



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

August 19, 2025
9:30 AM CST

Call to Order & Roll Call:

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

Board Members on Conference Line:

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

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle, Glenda Marks and Paul Merriman.

Approval of February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

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

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

Paul Merriman thanked the SD Firefighters Association, Lake Area Tech and Watertown Fire for their hard work and planning to put on a successful fire school. He also thanked DPS Secretary Bob Perry and Division Director Tyler Steen for attending.

Doug Hinkle provided an update on the status of the PPE Grant. He reported that the remaining \$130,000 left after the first round of awards was dispersed to the fifty-two departments that spent in excess of the amount they were allocated during the first round. The left over funds were reallocated and given to the departments that spent more. All 5 million got spent on PPE. It took approximately two years to close out the grant.

Chris Noeldner was made an offer on the Deputy Fire Marshal position and has accepted. He begins his employment on January 5, 2026.

Retirements were announced for Paul Merriman and Glenda Marks with their last day being October 8, 2025.

The SDFFA Fall Conference and Membership Meeting will be Oct 10 thru 12 in Spearfish. The SD Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be held at the tail end of the conference and will be held virtually this year. When there is a line of duty death a special service will be held at the site of the memorial.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public comments to add.

Next Meeting Date:

The date, time, and location of the next board meeting to be determined.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Brian Bowker to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rick Gustad. Meeting was adjourned.