

Vermont Fire Service Training Council
Minutes of the November 30, 2021 Special Meeting

The meeting was held virtually with a conference call-in available and called to order by Christopher Corbin.

ROLL CALL:

Organization Representatives

Vermont Career Chiefs Association	Aaron Collette
Secretary of Education	Rob Evans
Vermont Fire Chiefs Association	Gene Perkins
Commissioner of the Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation	Lars Lund
Professional Firefighters of Vermont	Christopher Corbin, Chairperson
Commissioner of the Department of Health	Bambi Dame
Vermont State Firefighters Association	F. Thomas Estey
Commissioner of the Department of Labor	Absent
Vermont Domestic Insurance	Absent
Division of Fire Safety Director	Michael Desrochers
General Public	John Marcus, Vice Chairperson
Commissioner of Public Safety	Absent

Other Attendees: Peter Lynch, Michael Skaza, Jessica Pomainville, William Jones, Ben Whalen

The meeting is called to order by Chairperson Corbin. The Chairperson explained that the Special Meeting was called to approve Standard Operating Guidelines that are within the Training Council purview that have to do with Accreditation. The changes were requested during the Pro Board Site visit in the beginning of November.

An introduction was given by the Chief of Training stating that the Pro Board meeting went very well and Pro Board was very impressed with the Fire Academy's application. The Fire Academy was compared to one other state in preparation and detail of the application. In the two-day visit they reviewed each question within our test banks as well as our procedures, policies, and guidelines. There were only a couple of recommendations and requirements.

Standard Operating Guidelines:

Multi-Level Written Exam Procedures SOG – The change is only within section 2. If multiple levels are being tested the scoring must be segregated between levels. The exception is within Hazardous Materials Operations and the Mission Specific Levels of Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control. Hazardous Materials Awareness must be scored separate from the Hazardous Operations materials in a combined level exam.

The reference section had to be updated to reflect the change in Pro Board opinions.

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Prerequisites for Courses and Programs SOG – The SOG didn't note the prerequisites for Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator so the SOG was updated to reflect those changes. There was a discussion that Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator does not require Firefighter I, however, Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator does, but there is no requirement for it to be within a particular edition.

The Council thanked the Academy for the hard work on the Pro Board application and site visit.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the updated changes in the Multi-Level Written Exam Procedures SOG and the Prerequisites for Courses and Programs SOG.

Motion by Estey and seconded by Marcus. Motion passes unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and the location will be determined.

Lund makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Estey. Motion passes unanimously.