

**Fire and Rescue Commission  
Guil Rand Fire Department, Archdale  
April 9, 2019**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Randy Thompson	Scott Mullins
	Phil Welch	Ken Andrews
	Kevin Gordon	Cloyce Anders
	Gary Whitman	Vernon Massengill
	Josh Smith	Walter Gardner
	Ryan Cole	Paul Padgett
	Brian Taylor	

**Welcome, Call to Order, Invocation**

Vice-Chair Phil Welch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.  
Cloyce Anders gave the invocation.

**Ethics Statement**

Vice-Chair Phil Welch presented the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest reminder as required by the North Carolina State Ethics Commission.  
Ken Anders will refrain from the FIT discussion.

**Approval of Agenda**

Scott Mullins made a motion to approve the agenda. Walter Gardner seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Cloyce Anders to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. Paul Padgett seconded. Motion carried.

**Welcome Fire & Rescue Commission Appointments**

Vice-Chair Phil Welch announced and welcomed the following Fire and Rescue Commission appointments:

Gary Whitman Reappointed to the Fire and Rescue Commission Board.

Lee Newcomb Reappointed to the CFI Board.

Nominees to represent the National Association of Investigators:

- Jeff Key
- Andy Thomas

Jeff Key nominated by Kevin Gordon. Josh Smith seconded. Jeff Key appointed.

## **Board Reports**

### **Certification Board**

The March 19, 2019 Certification Board Report is included in the Agenda packet.

There were no Ad Hoc committee reports.

Kernersville was approved as a Delivery Agency. Proctors have been incorporated for Delivery Agencies.

Discussion of Community College testing centers tabled and forwarded to the Committee.

There were no substantive changes in policy.

Live Burn policy addressed to participation of under age 18 in live fire training according to 1403.

Indoctrination course to be offered in lieu of missed 2018 Instructor Upgrade course.

Motion to accept the report made by Kevin Gordon. Seconded by Paul Padgett. Approved.

### **Volunteer Safety Worker's Compensation Board**

VSWCF Chair Cloyce Anders delivered the report.

Total expenses for 2018 totaled 4.2 million dollars. The average loss per year since 1996 has been 6.7 million dollars. At the end of 2018 the total assets were 45 million as opposed to 38 million at the end of 2017. Member contributions are approximately 7 million dollars. Rates will remain the same.

Kevin Gordon Motioned to accept the report. Josh Smith seconded. Approved.

### **Certified Fire Investigator Board**

Matt Davis delivered the CFI Board report.

Discussed the recertification process and possibly streamlining the process regarding FIT. Topics presented included breaking the FIT class into modules or at least a break in the middle since it is 80 hours. Modular sites are currently being implemented throughout the state. Ken Andrews discussed FIT being accredited and the effects accreditation would have and what requirements would be imposed on CFI applications. Cloyce Anders motioned to approve. Seconded by Ken Andrews. Approved.

## **Old Business**

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The Rules Update is currently being reviewed for rule-making authority. Tom Felling is working with OSFM and the Board to identify certification standards and how to incorporate them into rules. Current standards need to be upheld while leaving room for revisions.

## **New Business**

The CFI and Certification Boards will make recommendations for rules similar to OEMS structure. Reviewed By-Laws for CFI, VSW, and Cert which are all under the Commission but have their own administrative hearings.

## **Agency Reports**

### **Department of Insurance**

Brian Taylor delivered the report. Since holding office, Commissioner Causey has personally reached out to all 100 counties and is starting over with municipalities and civic institutions. He is currently in Florida at an insurance meeting.

The legislative session is in full swing. Twenty-seven bills that affect the Office of State Fire Marshal are currently open. OSFM is asking for five additional Fire Investigators. The Air National Guard has purchased two containers for FIT classes.

The Fire & Rescue Division has been working on Emergency Reporting and Accreditation. Four hundred fire departments that had not been reporting are now up to date with 92% of all departments reporting. Wayne Bailey is retiring after 24 years.

The Leadership in Supervision 6-day course in Charlotte was a success with 26 attending.

Disaster grants will be closing soon, however \$930,000 is still available.

OSFM is looking into a State-wide Mutual Aid program and have been working with Emergency Management.

Injury Prevention has their annual Smoke Alarm Canvass scheduled for June 2, 2019, a Safe Kids conference in May celebrating 25 years, and Operation Medicine Drop has been a huge success.

The Engineering and Codes Convention is this month in Raleigh.

Thank You to all involved in Chief Snyder's funeral processional.

### **NC State Firefighter's Association**

Tim Bradley was not present as his mother has passed.

Scholarships and grants application date closes March 15, 2019.

NCSFA hopes to be in their new office in June of 2019.

Currently working with legislators on various bills relating to fires and the fire service.

#### **NC Association of Rescue and EMS**

Joel Faircloth reported the High Angle school would be held the end of March and is full, to capacity.

#### **NC Association of Fire Chiefs**

Ryan Cole spoke on behalf of Jake Whisnant who is taking care of his father.

The NCAFC will be going to Washington DC to meet with legislators.

The LODD Summit is June 6, 2019.

Jeff Cash has accepted the position of City Manager at the City of Cherryville and has stepped down as Deputy Director of the Association of Fire Chiefs.

#### **NC Department of Community Colleges**

Kenny Weatherington presented with topics including Continued Education program funding, curriculum, Spring classes, Testing Centers and policy rewriting.

Adding block classes for Pumps and Aerials will be implemented at the request of the Cert Board.

#### **Division of Emergency Management**

Derrick Clouston spoke on behalf of Todd Brown, who is sick today.

Derrick reported the Statewide Hurricane Exercise on May 22-23, 2019 where OSFM will be testing the rostering system. He also reported the NC Hazmat Regional Response Team Technical Advisory Group meetings will be April 25, 2019 starting at 0900 at the State EOC. The State Emergency Response Commission is April 26, 2019 at 0900 at the State EOC.

#### **NC Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors**

No report given.

#### **Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of North Carolina**

No report given.

#### **NC Department of Labor**

No report given.

### **NC Office of Emergency Medical Services**

Mr. Timmons reported a new EMS online credentialing site. Discussed requiring a degree to hold a paramedic certification and adding SBI to investigations.

### **NC Department of Forestry**

Randy Kearney presented the report. There were 35 classes taught this past year and 1295 wildfires plus normal fire calls. 339 employees signed up for assignments throughout the state and across the US. The dangers of drone usage was discussed including situations where firefighting aircraft and drones are flying in the same area.

### **Other Business**

The next Fire and Rescue Commission meeting is tentatively set for July 9, 2019.

With no further business to be addressed, Kevin Gordon motioned to adjourn. Cloyce Anders seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Lashbrook