

The Utah Fire Service Certification Council

Minutes of January 7, 2015

The Utah Fire Service Certification Council met on Wednesday January 7, 2015 at 450 N 340 W Hurricane, UT

Welcome Council Member and Visitors - Scott Spencer

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. – Scott Spencer

In attendance: Scott Spencer, Rod Hammer, Ray Stokes, Brett Ostler , Shane Freeman, Don Adams, Merlin Spendlove, Paul Bedont, Craig Stanley, David Youngberg, Chris Trevino.

Jason Earl was excused and Merlin Spendlove was asked to stand in as proxy.

Visitor: Steve Lutz

Declaration of Quorum – Scott Spencer

Scott Spencer declared the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2014 – Scott Spencer

No corrections were necessary.

Ray Stokes motioned to approve the minutes, Don Adams seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of Agenda for the January 7, 2015, Meeting – Scott Spencer

Scott Spencer called for a motion to approve the agenda. Merlin Spendlove motioned to approve the agenda, Rod Hammer seconded. The motion was approved.

Test/Certification & Failed Skills Report – Lori Howes

Lori reviewed each of the reports with council members. Overall numbers are staying consistent or improving.

Report on Standards and Training Council – Ray Stokes

Ray reported that there had not been a recent Standards and Training Council meeting.

Lori reported as an FYI that the West Valley Academy had been approved for testing in December 2014.

Steve Lutz and Ray Stokes both mentioned a concern they had with the policies and procedures of the Standards and Training Council.

Wildland Issues and Updates – Shane Freeman

Shane reported that:

- Wildland is currently in the middle of their winter training season.
- A new refresher course is being required by the NWCG to comply with the S-212 Chain Saw certification.
- There continue to be ongoing efforts to push the Wildfire Policy and Wildfire Catastrophic Initiative through the current Legislative session.
- Pile burning continues to take place throughout the state with 3000 acres of piles that are cut and waiting to be burned in Box Elder County.
- Ongoing meetings with the Utah League of Towns and Cities and the Association of Counties, concerning wildfire policies.

Update on the new UFRA Database-Hilary Kline

Hilary reported that some of the hoped for web interfacing and other desired features for the new database will be possible. The new features will help increase faster and more accurate service.

Executive Session – Scott Spencer

None required

Discussion and Motion on Proposed HazMat IC Standard- Jason Earl, Lori Howes

Lori reported that the Standard is still waiting for approval from the HazMat Advisory Council.

Discussion on Injury Sustained During Testing & Safety Concerns-Lori Howes

Lori reported on an injury that occurred at an ADO-Pumper test site. The accident happened during the Skill 7B – Master Stream Device test. The device was not secured properly while the skill was in progress; one candidate was injured and two were knocked down.

The candidate who was injured was treated immediately and taken to the hospital. He is currently in good condition and back to work.

Failures by UFRA:

- The Master Stream Device was not secure.
- There was no Safety Officer assigned to the test site.
- The Lead tester was negligent and ignored safety concerns expressed by several candidates.
- The Lead tester failed to contact Lori about the accident until after he left the test site.

Action Taken:

- Skill was pulled from the Test “A” rotation.
- ADO-Pumper Standard is up for review and updates in March 2015.
- A Safety class will be given at the Tester Seminar.
- An investigation was performed by Dennis Goudy, Internal Quality Control at UFRA and UVU’s Risk Management.

- A Safety flow chart and emergency contact information are to be included in each test packet. Immediate notification to Dennis Goudy or Lori Howes is required in the event of an accident or incident.
- Any issues regarding the tester's employment will be addressed by UFRA.

There was no Class Action suit brought against UFRA. Dennis Goudy has written an incident report which is available for review.

Discussion and Motion on Combining FFI Skills #2 (Don PPE) and #10 (Don SCBA)-Lori Howes

It was discussed and was determined that the skills should remain separate.

Discussion and Motion on Requiring EADS Trailer for ADO-Pumper Certification-Paul Bedont

It was discussed and Paul Bedont suggested that the Certification Council request that The Standards and Training Council add the EADS Trailer as part of the ADO-Pumper Certification curriculum. No decision was made.

Discussion of 2015 Certification Tester Seminar-Lori Howes

Dates and locations are set and instructors are in place.

Discussion and Motion on updated Policies & Procedures-Lori Howes

Ray Stokes motioned to add *calculators* to the list of allowed items to be used for the Inspector I skills test. Paul Bedont seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion and Motion on Submitted Petitions-Lori Howes

Lori presented a submitted request for Trevor Mortenson. Trevor was let go from Spanish Fork FD after a third failed attempt for HO written exam. His request is to re-enter the testing process before the required one year waiting period after a third failed attempt.

Ray Stokes motioned to allow Trevor to take a second time testing for HO written exam so long as he is associated with a department. Merlin Spendlove seconded. The motion passed.

New Business –Scott Spencer

Lori presented several items to review:

- Is it feasible for a department that is giving a LIVE Fire exam at their own facility to provide Air Packs to testers?
- ADO-A and ADO-P are currently under review and will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- RT Chapter 5, Ropes and Confined Space will be under review in February. Lori is still looking for new test banks.
- Lori asked if anyone would be interested in writing “Straight Tip” articles on:
 - Skills accommodations that were approved
 - How to address the new Revocation/Suspension/ Denial policy. Rod Hammer volunteered to write the article.
- Shane Freeman was able to get security clearance for departments to purchase GSA equipment again.

Old Business-Scott Spencer

There was no old business to discuss.

Next Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 10:00 a.m. UFRA, Provo, UT

Ray Stokes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don Adams second. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

