

Certification Board Meeting – January 5, 2023

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

Kevin Gordon, Chair	Jim Hanline	Tim Pennell
Terry Foxx, Vice Chair	Derrick Clouston	Chris Davis
Josh Smith	David Bullins	Joel Faircloth
Wes Hutchinson	Brian Taylor	Ken Hogue
Walter Gardner, Jr.		

Members Absent:

Alex Collazo

Staff Present:

Brian Wade	Mike Williams	Greg Palmer
Monna Gillespie		

Old Business- Kevin Gordon

Chief 101 Updates/Changes – Interest expressed in previous meeting to change instructor requirements and provide an annual update instead of an update every five years. The initial Chief 101 course would stay the same but annual updates would reflect each year’s changes. Proposed “Chief 101 Instructor Qualification Requirements” document provided to members for review. No action to be taken at this meeting. A vote to take place on proposal will be held at a special meeting in January 2023.

Clouston motioned to approve as presented. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Live Fire Training in FF Ops 9 Course – Derrick Clouston

Proposal presented at September meeting that firefighters under the age of eighteen be allowed to take Fire Ground Ops 9 once they have successfully completed all other FF/Haz Mat modules. In September, the Board supported postponing decision to collect additional information on establishing whether there is an employer/employee relationship, specifically in relation to stipends or pay per call and other potential liability issues. Derrick Clouston found that Worker’s Compensation is paid for due to status as a volunteer firefighter. Discussion on specifics of program implementation and process individuals would use to submit a request to participate in Fireground Ops 9. Derrick Clouston made motion to approve proposal. Terry Foxx seconded. After additional discussion, motion passed.

They voted on this again today. Discussed signature requirements. Candidates must complete all required course to be eligible. Clouston Motioned to approve. Gardner seconded. Motion passed.

Volunteer Firefighter ISO Certificate -Proposal for training program that would allow fire departments to train their volunteer firefighters to a NFPA 1001 based program, with reciprocal credit towards ISO training requirements. The program would also provide an option for completing the accredited Firefighter Certification program. Proposed “Volunteer Firefighter ISO 580G Certificate (Non-Certification)” document provided to members for review. No action to be taken at this meeting. Voting on proposal to take place at special meeting in January 2023.

Discussion of potential failure rate and timeline of process. Clouston motioned to approve as presented. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

New Business- Kevin Gordon

Brian Taylor requested a representative from the Certification Board to represent the group on a Traffic Incident Management Work Group. Ken Hogue was selected to represent the group.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Wade