



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

**February 26, 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, Calen Maningas, Michael Harstad.  
All board members were present.

**Department of Public Safety Staff Present:**

Doug Hinkle and Paul Merriman

**Approval of November 6, 2024 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 presented a summary of the recent legislative session, highlighting bills that could significantly affect the fire service sector.

Doug Hinkle provided updates on the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), noting ongoing collaboration with the U.S. Fire Administration to facilitate the onboarding of fire departments into this new reporting system.

Additionally, Hinkle informed the group about the South Dakota Firefighter PPE Grant Program, revealing that the South Dakota Fire Marshal's Office has allocated \$4,171,172 to volunteer departments thus far, with the grant performance period concluding on May 31, 2025.

Merriman also mentioned that the ATF-ADC program has been discontinued due to budget constraints.

**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.