

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

IVFA Conference
Bally's Casino and Hotel Evansville
421 NW Riverside Drive, Walnut B
Evansville, Indiana 47708
June 16, 2022, 10:00 AM (Central Time)
Meeting Minutes

- A. Call to order and determination of quorum - 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Eric Dreiman (Chair); Pedro Caceres; Tom Hanify; M. Burke Jones (Virtual); Clayton Kinder; Tim Smith; Joel Thacker (State Fire Marshal)

NOTE: Due to some of the Board Members attending virtually, all votes were conducted by roll call vote.

Board Members Absent

Amy Biggs; Eric Gentry (Vice-Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary)

Staff Members Present

Teri Dearmin; Hillary Egan; Chuck Gunter; Robin Nicoson (Virtual); Michael Parks; Ryan Thoma (Virtual); Wade Walling

- B. Consideration and approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes and April 11, 2022, Meeting Notes–

1. *Motion to approve the February 2022 minutes by Tom Hanify, 2nd by Tim Smith, all other voting members voted to approve. **Motion carries.***
2. *Motion to approve the April 2022 notes was not voted on due to the lack of quorum at that meeting and, therefore, no meeting was held.*

C. State Fire Marshal Report – Joel Thacker

1. PFAS Foam Collection Program – IDEM and IDHS partnership has awarded a two-year contract to U.S. Ecology as the vendor for collection and disposal. Collection updates will appear on website weekly on Friday. Survey is still available for Fire Departments to complete.
2. Fire Sprinklers - NFSA Valve Trailer came to Indianapolis and Plainfield for Firefighter training with future trainings planned for Northern and Southern Indiana. IDHS working to obtain a trailer for Indiana. Indiana does possess a side-by-side sprinkler demo trailer will soon be available for training use via ACADIS.
3. ACADIS Cleanup Project – Deactivation of ACADIS accounts that have not been accessed within 12 months or have no certifications listed. It was advised that ACADIS users access their accounts regularly to avoid deactivation of their accounts.
4. Change in IDHS Leadership – IDHS Executive Director Stephen Cox is retiring effective June 24, 2022, and Governor Holcomb has appointed Fire Marshal Thacker as his replacement effective June 27, 2022. Governor Holcomb's office is actively pursuing the fulfillment of the Fire Marshal position.

D. Academy Report – Wade Walling

1. Academy staff update –Academy has hired 3 new Program Managers: T.R. Hagerty-District 3, Ryan Thoma-District 4, and Robin Nicoson-Districts 5 & 7.
2. New Leadership Programs have either been developed or are in the development phase that will be 1-day, 8-hr courses.
3. Academy Curriculum Committee Updates.
4. Side-by-Side Sprinkler Trailer – 1-800-Boardup has agreed to donate all the supplies needed for this training trailer. The goal is to make this trailer available in ACADIS within the next 2 months.

5. Academy Contact Sheet has been updated.
6. Fire Academy has issued 1,601 certifications since May 1, 2022.

E. Old Business –

1. IAC 655 Rule Re-write Update – Legal – Hillary Egan
 - a. Request for Exception from Regulatory Moratorium to Revise and Amend Rule
 - b. *Motion to approve the IAC 655 Rule Re-write by Tim Smith, 2nd by Tom Hanify, all other voting members voted to approve. **Motion carries.***

F. New Business –

1. Rule Violations –

- a. Audit Synopsis on skills for Course Numbers RRO220184 & RRT220165-Gregg Township VFD. Wade Walling and Chuck Gunter gave audit investigation synopses and Robert Stecher gave rebuttal with documentation. *Tom Hanify made a motion to table the Board's decision until the September 2022 Meeting to review Mr. Stecher's submitted documentation. Pedro Caceres 2nd, all other voting members voted to approve. **Motion carries.***
- b. Audit Synopsis on Course Number FO2-220082-Greensburg FD. Wade Walling gave audit synopsis with audit conclusion of no evidence of cheating and therefore, no action taken.

2. Reciprocity and Variance Report – Teri Dearmin

Since April of 2022, the Academy has received 66 Reciprocity requests and 12 Variance requests.

G. Open discussions, comments, and questions –

1. John Buckman - Lavender Ribbon Report update.
2. Tim Smith on Tom Hanify retirement.
3. Adjournment – Tom Hanify motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Clayton Kinder.

Next meeting: September 22, 2022, 10:30 am
Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC)
Indianapolis Marriott East, Veterans Hall
7202 E 21st Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219