

Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
State Fire Marshal's Office
221 S Central Ave
Pierre SD 57501

February 2, 2023
9:00 A.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was present.

Board Members on Conference Line:

Mike Harstad, Michael Roemmich, Brian Bowker, Rick Gustad.

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle and Glenda Marks

Approval of October 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Gustad. The motion was seconded by Mike Roemmich. There were no comments or edits and minutes were approved.

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

Doug Hinkle reported on the following bills of interest that have been introduced in the legislature this year:

HB 1023 - An act to make an appropriation for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland Fire Suppression Division in Rapid city and to declare an emergency.

Appropriate money for construction and maintenance of Wildland fire shop in Rapid City

HB 1024 - An Act to make an appropriation for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland Fire suppression Division in Hot Springs and to declare an emergency.

Appropriate money for construction and maintenance of Wildland Fire Shop in Hot Springs.

HB 1026 – An Act to make an appropriation for cost related to suppression of wildfires in the state and to declare an emergency.

Money appropriated for costs related to the suppression of wildfires in SD.

HB 1027– An Act to make an appropriation for costs related to disasters in the state and to declare an emergency.

Money appropriated for costs related to any emergency or disaster.

HB 1127 – An Act to make an appropriation to support volunteer fire departments.

For the purpose of providing grants to support volunteer fire departments in this state.

SB 38 – An act to replace the emergency alert system and other technology to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.

For the purpose of replacing the emergency alert system and other technology.

SB 121 – An Act to make an appropriation to support firefighter training efforts in the state.

For the purposes of providing a grant to support firefighter training efforts in the state.

SB 126 – An Act to expand the availability of emergency services in state parks.

During the period of May 15 and September 13th the Department of GF&P shall ensure the availability of 24 hour emergency services.

State Fire Marshall Paul Merriman is working on putting on Fire Class for law enforcement. The class was suggested at the Chief's Conference. Looking at having one Mid April, also once Session is over he will be working on getting Boiler inspection Rules updated.

Member Updates:

Brian Bowker reported the insurance industry has seen an uptick in fire claims.

Rick Gustad indicated that registration should be open for State Fire School in March. Registration is currently open for anyone interested in being a trainer for the live fire trailers.

Mike Harstad reported continued supply chain and manufacturing issues delaying fire truck orders. There is up to a two year wait for truck completion. This seems to be industry wide.

Next Meeting Date:

The date, time, and location of the next meeting will be announced.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bowker. Second was made by Mike Harstad, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25. Motion carried unanimously.