

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

February 8, 2022
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, Mike Roemmich.

Others Joining on Conference Line:

Aberdeen Fire Chief Joel Weig, nobody else joined the conference call.

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2021:

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

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

- Legislative updates highlighting Senate Bill 51 that proposes using \$2 Million in one-time funding to fund: two live burn training trailers for the SD Firefighters Assn.; provide funding to Rapid City to help them construct a 4-story burn tower building; and funding for a Volunteer/Municipal Firefighter recruitment and retention media campaign.
- Discussed the investigation and assistance given to the Miller School District after the school explosion and fire that occurred in their Ag Shop building. FM will continue to provide technical support in regard to temporary classroom facilities.
- Announced that at the SD Fire Instructors Conference the 2021 SD Fire Instructor of the Year award was presented to Chris Noeldner of Watertown Fire & Rescue.

Member Updates:

Calen Meningas wanted to show appreciation for the possibility of Senate Bill 51 that would provide funding for the Rapid City Burn tower project. They really miss that resource since their old tower got torn down back in 2017. Calen also wondering if there are any Administrative Rules being established to help out local jurisdictions with the upcoming Medical Cannabis facilities. FMO is unaware as the licensing for those are handled by the Dept of Health.

Rick Gustad reported they have been gathering information for and trying to get out ahead of Senate Bill 51 to make sure they have what they need for the possible procurement of the two live burn training trailers for the SD Firefighters Assn.

Mike Roemmich had some questions on placement, funding and logistics for the operation of the Live Fire Training Trailers. That information is being worked on by the SD Firefighters Assn. To be determined.

Brian Bowker was pleased to announce that the media did an article on some fire departments up in his area after they completed the online firefighter training course. Said those departments are having a better time dealing with volunteer shortages than others with a couple actually having a waiting list to get on the department. Thinks those departments thrive by making it more like a special members club with good environment, activities and everyone proud of providing a civic duty.

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 Brian Bowker. Second was made by Calen Meningas, Motion carried unanimously. 9:50 AM