

B. Motion to approve changes to renewal requirements: We have modified the requirement for renewal to include 8 hours per year of FSI related courses, *or*, 8 hours per year of instructional delivery as verified by supervisor (see renewal packet for detail).

Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Garcia

- *Justification: A lack of TEB instructor workshops in state eliminates this as a viable option for many instructors and national FDIC/Fire Rescue classes often do not include objectives for instructor development. Enabling the use of Instructional Delivery hours maintains an appropriate job performance objective for renewal criteria.*
- Discussion – **Descutner** – Explained the updated renewal packet. This change is consistent with the standard. Change document to not only have course and classes but also to include deliver time.
 - i. Public comment – None
 - ii. Council – Lundin – Are there any options to carry over instructor hours from the prior year? Descutner – This allows folks to get the requirements met.

Passed unanimous

C. Motion to Approve the Fire Service Instructor I age requirements from 21 to 18

Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Garcia

- *Justification: There is no criterion base for the 21-year-old age requirement resulting in a barrier to certification. SOA DPS risk management determined the AFSC 18 year old age requirement and is the basis for all other AFSC certification*

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levels. The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) is ultimately responsible for determining the need for alternative age barriers.

- Discussion –
 - i. Public comment – none
 - ii. Council comment - none

Passed unanimous

D. Motion to approve the removal of the Fire Service Instructor I three-year fire service requirement.

Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Garcia

- *Justification: There is no criterion base for the three-year service requirement resulting in a barrier to certification. This requirement does not effectively provide any measurable basis for job performance requirements.*

- Discussion –
 - i. Public comment – none

- ii. Council comment – **Garcia** – The directive states that you only need to be a resident of Alaska to meet the basic requirements. Does not seem right? **Descutner** – All the other levels are the same way, so there is no justification that FSI should be different. **Grimes** – Understands what Garcia said, however NPFA 1041 1.3.1 states how there should be local department control. This seems that the individual should have to be a member of a department. **Lane** – This would lock out people who are not a member of a department that would be a great instructor i.e. Retired individuals. Our job as a Council is to hold people standards but to enable them to be certified at a level. **Grimes** – How would we handle retired personnel's department signature? **Lane** – AFSC will have record that they completed those classes. **Coon** – Is TEB a fire department? **Descutner** – There is at least one training entity that has accreditation and several levels. They are not necessarily fire departments, so we would need to consider that. We will need to do work on the directive on how to handle approvals for an individual who is not a member of a department.

Passed unanimous

E. Motion to approve the removal of the Fire Service Instructor II and III six month waiting period requirement.

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Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Crisp

- *Justification: There is no criterion base for the six-month requirement between FSI I to II and II to III, resulting in a barrier to certification. This requirement does not effectively provide any measurable basis for job performance requirements.*
- Discussion –
 - i. Public comment - None
 - ii. Council comment - None

Passed unanimous

F. Motion to approve Alternative FSI Course approval: The AFSC recognizes a number of other instructor courses and/or certifications The following list needs re-approval:

Motions: 1st Grimes 2nd Steeves

- A.** Alaska Police Standards Council MOI course/certification recognition
 - *APSC report the MOI as a 40 course with requirements similar to the FSI I Training Record. Existing process would remain the same and requires successful completion of AFSC written examination*
- B.** Alaska Emergency Medical Services Section MOI course/certification recognition
 - *APSC report the MOI as a 40 course with requirements similar to the FSI I Training Record. Existing process would remain the same and requires successful completion of AFSC written examination*
- C.** National Fire Academy course – Fire Service Course Design (R129)– Level II only (must have AFSC FSI I to challenge II examination)
 - *Meets FSI II jpr's. Existing process would remain the same and requires successful completion of AFSC written examination*
- D.** Alaska EMT or Paramedic Instructor Certification
 - *Same as Alaska EMS above. Existing process would remain the same and requires successful completion of AFSC written examination*
- E.** Current Primary or Secondary Teaching certificate
 - *Recommend removal. Handbook for Alaska Educators found no specific reference to NFPA 1041 or equivalent standard. Link to NFPA 1041 standard job performance requirement equivalency not clearly established.*
- F.** FAA certified flight instructor
 - *Recommend removal. This is an agency specific instructor requirement. Link to NFPA 1041 standard job performance requirement equivalency not clearly established.*
- G.** LGS Rescue Diver Instructor
 - *Recommend removal. This is an agency specific instructor*

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requirement. Link to NFPA 1041 standard job performance requirement equivalency not clearly established.

- Discussion –
 - i. Public comment – none
 - ii. Council comment – **Mitchell** – Dan you might want to check justification for EMS – it appears to be a copy paste of APSC. **Descutner** – That is my fault, I drafted this for Dan. **Lane** – That is just a clerical modification **Bender** – Has someone researched the other equivalency standards to make sure that meet the requirements? **Descutner** – Yes **Lane** – Is there any way that someone could petition with their teaching certificate or other alternate MOI that is not on the list? **Descutner** – Yes, if someone brought a legitimate alternate MOI certificate, they would be considered as a potential candidate to challenge the exam. **Lane** – Should some statement be added to the directive regarding this? **Descutner** – There is currently a challenge section in the directive, thereby I do not see a need to modify this. **Lundin** – A statement could be added to request to use an alternate course. **Descutner** – We have talked about a certification policy manual change. This historically has been reviewed through TEB. **Lane** – Dan do you have any input on this. **Grimes** – Agrees with statement made that we should make this as easy as possible for someone to obtain certification. We have a good list of alternate courses for certification. **Garcia** – All three classes that are to be removed are still posted on the online. **Descutner** – We will post and updated directive by the end of the week.

Passed unanimous

NFPA 1407/AK Rapid Intervention Technician- Nathan Young – Gordon Descutner

The committee thinks that someone who does not meet the prerequisites will not receive a certificate with a seal, but those that do meet the requirements will receive a seal. Suggested that Council makes a motion to adopt the 2015 edition of RIT. The value of this is that we can work of the newest version.

Motions: 1st Crisp 2nd Coon

Passed unanimous

A. Amendment of adoption to remove the word “shall” to should

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	<p>Motions: 1st <u> Crisp </u> 2nd <u> Coon </u></p> <p>Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public comment – none ii. Council comment – Steeves – is our motion to adopt it as the standard is written? <p>The RIT working group has been looking at and discussing the 2015 version of NFPA 1407, the RIT standard. In comparison to the 2010 version, there are very few changes.</p> <p>It is the recommendation of this group that the Council adopt NFPA 1407 as the standard for certification of the RIT program with the following exception:</p> <p>Chapter 6 (Student Prerequisites), Section 6.2.1 (Crew Leaders Pro Qual):</p> <p>Change the word “shall” to “should” or “preferred” as it applies to the crew leader and the Fire Officer I Pro Qual.</p> <p>At this point the group is ready to begin the skill sheet project when you have the drafts done.</p> <p>Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Public comment – none iv. Council comment – Steeves – Opposition we should not remove “shall” as someone should be a fire officer I to be eligible for RIT certification. Lundin opposition, Bender – Not going to vote v. <p>Motion passes</p> <p>In Favor – 6 Opposed – 3 Abstain – 2 Not present - 1</p>	
IV. Public Comment Period		1230
	<p>A. General Public Comment not otherwise listed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None - closed 	
V. Old Business – Chair – Buddy Lane – Reports and Action Items		
	<p>A. AFSC/TEB Accreditation Program Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Descutner – I would like roll this to February meeting as we have done some work to do on the draft. I will provide final version at the February meeting 	
VI. New Business – Chair – Buddy Lane - Reports and Action Items		1245

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	<p>A. Fee statement regarding unpaid application fees</p> <p>We have old applications on file where the individual never paid for their testing. We would like to have clearer language on the payment timeline to reduce with the administrative load dealing with old, unpaid applications. This language will allow us to make a determination to remove an application from the active applicants based on their payment status.</p> <p>Motions: 1st <u>Endres</u> 2nd <u>Steeves</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public comment - None ii. Council comment - None <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passes</p>	
VII.	Future Agenda Items - Chair – Buddy Lane – Review	
	A. None	
	B. Lane – We moved accreditation and	
VIII.	Future Meeting Dates - Chair – Buddy Lane - Report	
	February 2, 2015, Juneau, Alaska September 28, 2015, Seward, Alaska February 1, 2016, Juneau, Alaska	
IX.	Adjourn - Chair – Buddy Lane – Action	
	Merry Christmas and welcome to new council members	1300