



Chair: Gil Rodriguez Vice-Chair: Marty Peterson Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Eckardt

Minutes of February 2, 2012

Members Present: Dawayne Coombs, Ryan Eckardt, Tony Espinoza, Eldon Farnsworth, Ross Fowlks, Scott Gurney, Brent Halladay, Steve Hoffman, David Larsen, Steve Lutz, Ron Morris, Layne Pace, Lincoln Paxman, Marty Peterson, Coy Porter, Jim Rampton, Gil Rodriguez, Greg Rynders, Kevin Ward and Jay Westergard

Phone: Blair Camp, Marc McElreath, Lynn Schofield, Mathew Schwenk, and Robert Stoker

Excused: Martha Ellis

Bureau Staff: Jim Hansen and Jenny Allred

1. Call to Order:

- a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Gil Rodriguez welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- a. Gil Rodriguez asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

Eldon Farnsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2012. Ryan Eckardt seconded the motion and all that was present approved voting. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

3. Old Business:

- a. Nothing to Report.

4. New Business:

- a. Legislative Watch List (refer to the list on the following website:

www.firecouncil.com). The Joint Fire Council discussed the following bills:

- H.B. 21 Driver License Emergency Contact Database – Sponsor: Marie H. Poulsen – **Watch**

Gil Rodriguez reported that this bill placed on Senate 2nd reading calendar on 1/30/12.

- H.B. 33 Fireworks Amendments – Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan – **Support**
Coy Porter stated that this bill passed the House significant majority. The House Committee Amendments were a person may discharge approved explosives in the state on July 4 and July 24, the hours are 11 a.m. to midnight, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the other days. A person who violates the time restrictions stated in Subsections 2(a), 2(b), or 2(c) is guilty of an

infraction. This bill passed the Senate on the first reading calendar on 1/30/2012.

- H.B.45 State Fire Code Amendments – Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan – **Support**
Coy Porter reported that H.B. 45 passed the House on the Senate Committee consent calendar on 1/30/2012. There were two amendments done on this bill.
- H.B. 64 Amendments to Public Employee Health Care – Sponsor: Brian Doughty – **Watch**
This bill amends the Public Employees’ Benefit and Insurance Program Act. This bill clarifies the definition for a dependent eligible for coverage. Marty Peterson had a brief discussion with PEHP regarding this bill. There are some concerns about the cost of domestic partners and parents.
- H.B. 85 Forensic Phlebotomy – Sponsor: Val L. Peterson – **Watch**
Layne Pace reported that he met with a Union Representative, Representative Val Peterson and Paul Patrick to ensure the bill did not mandate a paramedic or an EMT has to draw blood. The amendments made to the bill were adding the word paramedic and EMT. This bill is in the House Standing Committee placed on the consent calendar.
Ron Morris made a motion to support H.B. 85 Forensic Phlebotomy. Kevin Ward seconded the motion and all that was present approved voting. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 94 Government Competition With Private Enterprise – Sponsor: Johnny Anderson – **Watch**
Kevin Ward stated that the League of Cities and Towns are opposing this bill. This bill requires a government entity to conduct a study and contact private enterprise before engaging in certain commercial activity.
- H.B. 106 Limitation on Collective Bargaining – Sponsor: Keith Grover – **Watch**
Marty Peterson stated this bill modifies provisions relating to collective bargaining by public employers. The bill prohibits state and local government entities from engaging in collective bargaining on subjects other than wages and health benefits. Marty explained there are concerns this bill could affect Salt Lake City.
- H.B. 224 Report of Receipts of Federal Money Sponsor: Ken Ivory – **Watch**
Kevin Ward reported that this bill might affect all state, cities and county district entities receiving federal funds. It could cost government entities loss of revenue from the state site.
- H.B. 256 Retirement Modifications – Sponsor: Don L. Ipson – **Support**
Marty Peterson reported that this bill has no negatively impact on the fire service. This bill is in the House received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst on 1/26/2012.
- H.B. 265 Public Employees’ Long-Term Disability Act Amendments – Sponsor: Brian S. King
This bill clarifies the definition of long-term disability. Marty Peterson explained that if a firefighter becomes disabled receive a two-year benefit unless they are 100% disabled from performing any work at all then the disability would extend beyond two years. Under the existing law, a firefighter diagnosed with anxiety or stress related to physical disability maybe excluded from qualifying for continuing disability. This bill is in the House Standing Committee on 1/26/2012.

Jay Westergard explained that the volunteer firefighters have a supplemental insurance through Provident Insurance in his department.

- H.B. 271 Public School Seismic Safety Committee – Sponsor: Larry B. Willey – **Watch**

Coy Porter briefly explained that this bill created the Public School Seismic Safety Committee that consists of a seven-member board. This bill is in the House Standing Committee not considered on 1/25/2012.

Ron Morris stated that he talked with Representative Willey he considers H.B. 271 and H.B. 275 dead, H.B. 279 on life support.

- H.B. 275 Seismic Requirements for Condominium Conversion Projects – Sponsor: Larry B. Willey – **Watch**

Coy Porter reported that if an owner converts an apartment complex build before 1975 to a condominium two or more stories high has to have a seismic evaluation of the structure. This bill is in the House Standing Committee not considered on 1/25/2012.

- H.B. 279 Utah Schools Seismic Hazard Inventory – Sponsor: Larry B. Willey – **Watch**

This bill has a fiscal note of \$500,000, \$500 per school to conduct seismic evaluations of 1,200 schools in the state. This bill is in the House Standing Committee not considered on 1/26/2012.

- H.B. 288 Impact Fee Amendments – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley – **Watch**

Brent Halladay explained that this bill allows a local government or aggrieved person to request a written advisory opinion prior to the enactment of an impact fee. Kevin Ward will contact Gary Crane for more information on this bill.

- S.B. 28 State Construction Code Amendments – Sponsor: John L. Valentine – **Watch**

Coy Porter reported this bill updates the edition of the National Electrical Code, adopted by reference, to the 2011 edition; enacts a new exception to and deletes and replaces a provision of the International Building Code relating to concrete durability requirements; enacts new provisions of the International Building Code related to standards applicable to concrete elements and minimum clear floor space; and adopts local amendments to the International Plumbing Code. This bill has no impact on the fire service. This bill is in the House Standing Committee on 1/26/2012.

- S.B. 38 Wildland Fire Amendments – Sponsor: Margaret Dayton – **Support**

Coy Porter reported that this bill passed the Senate in the House first reading on 1/30/2012.

- S.B. 128 Wireless Telephone Use Restriction for Minors In Vehicles – Sponsor: **Watch**

Gil Rodriguez reported that this bill prohibits a person younger than 18 years of age from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. This bill is in the Senate received a fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst on 1/30/2012.

- S.B. 140 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Amendments – Sponsor: Senator Curt Bramble Brent Halladay explained that S.B. 140 modifies licensing and certification requirements for users of liquefied petroleum gas to allow for end of use operators to be exempt from additional certification if they have the training. This bill is in the Senate 2nd reading on 2/1/2012.

Coy Porter made a motion to support S.B. 140 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Amendments. Ryan Eckardt seconded the motion and all that was present approved voting. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

- S.B. 147 Emergency Vehicle Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher – **Watch**

Coy Porter reported that this bill provides that an operator of a vehicle may not follow closer than 500 feet any authorized emergency vehicle traveling in response to an emergency; and makes technical changes. This bill is in the Senate on first reading on 1/30/2012.

Other 2012 Legislation

- Multi Jurisdiction Blasting Permits – Sponsor: Senator Ralph Okerlund
Brent Halladay explained that the multi jurisdiction blasting was written in 15A State Fire Code.
- b. Retirement Updates
Brent Halladay and Marty Peterson had a meeting with Dan Anderson, Attorney, Utah Retirement Office, discussed the Firefighter Death and Disability line of duty death. Dan Anderson agreed that the line of duty death and disability definition needs modified. This language amendment will be for next year’s legislative session.
- c. Caucus Luncheon
Greg Rynders please make contact with your legislature. The next year’s Fire Caucus luncheon scheduled for February 11, 2013. The Fire Caucus Planning Committee will meet immediately following this meeting
- d. Other
Marty Peterson had a discussion with Mike Lee on proposed legislation by Representative Perry regarding a disability for Public Safety that may come out of the restricted account of fire insurance tax money.
Brent Halladay made a request for one time \$600,000 for creation of second set of props and \$300,000 addition on going money for increase in training for the Utah Fire Academy.

5. Board Member and District Representative Reports:

- a. Chair – Gil Rodriguez had nothing more to report.
- b. Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson stated he was not selected for the position he applied for. He asked to excuse him from the February 24 and March 1, 2012 meetings.
- c. Treasure – Ryan Eckardt reported a balance of \$7,400 in checking account.
- d. District Representatives – Jay Westergard provided an update on the license plate committee.

6. Good of the Order:

- a. Nothing to report.

7. Meeting adjourned.

Ron Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and all that was present approved voting. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.