



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**State Fire Marshal's Office**  
**221 S. Central Aveune**  
**Pierre, SD**

**July 28, 2021**  
**9:30 AM**

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

**Board Members on Conference Line:** Mike Harstad, Calen Meningas, Brian Bowker, Rick Gustad.

**Department of Public Safety Staff Present:** Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman and Glenda Marks.

**Approval of February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

A motion to approve minutes was made by Mike Harstad. The motion was seconded by Brian Bowker. There were no questions or changes and minutes were approved.

**Fire Marshal's Office Updates:**

Doug Hinkle and Paul Merriman provided the following updates to the group:

- Legislative updates highlighting first responder mental health legislation and increased funding for the SD Firefighters Association Board.
- Division of Wildland Fire and transition to the Department of Public Safety.
- Activation of the Drought Task Force.
- Fireworks licensing and enforcement related issues.
- Sturgis Rally planning.
- Department of Public Safety Day at the State Fair on September 5.
- South Dakota Firefighters Association fall Conference and SD Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service to be held in Pierre, September 24- 26.

**Member Updates:**

Mike Harstad discussed numerous fires in Minnehaha County over the Fourth of July Holiday reporting that area fire departments were dispatched to 27 fire calls.

Rick Gustad reported it being fairly quiet in regard to fires in his area although extremely dry.

Brian Bowker indicated that they have dealt with several structure fire related claims this year thus far.

**Next Meeting Date:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Gustad. Second was made by Calen Meningas, Motion carried unanimously.

