

Minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting held at the Division of Fire Safety Central Office, Berlin

**Roll Call:**

**Organization Representatives / or Sub**

Vt. Career Chief Assn.  
Dept. of Education  
Vt. Fire Chiefs Assn.  
Dept. of Forest, Park & Rec.  
Vt. Professional FF  
Dept. of Health  
Vt. State FF Assn.  
Dept. of Labor  
VT Domestic Insurance Rep.  
Dept. of Public Safety  
Div. of Fire Safety  
General Public  
Committee Chair

**Ex-Officio Members**

Troy Ruggles, via phone  
Absent  
Wendall Mansfield  
Lars Lund  
Aaron Collette, Chair Burlington FF  
Bill Irwin  
Al Barber  
Absent  
Gary Ouellette  
Absent  
Jim Litevich, Chief of Vt. Fire Academy  
Absent  
Neil Fulton

Visitors: Neil Fulton  
Terry Farr  
Dan Zimmer  
Todd Cosgrove

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Approved Minutes, motion by Barber, Mansfield seconds it, passes.**

**Report of the Commissioner of Public Safety:** Absent

**Report of the Chief of Training:** Jim Litevich

- Budget is budget is doing well.
- Car and dumpster prop is doing well.
- Summary of course enrollment.
- Discussion of online and combined course.
- Discussion of NFA weekend.
- NFA and Homeland Security grants have not been released yet.
- Discussion of VTC FF I/II combined.
- Division of Fire Safety website has been updated and we can update ourselves.
- Discussion of the student enrollment being down.

**Committee Reports**

**Curriculum Committee** – Neil Fulton

- Discussion of RIT program and lack of a publisher.
- Discussion of LP program being redone and the inclusion of Natural Gas in the program.
- Discussion of adding ethanol training or at least mentioning within the foam portion of FF II.
- Pursuing education on electric vehicles.

**Statue & Policy Review Committee** – Neil Fulton

- None

**Unfinished business:**

- Irwin announced the new director of EMS, Chris Bell.
- Litevich has had a conversation with Chris Bell about our instructor training.
- Discussion of USAR status, a ropes and confined space Train the Trainer is being planned, swiftwater will finish and then the instructor core will be worked on.
- Discussion of pushing swift water awareness out to all departments so that people at least have a basic knowledge.

**New Business:**

- Prerequisite for Aerial is EVDT.
- Is PADO still a 4 module, but if you have EVDT you do not have to take EVO?
- Looking for clarity on EVDT/EVO within the PADO course. EVDT may be offered in conjunction with the PADO course, if a department requests PADO and needs EVDT to increase student enrollment.
- Discussion of moving forward with making EVDT a certified proboard course.

- Exploration of the VFA moving into the social media circle.
- Is there a way to hold a benefit using VFA instructors for those affected by the hurricane?
- Discussion of props for tech rescue courses – trench and confined space props.

**Department of Health – Bill Irwin**

- An after action meeting will be held to discuss

**Vermont Career Chiefs: Troy Ruggles**

- Gordon Graham in Quechee on October 13<sup>th</sup> they have had a good response but there is still room for others.
- Held meeting last week the main topic was the reaction to Hurricane Irene.

**Vermont State Firefighters Assn.: Al Barber**

- No Report

**Vermont Chief's: Wendall Mansfield**

- No Report

**Dept. of Forest, Park & Rec.: Lars Lund**

- Classes are being scheduled.
- Discussion of the Forest Service role in the reaction to hurricane Irene and fixing trails that need to be repaired.
- Discussion of if Forest and Parks provides a chainsaw course.
- Question of how far back Forest and Parks will accept a Wildland certification, Lund does not have a problem with it; however he feels that it is a VFA issue.
- Discussion of who will be the representative for the Department of Public Safety.

**Professional Firefighter's of Vermont – Aaron Collette**

- Discussion of the Fallen Firefighters conference in Colorado.

**Insurance Report:**

- No Report

**General Public Report: Lenny**

- No Report - absent

**Any other business, as it relates to the Council:**

- None

**Motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.**

Next meeting scheduled for **Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Division of Fire Safety, Berlin at 9 am.**