

**Vermont Fire Service Training Council**  
*Minutes of the April 30, 2019 Meeting*

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The meeting was held at the Vermont Fire Academy in Pittsford and called to order by Christopher Corbin at 1000.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Organization Representatives**

Vermont Career Chiefs Association	Troy Ruggles
Secretary of Education	Absent
Vermont Fire Chiefs Association	Absent
Commissioner of the Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation	Dan Dillner (proxy)
Professional Firefighters of Vermont	Christopher Corbin
Commissioner of the Department of Health	Absent
Vermont State Firefighters Association	Absent
Commissioner of the Department of Labor	Bailey Emilio (proxy)
Vermont Domestic Insurance	Matt Miles
Division of Fire Safety Director	Michael Desrochers
General Public	John Marcus
Commissioner of Public Safety	

Visitors: Peter Lynch, Michael Skaza, Jessica Pomainville, William Jones, Terry Farr

Chief Wendall Mansfield passed away a past few weeks, Christopher Corbin sent a letter on behalf of the Training Council to his wife and the Stowe Fire Department.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tabled until June Meeting

**Comments from the General Public:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator (PADO) has been updated and the Vermont Fire Academy (VFA) is now offering the IFSTA third edition curriculum. The VFA received accreditation for Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator and Mobile Water Supply. Both PADO pilots have been completed, one was held at VFA in the fall and the second was at held at the Bristol Fire Department.

Feedback was good overall, students would like a more spread out schedule in the future. Instructional staff would like added graphics from the publisher to be added to the PowerPoint. Some additional time was added to the Bristol schedule based on feedback on the VFA students. The Bristol feedback indicated that students would like more time to apply theoretical and fireground calculations to the practical. The Academy would like to add four hours of additional

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time to be used on this, bringing the total numbers of hours up to 65 hours total.

The VFA uses the VFIS Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVDT) for the Driving portion currently in the PADO program delivery and the Academy would like to start using the IFSTA chapters for the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training course. The VFA Staff will work on this project and present it to the Council at a future meeting for approval.

It is the recommendation of the Vermont Fire Academy that these simple changes be made to and that the program and that four hours to be used in either practical or classroom be added and that the program be brought out of Pilot.

**Ruggles makes a motion to adopt the PADO curriculum as piloted with the addition of four hours bringing the total hours to 65 hours, seconded by Marcus. Motion carries unanimously.**

**Other Business:**

Troy Ruggles stated that an online Evaluator Qualification Training was held On April 29, 2019 and went well. He feels that the use of that training format will be useful in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Division of Fire Safety Central Office in Berlin.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ruggles, seconded by Marcus, passes unanimously.**