



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

November 6, 2024
11 AM - Noon

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.

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle and Glenda Marks.

Approval of January 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

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

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

Doug Hinkle shared some insights regarding the NERIS program from the US Fire Administration. This new system is designed to be more automated compared to what we currently have, which is a significant upgrade. It's compatible with a wider range of devices, including smartphones and computers, making it more accessible for users. The goal is to enhance user experience, which should lead to increased adoption and ultimately better data collection. Right now, the system is in the BETA testing phase, and there's optimism that it will be fully operational by 2025, with plans to phase out NFIRS by 2026.

In another update, there was news about the ATF Arson Dog Program. Kyle Moser has stepped up to take on the role of the next Arson dog handler, which is exciting for the program. However, the ATF is currently navigating some budget constraints that might affect the introduction of new training classes for handlers. We can expect more information on this situation in the upcoming weeks, which will clarify how these budget issues might impact the program's future.

The SFMO is actively processing reimbursement requests for PPE grants. So far, they have disbursed a substantial amount of \$3,333,149 to 181 different fire departments.

This funding is crucial for ensuring that fire departments have the necessary personal protective equipment to keep their teams safe while they serve the community.

Member Updates:

Nothing to add from members at this time.

Next Meeting Date:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned.