

**Fire Rescue Commission Meeting  
Kernersville Fire Department, Kernersville, NC**

**April 15, 2025**

**Members in Attendance:** Harley Cook                      Ryan Cole                      Freddy Johnson  
Robert Poe                      Andy Thomas                      Randy Thompson                      Gary Whitman  
Tim Henshaw                      Vernon Massengill                      Walter Gardner                      Sott Mullins  
Brent Gordon                      Cloyce Anders                      Steve Roberson

**Others present:** Kevin Gordon                      Chris Decker                      Brian Wade  
Monna Gillespie                      Michele Thomas                      Katherine Burton  
Paul Ward                      Shane Palmer                      Kim Williams

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Harley Cook 10:00 a.m.

**Invocation** – Tim Bradley

**Ethics Statement** – Harley Cook

Approval of agenda – Walter Gardner moved to approve the addition of TR emails to the agenda. Robert Poe seconded the motion. Approved.

Approval minutes – Cloyce Anders made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024, minutes. Robert Poe seconded. Approved.

**Appointments**

**CFI Board**

Barry Overman, representing the NCSFA was appointed to the CFI Board.

Taylor Marsh, representing OSFM was appointed to the CFI Board.

**Certification Board**

Mac Smith representing the NC Association of Rescue and EMS was appointed to the Certification Board.

Walter Gardener representing the NC Fire and Rescue Commission was appointed to the Certification Board.

**Board Reports**

**Certification Board – Derrick Clouston**

**December Meeting** – TR Committee continues to work on the TR 1006 2021 edition updates. The prerequisites will remain the same.

**September Meeting** – Chair Terry Foxx was reelected. Vice Chair Derrick Clouston was reelected.

Validation Committees were created for Firefighter, Driver Operator, Fire and Life Safety Educator. Due to minimal changes the Board didn't create committees.

Kyle Lindsey submitted fraudulent certification for equivalent credit. He was denied equivalent credit and ruled ineligible to participate in NC certification programs.

West Buncombe Fire and Rescue was approved to add additional levels of delivery to their agency.

Moratorium will remain in place.

Dominic Orlando admitted to not following policy for Live Fire Course delivery. His Live Fire Instructor was revoked.

Robeson Community College Investigation – Robeson Community College was given a letter of caution. Robert Ivey, Jr. and Robert Ivey had their Instructor Certifications suspended.

**March Meeting** – Online Testing Committee meet and is working on options for online testing. They will provide a final proposal to the Board in June.

TR Committee recommended creating a Flood and Boat Operator certification.

TR Committee recommends that NC drop the IFSAC accreditation and Wilderness and MAG certification and delay the rewrite.

TR recommended that NC drop IFSAC accreditation for Confined Space and Structural Collapse. We don't have books for the programs. NC's program exceeds the NFPA standard. The TR committee and staff will research using skills for testing for TR and other advanced levels of certification.

The Firefighter Committee selected the IFSTA book.

The Driver Operator Committee selected IFSTA and J & B books.

The FLSE Committee selected the IFSTA book.

A TR Watercraft and Flood Committee has been established.

NC will only grant equivalent credit. Testing for reciprocity will no longer be offered.

Ryan Cole made a motion to have staff evaluate the skills only option for Structural Collapse, Confined Space, and Fire Officer IV. Robert Poe seconded. Motion passed.

Robert Poe made a motion to implement the current Wilderness and MAG certifications without accreditation by August 1, 2025. Second by Gary Whitman. Motion passed.

Andy Thomas made a motion to accept the Certification Board's September, December and March reports. Brent Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Volunteer Safety Worker's Compensation Board – Cloyce Anders**

Provided update on the status of the Volunteer Safety Worker's Compensation Fund.

Mike Hill will retire June 30, 2025.

#### **Certified Fire Investigator Board – Freddy Johnson**

Total for requested 39, 30 applications approved, 9 denied

#### **New Business**

#### **TR 2013 edition Requests – Freddy Johnson**

Freddy Johnson made a motion to allow TR 2013 edition applicants who meet all the course requirements with the exception high school graduation or date of birth by 12/31/2024 be issued the TR 2013 edition certification, using the last date the course was completed for the certification date. Seconded by Cloyce Anders. Motion passed.

#### **Jason Beal – Kim Williams**

Jason Beal has requested that his suspension be lifted. Cloyce Anders made a motion to deny Jason's request due to the current court order issued by the Rockingham County Court System. Seconded by Freddy Johnson. Motion Passed.

#### **NFIRS report – Monna Gillespie**

The USFA has developed the NEIRS reporting system to replace the current NFIRS system without input from the State Program Managers. State Fire Marshals support an updated system but all the players need to be involved.

#### **Rules Update – Kyle Heuser**

The rules have been amended, and 17 new rules have been added. Seven rules require statutory authority. We can wait for and include the new rules along with the existing rules and push all the rules through the process once SB368 passes. Ryan Cole made a motion to push all the rules through at once. Seconded by Freddy Johnson. Motion passed.

### **Consent Agreements – Kyle Heuser**

Kyle reviewed the consent agreements from the Instructor Investigation. They have been Signed by all the parties involved and require the Fire and Rescue Commission's approval and signature. Cloyce Anders made a motion to approve the consent agreements. Walter Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After much discussion Ryan Cole made a motion to have staff look into live streaming FRC and all Board meetings. Scott Mullins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ryan Cole made a motion to have the Certification Board, CFI and VSWCF Board meeting minutes emailed to the Fire and Rescue Commission. Gary Whitman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ryan Cole discussed the Master Plan. After much discussion Scott Mullins recommended tabling the Master Plan until a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Williams