

**Arizona Fire Chief's Association
Training Section Meeting
Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2008 Meeting – Glendale Training Facility**

The Training Section held a meeting on Sept. 25 at the Glendale Training Facility at 10 AM.

Those in attendance were:

Ron Dennis – AFCA Exec. Dir.
Dave Shockley – APS
Chirs Ader – Silverbell Fire Dept. (DEMA)
Steve Cannon – Glendale Fire Dept.
Wiatt Wong – VFIS of Arizona
Scott VanBoerum – Green Valley Fire District
Mike Ullman – Goodyear Fire Dept.
Ed Temerowski – Wickenburg Fire Dept.
Paul Wobosel – State Director of Training
John Spanarella – Rural Metro Fire Dept.

Vice Section Leader Scott Van Boerum welcomed those attending a section meeting for the first time.

The meeting minutes of June, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

The regular order of business was suspended to allow for guests to address the section.

A presentation by Dave Shockley of APS on Electrical Safety Awareness was given.

This training is available to agencies around the state at no cost. The training presents the associated hazards of dealing with electrical transmission lines as well as solar electrical supply systems. The class is approximately 1 ½ hours long and the only requirement for the sponsoring agency is to provide a classroom and students. APS will present the program anywhere in Arizona, even if the jurisdiction is not within their service area.

Ron Dennis, Executive Director of the AFCA, was given an opportunity to address the section.

Ron introduced himself and advised that his newly created position is to act as a liaison to the sections of the AFCA. He would ensure that any concerns from the section were relayed to the AFCA and ensure the timely flow of communications between the entities. He stressed the importance of membership in the AFCA especially for training section members as it was the conduit to provide insurance for instructors teaching through the AZSFM office. Individuals who were not chiefs should join as associate members and join the appropriate section, ie training. There is a need to update the instructor application form and process to ensure that instructors are members prior to qualifying them as AZSFM approved instructors.

The insurance will need to be increased once the AZSFM begins offering their workshops again. Ron also distributed Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills textbooks to those in attendance for their review and use. He encouraged everyone to purchase books from AFCA as a portion of the profits were returned to the AFCA.

Paul Wobosel, State Director of Training, was given an opportunity to address the section.

Paul advised that certificate fees will be going up to approximately \$100 in the very near future. This increase was to offset the costs involved with testing processes, and anticipated workshops. The current intent is to offer the workshops at no cost. The AZSFM is looking toward continuing the accreditation of state training programs through IFSAC and/or Proboard. They are also looking into the possibility of soliciting corporate sponsors for future fire school classes to supplement the funding which currently is not met by the enrollment fees.

The regular order of business was resumed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Work is continuing on putting together the State Centralized Library.

B. Driver/Operator Program:

Scott Van Boerum presented an update on this process. The pumper certification program has been reviewed by IFSAC. Currently a couple of minor revisions are being made to the written test bank correlations, per their request. The skillsheets have been approved with a couple minor terminology changes. These will be forwarded to Ron Dennis to be posted on the AFCA website. There was discussion on the necessary revisions to the VFIS program to meet the AZSFM IFSAC requirements. This will be worked on by Scott and Wiatt Wong. The AZSFM will allow any curriculum but the skillsheets and written test must be utilized. The written test is based on the IFSTA Driver Operator Pumper textbook. The Tender and Aerial program are ready for submittal to IFSAC, once the pumper program is approved.

C. Authorized Instructor Process:

The review committee met and reviewed 6 to 7 applications from prospective instructors, with a recommendation for approval of 4. The remaining applications were deficient and the AZSFM will send a letter addressing the deficiencies. The application form needs to be modified to include an item about the mandatory requirement for AFCA membership. There was a discussion and decision to add Paul Wobosel to the application review committee. There were a few missing applications which have been located and forwarded for appropriate action. At this time there are 21 approved instructors. One major goal of this process is to have all instructors desiring to instruct at the 2009 state fire school be in the Authorized Instructor pool. Paul stated that he will put out an email statewide reminding everyone of the need to complete the application and required submittals to the committee. He also stated that it is important that instructors meet current IFSAC/NFPA standards and we need

a mechanism to ensure this happens. He will also work on posting a list of AZSFM approved instructors on the state website.

NEW BUSINESS

A. List of State Fire Marshal Classes available

Discussion regarding classes, and the need for a list for instructors to choose as part of their application for AZSFM approval.

B. Discussion on how the Section could possibly host training seminars through the Chief's Association

Previously discussed as part of Paul's report.

C. Discussion on a means to get training programs on-line for departments located in remote areas.

Pima Community College is looking for input from the AZ fire service community as to a list of classes for online delivery.

GOOD OF THE SECTION

Shirts for the training section were reviewed and orders can be placed with Ron Dennis.

NEXT SECTION MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 10, 2008 AT 10 AM AT THE MESA TRAINING FACILITY.

Submitted by Scott Van Boerum, Vice Section Leader