



Arizona Fire Chiefs Association

Training Section Meeting

July 31, 2009

- I. Meeting was called to order by Tom Hand at 0804 hours
 - a. Crosby Grindle from Western Fire Chiefs gave a quick overview of the services offered by the Fire Service Bookstore. On October 1, 2007 AFCA entered into an agreement with the Western Fire Chiefs Association relating to book sales. Arizona's fire service may now make purchases from the Fire Service Bookstore, representing over 32 publishers, at a discount and a portion of the proceeds will be returned to AFCA. They can be reached at 800-342-2034 or www.fireservicebooks.com
- II. Review of Dec. 18, 2008 Minutes. In order to minimize cost, minutes will not be mailed to members, they can be accessed by going to the AFCA website or following the attached link: <http://www.azchiefs.org/default.asp?pageid=37&deptid=1> Future copies will be available at this site as well as via e-mail.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Authorized Instructor Process. Paul Wobosel reviewed the process again for the group. Should you need more information, you can download a packet on the the AFCA website or click this link:
http://www.azchiefs.org/Assets/dept_1/PM/pdf/Authorized%20Instructor%20Packet-April%2028-2009.pdf
 - i. We now have 135 authorized instructors throughout the state
 - b. On Line Testing has been placed on the back burner due to budget issues, it may pick back up in the fall.
 - i. Paul reported that the Office of the State Fire Marshall is working with Community Colleges on "Blended Learning"
 - c. Review of the 1st Annual State Instructor Conference. Tom and Paul reported on the successful conference. It was attended by 140 people. Mark your calendar for March 25 & 26, 2010 for the next conference
- IV. New Business
 - a. Tom Hand Presented a proposal for restructuring the section. Tom also solicited the group to have a co-chairman and a scribe from the group. William Bishop of Goodyear Fire and Steve Kinkaid from Luke Fire volunteers to serve as co-chairs along with Tom Hand and Wiatt Wong volunteered to serve as section scribe.

- b. Paul proposed seven (7) regions for the new structure. There will be work groups in each region with delegated tasks to serve the section representative of agencies from across the state. The chairs will work with each region leader to create teams in each region and work on specific tasks. Regions, the representative and their agency are listed below:
 - i. Region 1 - Maricopa County - Bryan Smith - Buckeye Valley Fire District
 - ii. Region 2 - LaPaz / Yuma Counties - Dan Padilla – Yuma Fire Department
 - iii. Region 3 - Mohave County - Josh Livermore - Bullhead City Fire District
 - iv. Region 4 - Coconino / Yavapai Counties - Dave Marshall - Yavapai College
 - v. Region 5 – Navajo / Apache Counties – Clay Wood – Show Low Fire District
 - vi. Region 6 – Graham/Greenlee/Santa Cruz/ Cochise - Tom Fenn – Sierra Vista Fire Department
 - vii. Region 7 – Pinal / Pima – Dave Staub – Casa Grande Fire Department
- c. IFSAC Accreditation Process Review. Paul stressed that his office will need input and assistance in the renewal process. We are currently on the 2002 standard IFSTA 4th edition. Current accreditation is expiring March of 2010.
- d. Training Library. Paul Wobosel – We will be working with IFSTA, Jones and Bartlett, and Delmar to establish a curriculum library. We will need assistance from the section to establish standard criteria (course content) and curriculum for Workshops offered within Arizona. The Fire Marshal's Office approves requests for these Workshops but they do not currently have any materials outlining them.

V. Good of the Section

- a. Bob Barger commented that we are behind the curve in credentialing for NIMS compliance. Moving forward in this area will lend more credibility in the state
- b. Tom Fenn of Sierra Vista wanted to find out if anyone else is having problems with the new Geeber hose clamps. Paul Sunder of Phoenix Fire suggested that they should be used closer to the coupling and don't take your time in releasing them, they need to be released quickly. Anyone else having suggestions should e-mail Tom at tfenn@ci.sierra-vista.az.us
- c. Rob McLeod of Chandler brought up core instructor programs. He advised that we need to be proactive in doing regional training, particularly in the areas of ISO classes, Instructor Evaluator and Firefighter Safety.
- d. Jim Morgan of Casa Grande recommended an interactive training series called To Hell & Back. It is a good resource for on-line training. For more information go to: www.peoplesburnfoundation.org
- e. Paul Sunder of Paradise Valley Community College stated that they have several courses available including Hazmat 2008, TRT 2008 as well as other instructor courses along with program testing correlation. Contact Paul at paul.sunder@pvmail.maricopa.edu
- f. Wiatt Wong of VFIS of Arizona announced that VFIS has made available a new program for Driver Training for those departments that are towing trailers. In addition VFIS is now offering classes online. For more information visit www.vfis.com contact **Wiatt** at wiatt@azvfis.com if you would like to order or access these programs.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 1005 hours