



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Conference Call
February 6, 2018
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM CST
Department of Public Safety – Sutherland Building
Pierre, SD**

Board Members present: Rick Gustad, Brian Bowker, Mike Roemmich (all by conference line).

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

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 AM CST by Paul Merriman, roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from September 13, 2017 meeting.

Moved by: Rick Gustad

Seconded: Brian Bowker

Discussion: None

Minutes approved unanimously.

Legislative Update:

Paul Merriman and Doug Hinkle discussed the SD Joint Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations meeting held on January 12. The discussion focused on the current legislative session and bills of interest to the fire service in South Dakota.

Fire Marshal Updates:

Doug Hinkle and Paul Merriman provided updates on upcoming state fire training events.

The SFMO provided a brief update on the status of the Action Training Systems/web-based programs for firefighter training and certification. The General Aviation curriculum was added to the program at the recommendation of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board membership. The Fire Officer curriculum is still being researched and will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The group discussed funding and grant opportunities that may be available to volunteer fire departments in South Dakota. An overview of the firefighter essentials grant program was provided as well as a discussion regarding AFG and SAFER grant application and award process. Smoke alarms are still available to qualifying fire departments through the SD smoke alarm grant program.

Next Meeting Date:

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

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bowker. Second was made by Mike Roemich. The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 AM.