



# UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



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## MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2008 Dixie Convention Center, St. George

### Presentations

1. Introduction of Board Members, Executive Committee, and Guests.
2. Welcome to Commissioner Duncan, who expressed appreciate and admiration for the fire service and continued desire for cooperation with law enforcement.
3. Steve Foote reported on the new Bugle Partner program, modeled after the Western Fire Chiefs Association's program. Vendors currently expressing interest are: LN Curtis, Weidner, ASW Architects, Gold Cross Ambulance, and Southwest Ambulance.
4. Steve Foote reported on the intent of the USFCA Board to meet on a regional basis with members of the Association.
5. Fire Safety Specialist Monica Colby, with the State Fire Marshal's Office, presented a request to create a new subcommittee to represent public education needs regarding data collection, consistent messaging, program development, recognition of Life Safety certifications, etc. The hope is to create a Public Safety section under the USFCA, similar to the WFCA. Blair Camp mentioned that the USFCA already has the State Fire Marshal listed as a section. A motion was made (Blair Camp 1<sup>st</sup>, Ted Black 2<sup>nd</sup>), and carried, to conduct an interim study as to where this request would best fit into the Association. The interim committee will report their results at the next meeting.
6. Kevin Ward reported on the IAFC 2007 Leadership Summit that he attended. He also reminded the membership about upcoming conventions: Fire-Rescue Med in Las Vegas April 21-23, and Fire-Rescue International in Denver August 14-16.

### Business Meeting

#### **I. Review and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **II. Reports of Committees and Board Members**

President's Report—Fire Chief Kevin Ward, Layton City Fire Department

Chief Ward encouraged members to support our legislative efforts during the session. He also encouraged members to foster stronger relations among the various fire service associations throughout the State, reminding us that "None of us are as smart as all of us." Chief Ward updated the group on leadership training opportunities, and the field operations guide that the Command Training Center hopes to adopt soon.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Assistant Chief Frank Heumann, Park City Fire District

Chief Heumann handed out and reviewed financial reports and reminded members of the annual dues for 2008.

Utah League of Cities & Towns – Tom Kuhlmann retired on January 12. Next ULCT meeting will be held April 29, 2008. Chief Blair Camp was nominated and elected to replace Kuhlmann to be the reporting member on the ULCT.

Legislative Report – Coy Porter reported on in sundry bills pertinent to this year's session and reminded members of the Utah Fire Caucus luncheon. He also reminded members of next year's Winter Fire School dates: January 16-17, 2009.

Communications Report – Chief Steve Foote, South Salt Lake City Fire Department

- Update on SEIC, formerly UWIN, interoperability and \$11 million communications grant, of which much went to southern Utah and Cache County (~\$2 million each).
- 2013 is the VHF narrow banding compliancy deadline.
- UCAN is financially strong. Current per unit monthly rate is \$24.50. Repeaters have been purchased for half price to make available for local coverage expansion. UCAN has been a model for other states.

Utah EMS Report – Fire Chief Mike Mathieu

- National Registry certification available only for EMT-P right now. The BEMS will extend this year's current re-certifications for EMT-Ps so they do not have to re-certify again in the National Registry system.
- Interfacility ambulance transport bill – the BEMS will not alter rules since there is too much diversity in opinion in the state, as discovered through their regional meetings.
- Jim Hansen, from BEMS, reported on grant money coming available for planning and exercises. He also reported on PM aboard standardization – no new news.

State Fire Marshal Report – Fire Marshal Ron Morris, State Fire Marshal's Office

- New accelerant canine unit is now available
- Public Safety Summit on May 13 & 14 at Snowbird – Michael Chertoff and FBI Director are invited to speak.
- If departments are not reporting UFIRS, call Morris' office, as Federal grant agencies are doing checks on whether applicants are reporting.
- \$500,000 for the mobile CTC was denied by the GOPD but the Lt. Governor will look into reversing.

### **III. Old Business**

No word yet on grant submitted by UFRA using the USFCA sponsorship.

### **IV. New Business**

1. Wills for Heroes - Gary Wise will work on creating an USFCA sponsorship for this program.
2. Committee Assignment / Selection – Ryan Eckhardt was nominated and elected to hold the leadership position for the USFCA Training Section.
3. Wildland Fire Suppression Fund – Tracy Dunford reported on a position paper being developed in an interim study to gather actuarial numbers for addressing this topic. Rand Andrus expressed his opinion that the current legislation is broken because it does not represent certain entities access to the fund.

### **V. Adjournment**