



Chair: Frank Heumann Vice-Chair: Marty Peterson Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Mellor

Minutes of January 29, 2009

Members Present: Ted Black, Ryan Eckardt, Chris Evans, Eldon Farnsworth, Ross Fowlks, Frank Heumann, Jim Judd, Steve Lutz, Kevin Nalder, Ryan Mellor, Ron Morris, Lincoln Paxman, Marty Petersen, Coy Porter, Gaylord Scott, Ray Schelble (for George Sumner) Greg Rynders, Brad Wardle, and Jay Westergard

On the phone: Dave Spatafore, Kevin Ward, Mike Mathieu, and Robert Stoker

Bureau Staff: Jenny Allred, Jim Hansen, and Paul Patrick

1. Call to Order:

a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Frank Heumann welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign the roll and update the contact list.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Frank Heumann asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

Ryan Mellor made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2008 as written. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

3. Old Business:

Nothing to report.

4. New Business:

a. Legislative Watch List (refer to the list on Joint Council's website: www.firecouncil.com)

Dave Spatafore gave a brief overview of the bills and recommendations.

- H.B. 31 Utah Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival Act – Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
Chris Evans explained that this bill enacts the Utah Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival Act and amends civil liability immunity provisions relating to the act. This bill passed the house committee 72 in favor 0 opposed on November 19, 2009 unanimously. He asked the sponsor to amend the bill then it was sent to legal for review. Chris discussed the changes to the bill.
Chris Evans assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 50 Firefighter Special Group License Plate Amendments – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd
Jay Westergard stated this bill passed the house.
Jay Westergard assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 75 Utah Communications Agency Network Amendments – Sponsor: Fred R. Hunsaker
This bill will modify the executive committee for the Utah Communications Agency Network. It would include Cache County they are joining UCAN footprint. It adds two people to the executive committee.
The Council agreed to take this bill off the list.
- H.B. 95 Restrictions on Use of Wireless Communications Devices in Vehicles – Sponsor: Phil Riesen
Ryan Eckardt assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 212 Enhanced Public Safety Retirement Systems Cost-of-Living Adjustment Option Amendments – Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
Dave Spatafore recommended that the Council discuss supporting this bill.
Marty Peterson assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 226 Disaster Recovery and Emergency Management Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
Kevin Ward assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 245 Utah State 911 Committee Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
This bill amends the duties and powers of the Utah 911 Committee; and makes technical corrections.
Coy Porter assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 248 Restrictions on Use of Wireless Communication Devices in Vehicles – Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss
Ryan Eckardt assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 252 Emergency Management Administration Council Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
Kevin Ward assigned to watch this bill.
- H.B. 273 Contracting for Interfacility Medical Transports – Sponsor: Michael E. Noel
Dave Spatafore stated that this bill could impact South Jordan and other agencies. He recommended that the Council draft a fact sheet with there concerns.

Brad Wardle explained that it still remains a concern that our ambulance licenses are predicated upon agreements with exclusive geographical license.

H.B. 273 could affect counties of the first and second class. The Utah State Fire Chief's Association is in opposition of this bill.

Brad Wardle assigned to watch this bill.

- S.B. 89 Public Safety Retirement Death Benefit Modifications – Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner

This bill raises the cap on the death benefits of retired members of the public safety retirement systems.

Marty Peterson assigned to watch this bill.

- S.B. 127 Retirement Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist
Take off the list.
- S.B. 135 Local District Taxing Authority – Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
Dave Spatafore recommended in opposition of this bill.

Ted Black assigned to watch this bill.

b. Fire Caucus Planning

Fire Caucus luncheon will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Capital Office Building Auditorium.

Greg Rynders gave an update on the Utah Fire Caucus Planning.

- 2009 Utah Fire Caucus Co-chairs are Rep. Larry B. Wiley, Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Sen. Patricia W. Jones, and Rep. Todd E. Kiser.
- They are finding it to be difficult to raise money this year due to the economic downturn and layoffs.
- Please contact lawmakers to join you at the luncheon. Bring firefighters to assist with the work.
- Talk with constituents – Coy and Dave
- They will have to rent tables and chairs this year.
- Photography – Lincoln and Ray
- Updated Fire Caucus pin – Dawayne
- Updating the brochures and Fire Caucus Times for distribution
- Award for Brad King
- Award for firefighters

A Fire Caucus planning meeting will be conducted immediately following this meeting

c. Other

Paul Patrick stated that he appreciates the efforts of support from the Council for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grants program. The Legislature approved the 2009 budget for the rest of this fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2009) leaving us with the EMS grants, trauma/EMSC and high school training. As you may recall, the legislature already took money out of the EMS grants program for this year.

The budget starting in July 1, 2009 (FY2010), that's another story. We believe high school training and trauma/EMSC are off the cutting block for now but EMS grants for agencies are still on. All of these budget issues can

change in a moments notice with the legislature. They can even go back and cut more out the budget they approved for the rest of this fiscal year. We really do not know what will happen.

5. Board Member and District Representative Reports:

- a. Chair – Frank Heumann reviewed the by-laws of the Council. Received a called Congressman Jason Chaffetz’s office assistant took the opportunity to send them information on the Joint Fire Council, and Utah Fire Caucus. In the process of drafting a letter to invite Congressman Chaffetz to attend the Congressional Fire Caucus in DC.
- b. Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson discussed the Utah Pension System. He discussed the 5 year smoothing. The Utah Pension System is sound and in good shape. Changed the 8% annual turn to 7.5% this will cause a small increase. This increase will be covered through the fire insurance premium taxes for firefighters.
- c. Treasurer – Ryan Mellor stated that he paid for the website and collecting dues.
- d. District Representatives – Jay Westergard announced that he submitted the Firefighter License Plate Usage to Straight Tip magazine. The article will be sent out to the Council for review.

Eldon Farnsworth announced that the 2009 Utah Chapter IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Seminar February 23rd - 25th, 2009 in Wendover at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino.

Coy Porter recommended inviting the Commissioner Davenport to one of our meetings.

6. Good of the Order:

- a. Nothing reported.

7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.