



**Minutes of the
Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Rosenbauer America Plant
100 3rd Street
Lyons, SD**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019
1 - 4PM CDT**

Introductions: Board Members introduced themselves.

Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order and a quorum was present.

Board Members present: Rick Gustad, Mike Harstad, Mike Roemmich

Board Members Absent: Brian Bowker, Vacant

Department of Public Safety Staff Present: Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman

Approval of December 18, 2018, Meeting Minutes: Motion by Rick Gustad, seconded by Mike Roemmich, to approve minutes from the December 18, 2018, Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

State Fire Marshal Updates:

Paul Merriman and Doug Hinkle provided details on the following –

DPS Disaster work updates. Two declarations approved, two pending, and working on a fifth.

Working to fill a deputy fire marshal position to cover the northeast area of the state. This position was left vacant with the retirement of Steve Harford.

Doug discussed renewal of the action training systems web-based training program. SFMO will be reaching out for further input down the road in regard to expansion of the program.

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service was held in Pierre, at 2PM, September 29, in the Capitol Rotunda. The name of Sturgis Firefighter, David Fischer, was added to the memorial this year.

Fall district fire schools were held in Vermillion, Webster, Pukwana, Midland, and Lemmon.

State Fire Marshal's Office is hosting an NFPA regional meeting on October 3, in Pierre. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss current code related issues and concerns in the state.

Fire Prevention Week this year will be observed October 6-12. The fire marshal's office has fire education materials available to fire departments interested in conducting local public fire education programs. There is still plenty of time to take part in the program.

SD Fire Chiefs fall meeting will be held October 10, in conjunction with the Annual SD Municipal League Conference in Aberdeen.

SD International Association of Arson Investigators Conference will be held at Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, October 17-18.

Member Updates:

Mike Harstad discussed how use of the web-based action training program was working in his area of the state. He reports that it has been well received and the group felt that support for the action training system should continue to be supported.

Mike Harstad discussed the NFPA standards committee process and how recent changes have resulted in increased cost to build fire apparatus and how that impacts fire departments in the state.

Rick Gustad discussed State Fire School attendance and the cost of hosting State Fire School. The SDFFA Board will be looking at ways to increase firefighter attendance and working towards solutions on how to better fund the school.

Mike Roemmich discussed Pro-Board accreditation and funding and whether the state would be looking to move in this direction in the near future. Training sites in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City will offer both state certification and the opportunity to test for Pro-Board accreditation for those firefighters wishing to pursue. At this time there is no plan to administer a Pro-Board program at the state level due to the lack of interest in the fire service vs the cost of building and maintaining a program.

Public Comments: There were no public comments to record.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Gustad, seconded by Mike Roemmich, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.