



UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

January 18, 2023
Winter Business Meeting

In Attendance:

Terry Addison, South Salt Lake	Paul Erickson, Kaysville
Jeff Anderson, Provo	Brad Esplin, St George
Lynn Ashby, Delta	Matt Evans, Washington
Chris Aston, Bluffdale	Matt Evans, Bluffdale
Corey Auger, Jensen	Warren Findley, FFSL
Kevin Barlow, Hildale	Dave Florin, Murray
Jamie Barnes, FFSL	Mike Fox, SLC
Bart Barton, Bluffdale	Craig Golden, Roy
Jeff Bassett, Sandy	Daniel Gallegos, HAFB
Jake Beck, Lone Peak	Chris G, Park City
Mark Becraft, North Davis	Kayli Guild, FFSL
Ted Black, State Fire Marshal	Mike Hadley, Roy
Brandon Boshard, American Fork	Eddie Hales, Spanish Fork
Kevin Bowman, UFRA	Eric Hales, Wasatch
Aaron Brems, American Fork	Jo Hamblin, Syracuse
TJ Brewer, Moab	Rod Hammer, Cache County
Jeff Buchanan,	Brad Hannig, Logan
Dom Burchett, UFA	Krista Harding, Spanish Fork
Aaron Byington, Syracuse	Jeremy Hardman, Provo
Jess Campbell, Saratoga Springs	Robert Hardy, Pine Valley
Patrick Carlson, Utah County	Shad Hatfield, Lehi
Dane Cazier, Washington	John Hennessey, Dammeron Valley
Coty Chadburn, St George	Rodger Hoffman, South Salt Lake
Jeremy Craft, Lehi	Kevin Holt, Draper
Tony D, State of Utah DNR	Sam Howard, Vernal
Travis Daniels, Grantsville	Darren Inlay, St George
Guy Dansie	Jeremiah Jones, North View
Chris Dawson, South Jordan	Kenny Johnson, Saratoga Springs
Joey Decker, Hurricane	Ronney Ketts, South Weber
Ryan Diambrosio, Dammeron Valley	Tom Kuhlmann, Hurricane
Max Doshier, Park City	Robert LaCroix, Logan
Jay Downs, Smithfield	Brad Larson, UFA
Cody Draheim, Weber Fire	Ryan Lessner, South Jordan
RL Duke, Wasatch	Ashley Lewis, Park City
James Ealet, Salem	Karl Lieb, SLC
Peter Emery, Park City	Ryan Lind, Santaquin
Andrew Engemann, Park City	Rich Love, Farmington

Chase Majors, Huntington Valley
Dave Marsella, North Fork
Mike Mathieu, Ogden
Derek Maxfield, West Jordan
Jennifer McBride, FFSL
Scott McClaughry, Emery
Kyla McClaughry, Emery
Ryan McConaghie, Sandy
Matt McCoy, Tooele
Marc McElreath, UFRA
Tyler McKee, Lapoint-Tridell
Mike Melton, FFSL
Jim Miguel, Provo
Joey Mittelman, Murray
Stewart Montag, Payson
Ron Morris, Gold Cross
Julie Murphy, FFSL
Lon Myers, Orem
Scott Nielson, FFSL
Craig Northup, Woodland Hills
David Olsen, Clinton
Craig Olson, Provo
Brett Ostler, FFSL
Mike Owns, Park City
Andrew Parker, Santa Clara - Ivins
Brian Patten, Lone Peak
Chazz Pearmain, Weber Fire
Mike Phillips, Cedar City
Riley Pilgrim, UFA
Robert Pitcher, Smithfield
Dave powers, SDMF
Taiga R, FFSL
Jeremy Raymond, Uintah
Ryan Raymond, South Jordan
Jerry Reilly, Payson
Wade Reynolds, Salem
Daniel Reynolds, Rocky Ridge
Katie Ricks, FFSL
Jon Ritchie, State Fire Marshal

Tim Robinson, Lehi
Marc Sanderson, Orem
Rudy Sandoval, FFSL
Lynn Schofield, Provo
Aaron Shupe, Kaysville
Andrew Siebach, Utah County
Mike Slater, Ogden
Clint Smith, Draper
Jeff Smith, Lehi
Wade Snyder, FFSL
Scott Spencer, Payson
Steve Spencer, Payson
Courtney Staley, Emery
Robert Stanley, Lehi
Travis Stanworth, Delta
Greg Stewart, SDMF
Thomas Stewart, HAFB
Robert Stoker, St George
Dane Stone, SDMF
Bob Sullivan, NFPA
Paul Sullivan, Weber Fire
Brandon Theuson, Brigham City
Nate Thompson, Logan
Derek Tolman, South Weber
Rod Tomkinson, Logan
Jesse Trembly, FFSL
Nathan Trujillo, Utah County
Christopher Trevino, West Jordan
Bart Vawdrey, Draper
Dave Wade, North View
Kevin Ward, Layton
Brad Wardle, UFRA
Brett Waters, FFSL
Justin Whatcott, American Fork
Les Whitney, Beaver
Kelly Wicher, DNR
Theron Williams, North Davis
Shelby Willis, Ogden
Bob Zanetti, Park City

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Guests:

Dave Spatafore
Ashley Mirabella
Gordon Graham, Risk Management
Fire Chief Richard Kelley, Transformational Leadership

Welcome

- President Keven Ward called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- Introduction of Executive Committee & Guests

Posting of Colors

Minutes Approval

- September 7, 2022 Fall Business Meeting minutes

Mike Mathieu motioned to approve the minutes from September 7, 2022
Craig Golden seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed

Financial Report – Brad Hannig

- Chief Hannig provided an update to finances for USFCA
 - The current balance is \$89,779.62
 - Sponsorship for this Winter Meeting is \$49,500
 - Upcoming expenditures will be costs associated with this event and the fire caucus luncheon, which both have yet to be finalized

Ted Black motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented
Eddie Hales seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed

Fire Caucus

- Chief Ward reminded all attendees of the fire caucus taking place on Capitol Hill
- This is a great opportunity to spend time with legislators
- Briefing on current bills takes place 10:00 a.m. beginning February 6

Legislative Update

- Dave Spatafore and Ashly Mirabella provided an update to some pending bills
 - HB16
 - Addressing the state reimbursement to agencies participating in EMAC, up to 80%
 - HB61
 - Rehire following retirement
 - Changes the 1-year period for rehire to 60-days

- HB145
 - Continuing to work through this bill, not much is known about it at this time
 - This deals with the SLCo fire ordinance
- SB45
 - Medical Cannabis Card
 - This controversial bill states that those with a card cannot be discriminated against
 - The State Fire Chief's will continue to monitor this bill
- SB102
 - Wireless communications used in motor vehicles
 - Will continue to monitor this bill

Utah EMS Report – Guy Dansie

- Representative Johnson is working on bills for the recognition/authorization for ground ambulance providers to develop community para-medicine programs
- Another bill would allow the Department of Health to share EMS data
- A final bill creates ongoing funding services that provide subsidized health insurance in rural counties for EMS and fire volunteers
- Senator Owens is working to restore the pre-COVID funding for EMS from the current \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per year
 - A portion of this funds the bureau, most of it is used for rural ambulance providers
- The Department of Health is proposing a building block to replace funding for the EMS database and crisis management system
 - The Health & Human Services Committee will review the funding proposal on January 31
- Fiscal reports are needed for the proposed ground ambulance rates
 - Medicaid needs all county or patient transport codes by the end of March for the assessment
 - Please work with billing agencies or financial staff to complete this
 - Once complete, please send to Guy Dansie (gdansie@utah.gov)

Communications Report – Chief Mathieu/Dave Edmonds, Director of UCA

- With the new statewide radio system network, the biggest concern is the long-range planning
- An inventory of your existing user equipment and whether it will work on the new system as migration takes place is a question agencies should be addressing
 - Will the equipment accommodate the new system
 - What amount of equipment in your possession will continue to work
 - And all aspects of the migration plan should be evaluated
- PSAP Committee will be working with UCA to develop a migration plan for all agencies to better understand what to anticipate and prepare for as progress is made toward this new system
- Chief Mathieu noted that the old system is a proprietary system; only certain equipment will work on the old system
- The new P25 Compliance System is more of an open architecture, allowing for multiple types of user equipment

- The benefit is giving agencies the choice of different types of user equipment to create competition amongst equipment providers, which will hopefully drive prices down
- An important point is that agencies will have functional equipment that will work on the system regardless of the manner chosen
- Another important component is the use of encryption
 - Useful for times where the need to keep conversations covert for the purposes of protecting information arise
 - One key to remember is the fundamental use of encryption

WFCFA – Chief Niemeyer, President WFCFA

- Chief Horton is the new Deputy Director for WFC
- There is a need for a VP
 - Chief Craft was recommended for nomination and has accepted
- Chief Niemeyer reviewed the various committees and noted that there is always availability for those interested to join
 - Wildfire and technology are the biggest committees and are always in need of members
 - Investment & Finance Committee addresses investment strategies and the financial policies
 - Legislative Committee works to affect the policy goals of WFCFA through state and national legislation
 - Chief Niemeyer also provided an overview of all business involvement: digital damage projects, technology accelerator, daily dispatch, pre-fire planning, recruiting, wildfire mapping, grants, etc.
 - It was noted that a website with one-stop-shopping for all grants will roll out this year

IAFC – Chief Josh Waldo, 2nd Vice President

- The 2023 budget was recently approved which will help with strategic initiatives, continuation of various programs, and additional staff
 - Big focus on membership
 - Education
 - DEI work
 - Communications: new website that is less cumbersome & the use of social media for communication as well
 - The goal is to open the door to the IAFC

State Fire Marshal Report – Ted Black

- Provided an overview of legislation

NFPA Report – Bob Sullivan, Broomfield, CO

- Provided updated happenings at NFPA
- Updates to NFPA Standards on multiple topics
 - Fire investigations, apparatus changes, ion batteries, electric vehicles/bikes, EMS turnout gear, drones, etc.

- NFPA.org
 - New digital program to access all codes and standards
 - Free trial and demonstration
 - This will replace the code books and will help make reference much easier
- Emergency response safety consolidation project continues to reduce standards from 116 to 48
 - This has been a 5-year project to completion
- The new Cannabis Standard
 - 1-year into the process
 - Those interested will be able to RSVP to attend via zoom
 - The focus is on growing and facilities who grow and process products
 - Should be published in 2026 or so

Fire Sprinkler Coalition/Fire Marshal's Association – Mike Young

- Mike Young is the new President of the Association
- An overview of the past years highlights was given
 - Working with the State Fire Marshal's Office on the 2021 Code
 - Legislature work
 - 501C3 redone
 - Working with the State Fire Chief's on legislative issues

US Forest Service/BLM – AC Pilgrim for Chris Delaney

- BLM working on funding for rural fire departments
- There is significant money set aside for wildfire mitigation and response
- The goal is to try to increase capacity with rural departments and provide apparatus, digital radios, etc.
- More information will be available at the next USFCA meeting in April

EMAC Update – AC Pilgrim

- 2022 was a slow year for requests
- Much time has been spent to improve the process and more information will be released April/May
- There will be an EMAC refresher course, and all hazards will be covered
- There were significant requests for support outside of wildland fire in 2022

Behavioral Health – AC Pilgrim

- A grant was made available last year
- As a reminder, it requires public safety agencies to provide the resources or access to, for all personnel
- Retirees should receive access to the resources for 3 years from their ask, not from their retirement date
- New legislation is looking at extending this benefit to spouses and family
- For smaller departments, the grant has allocated \$5M to aid rural departments
- The grant committee has approved 50 applications to date, 75 were evaluated and the 25 not approved were pushed back for more information
- AC Pilgrim reminded those applying that they need a baseline or idea of what will be

accomplish during the year and clarify the details

- The award is for 3 years, but the monies are awarded 1 year at a time
- Thus far, \$2.5M has been given out and the deadline to submit is 3/31
- This is a requirement for all departments and work should be done to look ahead and determine how best to provide these benefits/requirements
- Legislation is broad and there is not a lot of detail on how to go about this
- HB23 can provide more information

FFSL Update & New Rate Discussion – Brett Ostler/Wade Snyder

- Director Jamie Barnes was introduced
 - Director Barnes asked how FFSL can help the departments
 - Building relationships is their focus and they intend to connect with all departments to strengthen the relationship
- Personnel changes within the department and area managers were covered
- The rate structures for career departments are now more custom tailored, volunteer departments will see no changes in rate structure
- Fire Sense Program
 - An overview of the program was provided, the program efforts, and what is available for departments to access and use

NFPA 1403 – Brad Wardle

- Live Fire Training Standard
 - This is a state law and while in the process of review, several concerns with potential litigation were found
 - UFRA and the State Fire Chief's began working as a group to develop a consistent standard to utilize
 - A comprehensive policy has now been created for live fire training
 - Many portions of NFPA 1403 were difficult for smaller agencies to implement
 - The new policy will aid in the development of competent, safe, and effective fire service personnel
 - Some of the changes were outlined and consisted of requirements, verbiage, definitions, and some items removed
 - UFRA is working to help smaller departments with acquired structure training
 - The intent is to have this policy be the portfolio for a residence that training will take place on
- Pump simulator training begins in March
- Working on a high-rise class for delivery in Spring

National Fallen FF (NFFF) – Ian Bennett

- NFFF will be hosing another golf tournament in 2023
- An overview of the foundation, local assistance, peer support and offered death benefits was given