

MINUTES

**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL  
STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**February 25, 2008 10 AM  
J. Everett Light Career Center  
1901 E 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis IN 46240**

**A. Board called to order.**

10:10 am

**B. Roll Call**

Present

Jerry Nulliner

Jeff Hayes

Jack Kerney Sr.

Gerald George

Candice Ashby

Joe Wainscott Jr.

Roger Johnson (left 11:15am)

Absent

Tom Hanify

Charles Hall

Darrick Scott

Ab Crosby

**C. Minutes and Statistical Report from January 2008.**

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

## **D. Variance Requests**

The following requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Confined Space Awareness, Structural Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness based on the IDHS course.

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| 1. Eric Kurtz            | 2. Nick Tekler          |
| 3. Mark Catanzarite      | 4. Anthony Alwine       |
| 5. Paul Applegate        | 6. David Bennett        |
| 7. James Cocquyt         | 8. Michael Damiano      |
| 9. Isaac Detweiler       | 10. Michael Lagodney    |
| 11. David Richter        | 12. Raymond Schultz     |
| 13. Rosario Signorino    | 14. Randall Stone       |
| 15. William Sullivan Jr. | 16. Brian Woodward      |
| 17. Dan Marcum           | 18. Brian Chasteen      |
| 19. Robert Boyer         | 20. Henry Airbrecht Jr. |
| 21. Meagan Goodnight     | 22. Raymond Emerick     |
| 23. Steven Davis         | 24. Kent Cherry         |
| 25. Lenard Lapan         | 26. Tyler Scott         |
| 27. Bradley Rogers       | 28. Devon Wilson        |
| 29. Bryan McKenney       | 30. Doug Lutes          |
| 31. Ben Linville         | 32. Jay Tennell         |
| 33. Aaron Carlton        | 34. Tyler Lockridge     |
| 35. Jason Morh           | 36. Jeff Tennell        |
| 37. Dean Tyner           | 38. Roger Higham        |
| 39. Jared Parker         | 40. Scott Grove         |
| 41. Darrin Moore         | 42. Michael Haehl       |
| 43. Jared Wilson         | 44. Kevin Wood Jr.      |
| 45. Joseph Dietz         | 46. Gary Chambers       |
| 47. Steve Crispen        | 48. Terry Francis       |
| 49. Jeff Garrity         | 50. Jerry Gibbs         |

51. David Goad
53. Alvin O'Neal
55. Gregory Sullwold
57. Bradley Young
59. Aaron Bolinger
61. Gabriel Creech
63. Terrance Doyle
65. Robert Geller
67. James Hile
69. Shade Keeney
71. John Marquardt
73. Michael Miller
75. Rod Schiffli
77. John Snyder
79. Kenneth Spraque
81. Jason Wells
83. Brian Anderson
85. Ryan Goodwin
87. Rebecca Graham
89. John Hendrix
91. Kenneth Miller
93. John Schoffstall
95. Kelli Stewart
97. Brian Throckmorton
99. Megan Burris
101. Derreck Ison
103. Jonathan Northern
105. Kevin Salyers
107. Charles Goldman
109. James Akins
111. Cassandra Wells
113. Jeramie Shamp
115. James Bushee
117. Robert Allen
119. William Barowsky
52. Karl Newhart
54. Juan Perera
56. Brian Wallar
58. Victor Baver
60. Jeffrey Cameron
62. Harold Cummins
64. Nicholas Gaff
66. Sean Harrel
68. Nathan Iden
70. David Kimmel Jr.
72. Jason Meek
74. Brian Moore
76. Jeff Shultz
78. Joshua Snyder
80. Paul Thiel
82. Chad Werkheiser
84. Bryce Elson
86. Jason Graham
88. Joshua Harrison
90. Darin Knoepfel
92. Jonathan Musick
94. Jon Shackelford
96. Steve Sturm
98. Jimmy Weber Jr.
100. James Hendrick
102. Timothy Mullins
104. Thomas Upton
106. Jeffrey McDonald
108. Zane McDonald
110. Mike Willey
112. Michael Tullis
114. John Quilliam Jr
116. Kent Hart
118. Mark Baker
120. James Booth

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| 121. Chris Brenneman | 122. Charles Brown    |
| 123. Amber Clouser   | 124. Gary Cochran     |
| 125. Elizabeth Creed | 126. Dustin Dishman   |
| 127. Mark Keck       | 128. Brandon Kleine   |
| 129. Jon Ludlow      | 130. James McKinney   |
| 131. R. Andrew Mohr  | 132. Bruce Nulliner   |
| 133. Jerilyn Picha   | 134. Scott Picha      |
| 135. Frank Pine      | 136. Jason Quimby     |
| 137. Dale Saucier    | 138. Charles Schutt   |
| 139. Jay Sitton      | 140. Jacob Supple     |
| 141. Darren Winkle   | 142. Jeffrey Wilson   |
| 143. James Wolsiffer | 144. Greg Woodall     |
| 145. Jim Wright      | 146. Doug Curry       |
| 147. Brett Ramer     | 148. Gregory Clark    |
| 149. Ryan Fipps      | 150. Joseph Gillespie |
| 151. Daniel Horton   | 152. Kyle Knight      |
| 153. Steven Loudon   | 154. Kyle Mundy       |
| 155. Timothy Smith   | 156. Ben Spencer      |
| 157. Seth Staggs     | 158. Dewayne Turpen   |
| 159. Chad Witham     | 160. Jason Zeeks      |
| 161. Kyle Brown      | 162. Landen Bartley   |
| 163. Todd Bellaw     | 164. Art Booth        |
| 165. Jason Braden    | 166. Robert Breeding  |
| 167. Richard Bunce   | 168. Mike Cottrell    |
| 169. Philip Deckard  | 170. Adam Goff        |
| 171. Matthew King    | 172. Matt Kinslow     |
| 173. Ryan Kunkle     | 174. Robert Leonard   |
| 175. Mike McKibben   | 176. Martin Meyers    |
| 177. Dustin Ramer    | 178. Scott Ryckman    |
| 179. Ken Schwartz    | 180. Gale Schwarzkopf |
| 181. Chris Sewell    | 182. Jay Tinder       |
| 183. Robert Zeeks    | 184. Scott Mamaril    |
| 185. David Wright    | 186. Kenny Tumey      |
| 187. Kevin Brock     | 188. Neil Riley       |
| 189. David Owens     | 190. Jeff Long        |

191. John Hughes  
193. Adam Flynn

192. Brandon Hudson  
193a. Thomas Bradt

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

194. Troy Clements requested a variance for Instructor II/III. He is a Firefighter 2 and a PI.

Staff has no recommendation.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

195. Dr. Louis A. Scarpellini requested variances for Hazardous Material Awareness, Operations and Technician. He is an Instructor at Vincennes University and he sites his work experience and continued education in this field. He is an Instructor II/III.

Staff has no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. We have written/practical testing in place. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

196. Steven Stanley requested a variance for Instructor II/III. He is an Instructor I and a PI.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jeff Hayes made a motion to approve. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

197. Charles Goldman requested a variance for Public Information Officer. He took the class at the

Jasper Fire School through the Instructor Association.

Staff has no recommendation.

Roger Johnson made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

The following requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Confined Space Awareness, Structural Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness based on the course taught at American Safety and Training Inc. at Crown Point Fire Dept. They were denied in November due to not having Firefighter 2.

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| 200. Roland Wise    | 201. Paul Watland |
| 202. Mitchell Gibbs | 203. Gary Gale    |
| 204. Lan Dunlap     |                   |

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

The following requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Confined Space Awareness, Structural Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness based on the DHS program.

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| 205. Christopher Baker  | 206. Thomas Wolfschlag |
| 207. Kyle Kazmierczak   | 208. Mark Baker        |
| 209. Michael Good       | 210. Michael VanZile   |
| 211. J Bradley Tressler | 212. Karen Umbarger    |
| 213. Michael Compton    | 214. John Cape         |

- 215. Ian Jarrett
- 217. Matthew Bott

- 216. Jim Elkins

Roger Johnson made a motion to approve.  
Candice Ashby seconded. Motion passed.

- 218. Lewis Austin requested variances for Hazmat Awareness and Operations, Fire Officer 2 and Fire Inspector 3, based on the enclosed degrees, and documentation.

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical testing in place.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. We have written/practical testing in place. Deny Inspector 3, certification is 1992 and insufficient documentation. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

The following requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Confined Space Awareness, Structural Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness, based on the DHS program, and Hazmat Awareness, based on the enclosed documentation

- 219. Robert Brownell
- 220. Michael Kimmel

Staff recommends denial. We have the written Hazmat Awareness available.

Gerald George made a motion to deny.  
Written/practical testing in place. Roger Johnson  
seconded. Motion passed.

**E. State Fire Marshal Report**

Leadership forums are taking place throughout the state and the attendance on these have been great. HB1001 is moving its way through legislature and firefighters are swarming the capital right now on this issue.

**F. Homeland Security Report, Director Joseph Wainscott Jr.**

Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics will be out June 1 and it will be validated to the Brady Strategy and Tactics.

We released the new on line registration for testing and on March 30, it will be mandatory that you use this. This is new, and there are still problems, so let us know if you run into a problem. We will no longer accept faxed or mailed requests after March 31.

We are asking for guidance on how to deal with violations by the lead evaluators and proctors. We would like to be able to issue warning letters or letters of reprimand before issues come to the board. (The board gave approval on this issue. The staff would be allowed to issue letters prior to coming to the board)

Jack Kerney asked if the board could be kept abreast of the letters, and add to the letter that the letter might not be the only action taken.



In the return test box, the following should be in there:

Test books

Student application (completed)

Pink test sheet

Lead evaluator sheet attached to a copy of the practical skills check off sheet.

John Buckman spoke about the issues in the returned test packets and the problems involved.

- Missing applications
- Missing test sheets
- Missing test books
- Missing lead evaluator sheets
- Holding tests past the 3 days- one held them for 7 months

Suggestions from the audience:

- \* Two hour course for Instructor recertification. This keeps the instructor current with everything going on.
- \* Every one or two years, have a two hour seminar throughout the state and make this mandatory for an instructor to attend these. Maybe 1 in every district. One through the week and one on a weekend.
- \* Maybe an online course
- \* This is a way to get the new/proposed rules out and make them familiar with them.

We are going to have a book committee revisit the Firefighter ½ validation process. We want to validate the bank to 1 book. The reason is that books could

be purchased on the state QPA. If you want to be on this committee, e-mail [jbuckman@dhs.in.gov](mailto:jbuckman@dhs.in.gov) and tell me what committee you want to be on. I ask that you be certified in the field being discussed.

**G. Certification Section Chief, Tony Pagano**

Average turn around time right now is 14.2 business days.

**H. Reciprocity Requests**

**BREAK 11:30 AM**

**CALLED TO ORDER 11:45 AM**

1. Letter from William Harter about reciprocity. Steven Boyer from Michigan is asking for reciprocity for Firefighter ½ and Hazmat awareness and operations. Candice Ashby made a motion to table pending further documentation. Jack Kerney seconded. Need documentation showing continued education. Certification is 1999.

**I. Administrative Proceedings - Judge Teegarden**

1. Jeffrey Huber, 07-02, non-final order  
Jerry Nulliner made a motion to table pending further documentation. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.
2. Jerry Stigall letter has been forwarded to the Judge for the appeal process.  
Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed. The complaint will be forwarded on to the Judge.

## **J. Old Business**

1. Letter from Cynthia Underwood, regarding deleting the NIMS certification.

Joe Wainscott states that this looks like they are wanting us to maintain the records for ICS. This is not our responsibility and the individual should be responsible for proving their FEMA certification for compliance.

2. Motorsports – Manuela Johnson  
No report at this time

3. Administrative rule changes-07-0450  
dated 01-28-08.

\*On the bottom of page 3, the word in is missing and question on each prerequisite. If you are a Fire Officer 1, and you want Fire Officer 2, do you have to back up and get the Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics? No, you are a Fire Officer 1 and you met the prerequisite for that so you have met the requirements.

\*page 12, I (2) remove shall be provided by lead evaluator. DHS provides the forms, not the lead evaluator.

\*page 15, (9) remove time allowed for each examination is 8 hours. Remove the second number 12 should be 13.

\*page 16, 5 (b) (c) remove the word assisting. There is no term specifying/or definition of assisting evaluator.

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### **New Business**

1. Board election of Chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

New chairperson – Jerry Nulliner

New Vice Chair – Gerald George

New Secretary - Jack Kerney Sr.

2. Charlestown VFD, Mark Goodlett, Lee Slaughter regarding proposed rule 655 IAC 1-1-7 (b) (2)

The concern is that the Charlestown VFD uses hard core convicts as firefighters. The prison is Hendersonville, and it is a non secured prison. There are no fences there. There are no bars on the windows or doors.

Mark Goodlett, and Lee Slaughter spoke about the prisoners that they use. The fire department has no money to hire firefighters. They were approached by the Department of Corrections with a plan. During the day the fire department is manned by individuals on work release programs. These men are in for non-violent crimes, and they are getting a training that they would not otherwise be able to have. The concern is that 655 IAC 1-1-7 (b) (2) would prohibit these men from becoming certified firefighters. Joe Wainscott states that he sees nothing in the rule that would prohibit these men from being certified firefighters.

William Timas, now released, spoke about how he appreciated the program. This is something that kept him going while in prison, something that he could look forward to and it gave him a sense of pride that he could do this.

The board states that the rules/regulations do not restrict this activity. The board members commended the fire department for starting this program and would like to see it implemented in other cities around the state.

**L. Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

**April 14, 2008 -6PM**

**Jasper VFD**

**606 Main St**

**Jasper IN 47546**