



# UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



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## MEETING MINUTES Thursday, June 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m. Davis Conference Center, Layton City, Utah

President Steve Foote called the meeting to order, welcomed members, and introduced board members and special guests.

Utah Representative Curtis Oda reviewed two bills that passed this legislative session—HB 46 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING and HB 103 STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID ACT. Representative Oda gave a general overview of the two bills and encouraged the group to read and understand them, and to share the information with their local elected officials and administrators. Representative Oda also shared his humor and insight on how to handle emergency food supplies that are designed to last for up to 50 years (such as dried meats). When asked one time how he plans the rotation of his food supplies, he said that he just places them in his will. Chief Foote recognized Representative Oda as a friend to the fire service and presented him with a gift from the Association.

Battalion Chief Paul Hewitt gave a presentation on the Trolley Square shooting incident and the lessons learned during that response.

Meaghan Garrett and Vickie Moschetti made a presentation on the Muscular Dystrophy Association and its camp efforts.

### **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 Steve Foote, South Salt Lake City Fire Department

- Chief Foote's goal for the Association is still to expand partnerships with several fire service groups (UFRA, Salt Lake Valley Alliance, Utah League of Cities & Towns, Valley Chiefs, Utah Firemen's Association, etc.), particularly in planning, training and business functions.
- Chief Foote addressed the need for the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association to identify and involve future chief officers of our association.

- Chief Foote and the board are exploring expanded sponsorships, at tiered levels, to gain greater financial backing for the Association.
- Chief Sumner retired earlier this year; Coy Porter and Brad Wardle will retire this summer and go to work for UFRA.
- Chief Foote reviewed meetings with the Governor and the support Governor Huntsman provides the fire service.
- Chief Foote reviewed the upcoming Fall Conference.

#### Communications Report—Chief Foote

- Reprogramming of radios is up-coming soon; should be seeing notification of this.
- Update on SEIC—UWIN interoperability and something-or-other???

#### Western Fire Chiefs Association Report—Fire Chief John Evans

- Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the IAFC in 2008. Our association has voted to support him in his campaign.
- Agencies are encouraged to buy books from the Western's book store, which have good discounts to the customer and helps support the Western.
- The WFCA's financial status is still strong.

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

- Chief Heumann handed out and reviewed a financial report covering the 2007 Profit/Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet for June 30, 2007. He reminded members of the annual dues for 2007.
- Chief Heumann pointed to the progress of the Association's website ([www.utahfirechiefs.org](http://www.utahfirechiefs.org)) and solicited feedback for improvements.

#### EMS Report—Paul Patrick, Director of the Bureau of EMS

- Interfacility Ambulance Transport bill—regional meetings will be held to discuss content for the bill.
- BEMS' offer for funding for the Chief's Leadership Seminar.
- The CDC, HRSA, FLEX grants are available to fire and EMS organizations is now open.
- National Registry for EMT-P, and other certifications—pursuing rule changes to eliminate recurring written tests. But everyone needs to stay current before the changes take place.
- Recent meeting with other State EMS Director's to work on interstate aid agreements.
- The current Urban Chair position on the State EMS Committee expires July, 2008. Those interested in the position should apply online at [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov).

#### Fire Marshal & Legislative Report—Ron Morris, State Fire Marshal's Office

- Successful year on the Hill this year
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Fire-Safe Cigarette
- Fire Marshal's Office inspector retirement and replacement was cited

- Ogden site and grand opening of new National Fallen Firefighters Memorial

NFPA/ICC Report—Assistant Chief Frank Heumann on behalf of Scott Adams, Park City Fire District

- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2007: “It’s Fire Prevention Week – Practice Your Escape Plan.” This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week, taking place October 7 through 13, focuses on how to plan and practice escape from a home if a fire occurs. NFPA has been the sponsor for Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for more than 80 years.
- NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition, June 2 - 6, 2008, Las Vegas, NV
- 2007 Annual Educational Conference, September 30 – October 3, 2007, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada

### **III. Old Business**

N/A

### **IV. New Business**

1. Update of Bylaws—several amendments were suggested, particularly Article II, Section I, Part C to allow a designated representative of the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy to be an active member. This would allow Brad Wardle to remain a member of the Association and maintain his board position.

Mark Meaker made a motion to suspend rules to take immediate action to adopt the bylaws amendments as presented. Floyd Petersen seconded the motion. All were in favor of suspending the rules. Frank Heumann presented an additional amendment regarding timing of Association annual meetings. Mark Meaker motioned to adopt all of the amendments discussed; Ted Black seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws changes will be posted on the Association’s website.

2. Chief Kevin Ward reported on Field Operating Guidelines and the Command Training Center. The latest draft of the FOG will be sent out to the membership.
3. Fire Marshal Ted Black reported on the effectiveness of different types of smoke detectors (ionization vs. photo-electric) and potential liability to the fire service in endorsements of detectors. It was suggested to add information regarding the differences of effectiveness in department release forms when handing out or installing detectors for citizens.
4. Discussion of Fall Convention.

### **V. Adjournment**