

Fire and Rescue Commission
OSFM Raleigh Office
August 12, 2020

Member Attendees: Harley Cook
Paul Padgett - Video
Robert Poe
Vernon Massengill - Video
Scott Mullins
Josh Smith
Brian Taylor

Phil Welch - Video
Ryan Cole
Walter Gardner
Cloyce Anders - phone call
Kevin Gordon
Andy Thomas

Staff Attendees: Kim Williams
Brian Wade
Michael Caviness
Greg Palmer
Davie Summey
Shawn Haynes

Shannon Bullock
Matt Thorpe
Monna Gillespie
Scott Hackler
Caitlin Rollins
Joanne Kurtz

Welcome and call to order – Chair Harley Cook 2:00 PM

Invocation – Harley Cook

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner/State Fire Marshal Mike Causey welcomed the Fire and Rescue Commission and thanked them for the work they do for the Fire and Rescue Service in North Carolina

Ethics Statement – Harley Cook

Approval of Agenda as presented- Walter Gardner made a motion to approve the Agenda. Robert Poe seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of January 2020 Minutes - Kevin Gordon made a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes. Josh Smith seconded. Motion approved.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair - Michael Caviness

Motion to nominate Harley Cook as Commission Chair - Kevin Gordon

Second – Walter Gardner

Move to close nomination - Ryan Cole moved to close.

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Harley Cook elected Chair by acclamation.

Motion to nominate Phil Welch as Commission Vice Chair – Kevin Gordon

Second – Josh Smith

Move to close nomination – Ryan Cole moved to close

Second – Robert Poe

Phil Welch elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

Appointments

CFI Board nominations submitted by the Fire Marshal's Association - David Scott Meritt and Donald Banks Wallace

Kevin Gordon made a motion to nominate Donald Banks Wallace to CFI Board. Seconded by Josh Smith. Motion passed.

Phil Welch appointed Derrick Clouston to complete the remainder of his Vice Chair appointment that was vacated by Mark Rutherford. The term will expire December 2022.

Board Reports

Certification Board Report – Kevin Gordon – See Report attached

Kevin made a motion to accept the report.

Motion to accept report – Ryan Cole

200.14 Policy updates – Kevin Gordon

Live Fire Training Evolutions

Prop definition has been added.

Instructor in charge is a 5 phases process.

Live Fire Audits

Committee and Certification Board recommended to strike any and all exceptions to any and all 1403 programs. The 1403 programs shall follow the NFPA 1403 standard without exceptions.

Walter Gardner made a motion to accept the changes to the 200.14 policies. Seconded by Josh Smith. Motion passed.

200.13 Policy Update Reciprocity – Kevin Gordon

Add live fire instructor and live fire instructor in charge to list of accepted certifications for reciprocity.

Josh Smith made a motion to accept changes to 200.13 policy. Ryan Cole seconded. Motion passed.

Fire officer will be coming up for revision in 2021.

Volunteer Workers Compensation Fund - Cloyce Anders

NCVSWCF Financials as of March 2020 reported at June Board Meeting:

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| Total Cash | \$53,561,629 | Last Year | \$44,823,134 |
| Total Liabilities | \$23,673,873 | | \$27,639,764 |
| Retained Earnings | \$29,887,756 | | \$17,183,370 |
| Total Number of Claims since July 1996 | 19,095 | Total Claims Incurred | \$148,552,156 |

CFI Board report – Kim Williams

Last meeting was in May. The CFI recertification program is being revised. The CFI Board is requesting a moratorium for all recertifications until July 1, 2022.

Applications Reviewed:

- 7 initial certifications were approved
- 12 re-certifications approved
- 2 certifications denied
- 2 initial certifications pending
- 2 re-certifications pending

Kevin Gordon made a motion to approve the moratorium for CFI recertification until July 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Josh Smith. Motion passed.

Agency Reports

OSFM Brian Taylor – NCDOT report – Brian Taylor

Blue Cross and Blue Shield is giving \$50,000 grants to Community Colleges for Fire Fighter programs.

NC State FF Association report – Phil Welch

NCSFA Annual Meeting

The NCSFA will be conducting our required annual meeting virtually Thursday August 13th at 10:00 AM. With the cancellation of Conference, it was necessary to do a separate meeting, and with the Governors restrictions, virtual is the only option. If you have not signed up, contact Kris Wyatt by email at kris@ncsfa.com and she will sign you up and forward you the Zoom link and instructions.

Relief Fund

The Treasurer’s Financial Report is due October 31st, based upon the year close at June 30th. Please remind them the system is open for them to begin submitting the report online.

In addition, this year the Chief will again submit the Certificate of Eligibility at the same time they are doing their roster at year end, rather than a separate report in October to OSFM. The submittal is integral to the roster system on-line. That report, like the roster, is due by January 15th.

Legislative Report

2019/2020 Legislative Session

The NC General Assembly may adjourn their 2019/2020 biennial session in September. They are currently not in session but plan to return September 4th. The short session this year has not resulted in much activity other than budget and Covid-19 issues, so there isn't much to report after last year's long session.

Staying Active Legislatively and Capital Impact

Right now, we have 654 active Advocates on Capital Impact. That means out of 50,000+ firefighters, just over 1%.

We would prefer to have many more, but the system is designed to allow people to join, not force or bulk sign them.

If you want to keep up with what's going on and be a part of promoting and getting good legislation passed, join up. At the very least it will give you weekly updates and contact information for all of your representatives.

Log on to NCSFA, click on the Legislative Banner called Capital Impact, or look under the Legislative Flag. Provide your email, design your own password, and provide your home zip code. It allows for much more, but that is all that is required. It takes less than 3 minutes.

First Responders Day, on September 11th

Please remember and start planning events for First Responder Day, September 11th. This is a designated holiday in NC, established in 2017 by the General Assembly.

NC Association of Rescue and EMS report – Joel Faircloth

High Angle Rescue School canceled for Spring and Fall.

Rescue Conference canceled.

NC Association of Fire Chiefs report – Ryan Cole

Midwinter Conference is moving forward with changes.

Command post video series are being posted.

Eastern Regional Association elected Jennifer Smith to the NC Fire Chief's Board

NC Community College report – Tracy McPherson

Bill Carver is the Interim System President

Associate Vice President is Nate Humphry

Colleges have been continuing with Fire Fighter and EMS training through the Covid Pandemic

31,426 have been enrolled in Fire or EMS courses.

Over the past 6 months – 26,012 records have been sent to OSFM.

October Commission meeting will be held at the Skyland Fire Department –

Kevin Gordon made a motion to adjourn. Josh Smith seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Caitlin Rollins

Attachments

Certification Board Report – March 10, 2020

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Computer Based Certification Testing – Committee has not since the software demo at the MWC. No immediate plans to move forward until the Administrative Rules are approved for the NC Fire and Rescue Commission.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. **Program update NFPA 1041-2019 (Instructor)** – Completed and started July 01, 2020.
2. **Program update NFPA 1072-2017 (Hazardous Materials)** – Completed and started July 01, 2020.
3. **Program update NFPA 1002-2017 (Driver Operator)** – Completed and started July 01, 2020.
4. **Program update NFPA 1001-2019 (Firefighter)** – Amended as directed by the Commission in October 2019; Completed and started July 01, 2020.
5. **Program update NFPA 1407-2015 (Rapid Intervention Crews)** – Completed and started July 01, 2020.
6. **Additional program updates to NFPA 1041-2019 (Instructor)** – Develop a course, and applicable accredited certification, for Chapters 07 and 08, of NFPA 1041-2019. Development is ongoing and the new program goes live January 2021. Requalification schedule is below:
 - a. Round 1: Classroom only (July-August 2020)
 - b. Round 2: Classroom & LP Burns at facilities with props (September 2020- February 2021)
 - c. Round 3: Classroom & LP Burns with mobile prop (March 2021-June 2021)

NEW BUSINESS –

Amended the NFPA 1407-2015 (Rapid Intervention Crews) – The Certification Board canceled course FIP 3052 (FF Mayday / Safety & Survival). This course was removed from the FF certification program and reassigned the Rapid Intervention Program. Course content and course hours remain the same. The new course number is FIP 6413 and this course remains a requirement to be certified as FF in the State of NC.

Directed Staff to Develop Bridge Courses – The Certification Board will develop and offer Bridge Courses, for all certification programs, and this will allow the responders the ability to pursue the most current certification programs and stay consistent with the most current NFPA standards.

Fire Instructor Certification Requirements – With the amendments of NFPA 1041-2019 (Instructor), students will be required to meet ALL certification requirements before participating in the various levels of the Fire Instructor Certification Program. *All should suspect the same policy to also be implemented with the upcoming updates to the Fire Officer Certification Program.*

Volunteer Fire Officer ISO 580C Certificate (non-Certification) – The Certification Board has directed Staff to create

a training program that would allow fire departments to train their volunteer fire officers to a NFPA 1021 based program, while gaining credit toward ISO credit, and provides an option to the accredited Fire Officer Certification Program.

DELIVERY AGENCY APPLICATIONS –

- None will be approved until the face-to-face meeting in September

NCCCS – Con Ed

CCL – Course Review Worksheet

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Fire and Rescue RIC Certification – Transition to current NFPA Standards

Submitted By: NC Fire and Rescue Commission/Certification Board
NC Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Contact Person: Kevin Gordon, Certification Board; Kim Williams, OSFM
Kenny Weatherington, NCCCS

Initial WDLC Review: TBD

Board Submission: TBD

At the request of the Certification Board of the NC Fire and Rescue Commission (NCFRC), the following new course is submitted for inclusion in the NCCCS Combined Course Library (CCL), with an **effective date of July 1, 2020**.

This new course aligns with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard NFPA 1407: *Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews* (2020 edition). This new course will replace a course already in the Combined Course Library, as noted in the comments below.

Request for New Course: *****Approved by the Certification Board on xx/xx/xx*****

Rapid Intervention – New Course Request with Effective Date of July 1, 2020

| Course ID | Course Title | Course Description | Recommended Hours | Maximum Hours | Program Area | Cert Y/N | Tier Level |
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| FIP6413 | Mayday/Safety & Survival (RIC 2020) | This course includes instructional content for Mayday and FF Safety & Survival. This course will present the candidate with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to satisfy the key requirements of NFPA 1407: <i>Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews</i> (2020 edition). This course should be offered consistent with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines. contact the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for details. Effective date July 1, 2020/2019 Edition NFPA Standard. | 24 | 29 | R30 – Fire and Rescue | Y | 3 |
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Comments

The course above will be part of the larger Rapid Intervention Certification program that includes the following three training topics: Mayday, Safety and Survival, and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC), all of which align with the newest professional standard NFPA 1407: *Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews* (2020 edition).

This proposed new course will replace FIP-3052 FF Mayday/Safety & Survival in the Combined Course Library. FIP-3052 FF Mayday/Safety & Survival should not be used by colleges, and it will be made obsolete in the CCL.

For Reference Only:

- When proposed new course FIP-6413 Mayday/Safety & Survival (RIC 2020) is added to the CCL, it will become part of the overall Rapid Intervention Certification Program, as noted below.
- Courses FIP-6411 and FIP-6423 will be updated in the CCL to incorporate minor editorial changes that do not require WDLC or State Board action. These changes are noted below for reference:

Rapid Intervention Certification Program Courses - For Information Only – No Action Required - These courses are all effective July 1, 2020

| Course ID | Course Title | Course Description | Recommended Hours | Maximum Hours | Program Area | Cert Y/N | Tier Level |
|-----------|--|---|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| FIP6411 | Rapid Intervention Series Revise Title: Rapid Intervention Series (RIC 2020) | (Revise description) This course covers Safety and Survival, Mayday, and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC), the three topics necessary to meet the knowledge, skills, and abilities to satisfy the key requirements of NFPA 1407: <i>Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews</i> (2020 edition). This series course combines all content from courses FIP-6412 Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC 2020) and FIP-6413 Mayday/Safety & Survival (RIC 2020). This course should be offered consistent with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines; contact the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for details. Effective date July 1, 2020/NFPA 1407 Standard, 2020 edition. | 48 | 58 | R30 | Y | 3 |

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| FIP6412 | <p>Rapid Intervention Crew</p> <p>Revise Title: Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC 2020)</p> | <p>(No change to description) This course will present the Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) candidate with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to satisfy the requirements of NFPA 1407: <i>Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews</i> (2020 edition). The course is designed to show the complexities of managing and operating on a Rapid Intervention Crew. This course should be offered consistent with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines; contact the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for details. Effective date July 1, 2020/NFPA 1407 Standard, 2020 edition.</p> | 24 | 29 | R30 | Y | 3 |
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| Course ID | Course Title | Course Description | Recommended Hours | Maximum Hours | Program Area | Cert Y/N | Tier Level |
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| FIP6413 (pending SBCC approval as described in this WDLC item) | Mayday / Safety & Survival (RIC 2020) <i>This will replace course FIP-3052 FF Mayday/ Safety & Survival that is currently in the CCL. FIP-3052 should not be used.</i> | This course includes instructional content for Mayday and FF Safety & Survival. This course will present the candidate with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to satisfy the key requirements of NFPA 1407: <i>Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews</i> (2020 edition). This course should be offered consistent with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines. contact the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for details. Effective date July 1, 2020/2019 Edition NFPA Standard. | 24 | 29 | R30 | Y | 3 |

| NFPA 1001 – 2019 | Rec Hours | Max Hours |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| FIP 3040 FF General and Comm (FF 2019) | | |
| Orientation (Chapter 1, 22) | | |
| Fire Service Communications (Chapter 4) | | |
| | 24 | 29 |
| FIP 3041 FF Fireground Ops 1 (FF 2019) | | |
| Firefighter Health & Safety (Chapters 2, 20) | | |
| | 24 | 29 |
| FIP 3042 FF Fireground Ops 2 (FF 2019) | | |
| PPE (Chapter 3) | | |
| | 28 | 34 |
| FIP 3043 FF Fireground Ops 3 (FF 2019) | | |
| Building Construction (Chapter 6) | | |
| Portable Extinguishers (Chapter 7) | | |
| Fire Behavior (Chapter 5) | | |
| | 32 | 38 |
| FIP 3044 FF Fireground Ops 4 (FF 2019) | | |
| Tools and Forcible Entry (Chapters 8, 10) | | |
| Loss Control (Chapters 19, 28) | | |
| | 32 | 38 |
| FIP 3045 FF Fireground Ops 5 (FF 2019) | | |
| Ladders (Chapter 11) | | |
| Ventilation (Chapter 13) | | |
| | 36 | 43 |
| FIP 3046 FF Fireground Ops 6 (FF 2019) | | |
| Ropes & Knots (Chapter 9) | | |
| Search & Rescue (Chapter 12) | | |
| | 28 | 34 |
| FIP 3047 FF Fireground Ops 7 (FF 2019) | | |

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| Water Supplies (Chapter 14) | | |
| | 24 | 29 |
| FIP 3048 FF Fireground Ops 8 (FF 2019) | | |
| Hose, Streams, Appliances (Chapters 15, 16) | | |
| | 24 | 29 |
| FIP 3049 FF Fireground Ops 9 (FF 2019) | | |
| Fire Control (Chapter 17, 21, 23) | | |
| | 40 | 48 |
| FIP 3050 FF Rescue Ops 1 (FF 2019) | | |
| Rescue (Chapters 24, 25) | | |

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| | 28 | 34 |
| FIP 3051 FF Fire and Life Safety Initiatives (FF 2019) | | |
| Fire Detection & Suppression Systems (Chapter 26) | | |
| Fire and Life Safety Initiatives (Chapter 27) | | |
| | 28 | 34 |
| Total Program Hours | 348 | 419 |
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| FIP 5556 HM Ops (Chapters 4/5/6.2/6.6) | 40 | 48 |
| FIP 6413 Mayday / Safety & Survival (RIC 2020) | 24 | 29 |
| FIP 7000 Traffic Incident Management | 4 | 5 |
| FIP 7001 FF/TR Emergency Medical Care | 12 | 14 |
| Additional Requirements - Hours | 80 | 96 |
| | | |
| Total Hours to be certified as FF | 428 | 515 |

Textbook:

Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response (Fourth Edition)
 ISBN: 9781284151336 | © 2019 | 1360 pages; *or*

NC Vol Fire Fighter Hazardous Materials & First Aid Bundle ISBN: 9781284207552

Volunteer Fire Officer ISO 580C Certificate (non-Certification) –

The Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) states the following regarding recruit training:

Officer Certification (T₃):

Certification of each current officer with responsibilities in fire suppression in accordance with the general criteria of NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications.

Up to..... 6 points

Create a training program that would allow fire departments to train their volunteer fire officers to a NFPA 1021 based program, while gaining credit toward ISO credit, and provides an option to the accredited Fire Officer Certification Program.

1. Volunteer Fire Officer ISO 580C Training Option –
 - a. Volunteer FO ISO 580C Certificate (based on NFPA 1021)
 - b. Meet the requirements of the Fire Officer certification program
 - c. Successfully complete FIP 3710 Fire Officer I
 - d. If the above requirements are met, the candidates training transcript will show a “certificate of completion” for any/all personnel who successfully completes the “Volunteer FO ISO 580C” program.

2. Road Map to accredited Fire Officer Certification –
 - a. Meet the requirements of the Fire Officer certification program
 - b. Successfully complete FIP 3811 Fire Instructor I