

Minutes of the June 9, 2014 (and April 28) meeting held at the Vermont Fire Academy in Pittsford.

Roll Call:

<u>Organization Representatives / or Sub</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>
Vt. Career Chief Assn.	Troy Ruggles
Dept. of Education	Alexander Northern
Vt. Fire Chiefs Assn.	Absent
Dept. of Forest, Park & Rec.	Lars Lund
Vt. Professional FF	Christopher Corbin – via phone
Dept. of Health	Jessica Freire
Vt. State FF Assn.	Absent
Dept. of Labor	Absent
VT Domestic Insurance Rep.	Gary Ouellette
Div. of Fire Safety	Michael Desrochers – Director Division of Fire Safety
Dept. of Public Safety	Absent
General Public	Absent

Visitors:	James Litevich - VFA
	Terry Farr “
	Dan Zimmer “
	Michael Skaza “
	William Jones “

Minutes accepted as written. April 28 meeting was not held, quorum not achievable.

Report from the Division: Mike Desrochers (Director):

Budget: Legislature acquired \$3m from the Division’s special fund.

Division is still down positions from December 2013, 2 at VFA

Report of the Chief of Training: James Litevich

- Discussion of the FY2015 programs/locations
- Discussion of attendance numbers from FY 14.
- Driver Operator Aerial program – Norwich – to finish 6/16, results to VFSTC @ next meeting
- Fire Inspector I program – under development, presentation planned for next meeting
- Fire Instructor – 2nd edition now available, to be reviewed, looking to add Fire Instructor II to the curriculum list
- Fire Officer I, II – South Burlington – finished 5/2/14. 13 Students. 3rd Edition is now available – to be reviewed by staff.
- Technical Rescue training is in motion. Swiftwater Rescue Tech / TTT were held in Brattleboro and So. Burlington, Trench OPS held in Pittsford, Structural collapse held in Northfield.
- NFA programs – 3 state weekend May 17, 18 – 18 VT students.
- On Line programs: due to low completion rates, online to be put on hold until the publisher can update their portion for easier student tracking ability.
- Rapid Intervention Crew Program: Student manual has published, waiting for Instructor package. TTT in August.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee – AADO 2nd pilot review at next meeting.

Statute & Policy Review Committee – No Report

Unfinished business:

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Mr. Northern to elect Troy Ruggles as Chair of the Council and Christopher Corbin as the Vice Chair.

2nd by Gary Ouellette. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion on On line and course completion numbers - On Line not being offered this fall.

Discussion on Rapid Intervention Crew program from Jones and Bartlett.

- Upcoming TTT for practical's @ VFA
- Instructor package not available until November 2014.

Discussion about the LPG program

Discussion about not offering a combined FF1/2 class this year

Discussion of 2014 course summaries

- student certification trends
- on line programming on hold until fall 2015
 - Jones and Bartlett upgrading online support – January 2015, estimated completion

Department of Education: Alex Northern

Discussion of the new Paramedic Program starting up at VTC this fall.

Department of Health – Jessica Freire

- New rep from VDH.
- Spoke of the EMS conference in October 2014

Career Chief's report – No report

Vermont State Firefighters Assn.: No Report.

Vermont Chief's: No report

Dept. of Forest, Park & Rec: Wildland course delivery system is working well.

Professional Firefighters - No report

Insurance: Gary Ouellette - No report

General Public – -No report

Other Business: none

Meeting adjourned @ 11:50 am.

Next meeting scheduled: **Friday, October 3 at the Division of Fire Safety in Berlin at 9:30 am.**