

ARIZONA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

TRAINING SECTION

MINUTES OF THE December 18, 2008 meeting

The Training Section conducted its quarterly meeting on Dec. 18 at 10:00 AM at the Mesa Fire Training Facility. Those attending the meeting were:

Ron Clark

Steve Cannon

Paul Wobosel

Ron Dennis

Jeff Johnston

Georgina Marin

Mark Cichocki

Dennis Rohrman

Wiatt Wong

Bryan Smith

Ed Temeroski

Tom Hand

The minutes from the Sept. 25th meeting were approved as submitted.

Introductions were made by all attending. Paul Wobosel introduced Georgina Marin. Georgina is a new Training Coordinator with the State Fire Marshal's office.

Authorized Instructor Process: Paul Wobosel provided an update on the process. The program has been modified and improved and appears to be running smoothly. There are currently 46 instructors now on the authorized list.

Driver/Operator Program: Scott Van Boerum gave an update. The Engine certification program should be approved by IFSAC in the near future. Once this

program is approved, the Aerial and Tender programs will be submitted to IFSAC for approval. It was discussed and agreed that once the Engine program is approved that there be a train-the-trainer class for those wishing to instruct the class.

On-Line Training Programs: There are several states now using this concept for providing training, primarily for those departments that are not near a training center. There is a possibility that the State Fire Marshal may get involved in this training format. It may be considered for Firefighter I and II programs. Pilot programs are to happen in the next 2 to 3 months. Further evaluation to be conducted by the State Fire Marshal.

State Fire Marshal Report: Paul Wobosel and Jeff Johnston gave an update on their office activities. Paul explained the reasoning behind the cost increase for state certificates. This money will go toward funding training in the state. Certification programs will include the cost for certificates in the fee for the course. Members were reminded to check the SFMO website often as the forms for classes are changing regularly.

Ron Dennis advised members that the AFCA dues notices will be sent out in January. He also distributed training section shirts ordered by members and advised that any member desiring a shirt should contact him.

Tom Hand brought up the idea of the Section sponsoring what will be called the "1st Annual Arizona State Fire Instructor's Seminar". The concept would be to bring in state instructors for a one day seminar at which time they could be brought up to speed on what is happening with training in the state. It was suggested that at that time an Instructor Evaluator program could be offered for those who need to take the program. There may be one or two other training modules offered simultaneously for others to attend. Members agreed that this would be a worthwhile endeavor and a committee was formed to work on the project. The committee consists of Scott Van Boerum, Ed Temeroski, Tom Hand, Paul Wobosel, and Ron Dennis. A target date of March 26, 2009 was selected. The committee will meet to plan for the seminar which will be held at the Mesa Public Safety facility. Further updates will be provided as plans are finalized.

It was suggested and decided to get meeting notices at least 2 weeks prior to the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Submitted by Tom Hand, Section leader