



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Conference Call
Meeting Minutes**

**State Fire Marshal's Office
221 S. Central Aveune
Pierre, SD**

**November 2, 2021
9:30 AM**

Introductions:

Board members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chairman Paul Merriman called the meeting to order and a quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Mike Roemmich, Mike Harstad, Calen Meningas, Brian Bowker, Rick Gustad.

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman and Glenda Marks.

Approval of October 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mike Harstad, second by Mike Roemmich to approve minutes from the July 28, 2021, Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Motioned carried unanimously.

Fire Marshal's Office Updates were provided by Fire Marshal - Paul Merriman:

- Wildland Fire transition to DPS continues to go well.
- The fire danger continues to improve with the cooler temps and recent moisture.
- The SD Fire Chief's Annual Conference will be held December 3-5 in Deadwood.
- SFMO is hosting an additional SD Certified Instructor Course December 11-12 in Pierre.
- SFMO will be introducing a bill during the upcoming legislative session to make building and fire code updates.

State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman asked the board to do some brainstorming between now and the next meeting on the subject of firefighter recruitment and retention. How can we assist fire departments from the state level with this challenge.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board will be scheduled in the near future. The date, time, and location of the meeting will be announced.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bowker. Second was made by Mike Roemmich. , that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.