

**Fire Policy Committee
Minutes
September 15, 2006**

The Fire Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2006 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair Jim Whelan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendees

Committee Members:

James Whelan, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters' Association, Chair
Larry Goff, Oregon Fire District Directors' Association
Kevin Gray, Non-Management Firefighter
Nancy Orr, Oregon State Fire Marshal (by teleconference)
Joel Stein, Oregon Fire Marshal's Association
Kelly Bach, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
William Lafferty, Oregon Department of Forestry
William Klein, Community College Fire Programs
Rod Smith stood in for Kevin Wickman, Oregon Fire Instructors Association

Committee Members Absent:

Mark Prince, Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association
Dave Sprando, Portland Fire & Rescue

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Terry Riley, Fire Program Supervisor
Bonnie Salle, Rules and Certification Coordinator
Julie Olsen-Fink, Fire Certification Section
Anita DeVilliers, Fire Certification Section
Tina Diehl, Fire Certification Section
Anita Ascarrunz, Fire Certification Section
John West, Fire Certification Section
Tammera Hinshaw, Director's Office

Guests:

Sharron Noone, Portland State University (by teleconference)



Chair Whelan introduced Rod Smith who will be taking the place of Kevin Wickman on the Committee as the Oregon Fire Instructors Association representative.

1. Minutes from May 12, 2006 meeting

William Klein moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2006 Fire Policy Committee meeting. Joel Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Rule Change – OAR 259-009-0005 and 259-009-0062
Fire Ground Leader standard

Julie Olsen-Fink reviewed the issue before the committee.

The Fire Policy Committee directed Staff at the November meeting to create a work group that would evaluate the current Fire Ground Leader (FGL) standard.

- The Task Force recommended a stand alone Task Book for Fire Ground Leader which captures all the requirements of the proposed standard.
- The Task Force also recommended that NFPA Pumper Operator NOT be a requirement of the FGL standard.

Proposed Changes: Staff is requesting the FPC to approve the proposed changes to reflect the updated standard and include a definition of FGL:

The following revised language contains recommended deletions (strikethrough text) and additions (bold and underlined text). For ease of review, only the recommended new language has been included. (If the proposed language is adopted, subsequent sections of the current rule will be renumbered as required.)

259-009-0005 Definitions

(14) “Fire Ground Leader” means a Fire Service Professional who is qualified to lead emergency scene operations.

259-009-0062

Fire Service Personnel Certification

(j) Fire Ground Leader.

(A) This is a standard that is Oregon-specific.

(B) An applicant applying for Fire Ground Leader shall first be certified as an NFPA Fire Fighter II.

(C) An applicant would need to document training in seven areas:

(i) ~~Fire Resistive Building Construction~~ **Building Construction: Non-Combustible;**

(ii) ~~Ordinary Building Construction~~ **Building Construction: Combustible;**

(iii) Incident Safety Officer or Fire Fighter Safety;

(iv) ~~Water Supplies~~ **Managing Water Supplies Operations;**

(v) ~~Strategy and Tactics I, II, and III;~~ **Managing Company Tactical Operations (MCTO) – Preparation for Incident Command Operations (PICO);**

(vi) Managing Company Tactical Operations (MCTO) –Decision Making;

(vii) Managing Company Tactical Operations (MCTO) – Tactics or Strategy and Tactics for Company Operations (STICO);

(viii) Incident Command System;

(vix) Fire Investigation.

(D) A task book shall be completed before certification is awarded.

The Fire Ground Leader Task Force directed staff to update the application and create a stand alone Task Book to meet the requested standard.

The Task Force directed DPSST staff to create curriculum to meet the requirements for Managing Water Supply Operations, this has since been accomplished.

Action Item 1: Determine whether to recommend filing the proposed rule language for OAR 259-009-0005 with the Secretary of State as proposed rule.

Action Item 2: Determine whether to recommend filing the proposed rule language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as proposed rule.

Action Item 3: Determine whether to recommend filing the proposed rule language for OAR 259-009-0005 with the Secretary of State as permanent rule if no comments are received and no hearing is held.

Action Item 4: Determine whether to recommend filing the proposed rule language for OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as permanent rule if no comments are received and no hearing is held.

Action Item 5: Pursuant to HB 3238, determine whether there is a significant fiscal impact on small business. (See House Bill 3238)

William Klein moved to recommend filing the proposed language for OAR 259-009-0005 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule and as a permanent rule if no comments are received and no hearing is held. William Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Kelly Bach moved to recommend filing the proposed language of the originally approved version of OAR 259-009-0062 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule and as a permanent rule if no comments are received and no hearing is held. Kevin Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

The committee found no significant fiscal impact on small business.

3. ***OAR 259-009-0062(2)(f)**

Eliminate Bridging Rule Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist

Julie Olsen-Fink informed the committee that this issue had been submitted due to an oversight and that it had been addressed at the previous meeting.

4. ***Proposed Administrative Rules - OAR 259-009-0067**

Lapsed Certification

Julie Olsen-Fink reviewed the issue before the committee.

Background: In 2004, new administrative rules were filed with the Secretary of State's Office. Legislative Counsel made a negative determination in the area of lapsed certification for fire service professionals. The rule authorized the fire chief or training officer to apply to have the fire service professional's certification reinstated. However, the enabling statute only authorizes the fire service professional to apply. Legislative Counsel determined that the rule was not within the intent and scope of the enabling legislation.

Staff has amended the language to address Legislative Counsel's concern and ensure the rule language does not exceed the agency's statutory authority. The proposed language does not change the substance of this rule, which was adopted pursuant to Fire Policy Committee recommendation and Board approval.

Fire Policy Committee Recommendation: On September 15, 2006, the Fire Policy Committee met and reviewed staff's proposed amendments to OAR 259-009-0067 and recommended forwarding the proposed language to the Board for approval.

The following proposed language contains recommended deletions (~~striketrough text~~) and additions (**bold and underlined text**):

Proposed Language for OAR 259-009-0067:

259-009-0067

Lapsed Certification

(1) All levels of certification of any fire service professional shall be considered lapsed if the individual has not been ~~employed~~ **utilized** as such for a period of twelve more than **twelve** (12) consecutive months.

(2) ~~Upon the reemployment of a~~ **A** fire service professional whose certification has lapsed. ~~The fire chief or training officer may~~ **must** apply to have the fire service professional's **for re-**certification reinstated.

(a) ~~The fire chief or training officer shall have the lapsed fire service professional~~ **must** complete a Department task book, task performance evaluation ~~and/or complete~~ approved training;

(b) Upon **successful** completion of the appropriate testing or evaluation, **as verified by the signature and recommendation of the agency head or designee**, ~~the fire service agency, on behalf of the fire service professional whose certification has lapsed, shall~~ **must** request ~~the Department to reinstate~~ **ment** those levels of **his/her** certification. The request **must be made** to the Department ~~shall be made~~ by submitting the appropriate form.

ACTION ITEM 1: Determine whether to approve filing the revised language for OAR 259-009-0067 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule.

ACTION ITEM 2: Determine whether to approve filing the revised language for OAR 259-009-0067 with the Secretary of State as a permanent rule if no comments are received.

ACTION ITEM 3: Pursuant to HB 3238, determine whether there is a significant fiscal impact on small business.

William Klein moved to approve filing the revised language for OAR 259-009-0067 with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule and as a permanent rule if no comments are received. Kevin Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

**5. *OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b)
Hearings Officer's Report and Recommendation**

Bonnie Salle reviewed the issue before the committee. Four comments were received during the open comment period.

The Fire Policy Committee and Board on Public Safety Standards and Training reviewed and approved filing a proposed rule with the Secretary of State's office to adopt the provisions of NFPA Standard No. 1002, Edition 2003 entitled "Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. On July 7, 2006, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was filed with the Secretary of State's Office.
2. On August 1, 2006, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was published in the Secretary of State's monthly publication (Bulletin).

3. During the month of August 2006, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was posted on the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's website.
4. On July 31, 2006, the Department of Public Safety Standards sent a list-serve notice to fire service subscribers.
5. On August 21, 2006, the Department of Public Safety Standards sent a list-serve reminder notice to fire service subscribers.
6. On August 23, 2006, a public hearing was held. Ten individuals attended the hearing. However, no public testimony was given.
7. On August 24, 2006, the public comment period closed.

A total of four comments were received during the open comment period. The comments are summarized below.

Comment #1: On August 3, 2006, an e-mail comment was received noting a typographical error relating to the word "shall" showing under former paragraph 5.1.

Comment #2: On August 21, 2006, an e-mail comment was received noting a typographical error relating to the word "shall" showing under former paragraph 5.1.

Comment #3: In August 2006, an e-mail comment was received indicating the following,

"I would like to address the Fire Policy Committee on my concerns in removing entry level firefighter as a requirement for NFPA Driver. We have to remember as a professional organization of firefighters, the NFPA standards are written and approved by fire service professionals. These standards were written because of a need to address safety issues or to increase firefighters training. These standards are the minimum professional qualifications for firefighters, not for those who wish to be firefighters. If we allow people to be certified as an NFPA Driver who can not meet the minimum requirements of an entry level firefighter, we will be placing people at risk of injury or death. Fireground situations may change placing individuals into an Immediate Danger to Live and Health (IDLH) situation that would endanger lives. I think reducing the minimum requirements to the NFPA standards would devalue the reasons why these standards were put in place.

Comment #4: On August 17, 2006, a letter was received indicating two areas of concern. Relevant portions of those concerns are quoted, as follows:

“We believe that these issues are in support of the largely volunteer and smaller combination departments that are struggling to maintain response personnel to meet the needs of their communities.”

Issue A:

“259-009-0062(I) An individual who completes the requirement of Chapter 4 and meets the requirement of Entry Level Firefighter (NFPA 1403), may be certified as a Driver.

“This language discriminates against valuable department personnel who respond daily to our community’s needs as part of the District’s response, in District apparatus, and perform their duties according to the District’s training program and operating procedures to resolve the emergency.

“In Annex A.1.4.3 of the standard, 2003 Edition, it is stated that the committee’s intent for the standard is to be applied to all fire department vehicles. ‘Drivers of vehicles not specifically addressed in Chapters 5 through 10 (e.g., staff or command vehicles, rescue or utility vehicles, and buses) are expected to meet the requirements of Chapter 4.

“Our recommendation is to remove the requirement of Entry Level Firefighter training for certification as a Driver to provide a consistent and defendable standardization of practice for training and certifying drivers. [emphasis added]

Issue B:

“259-009-0062(F)10.1 General. The requirements of Firefighter I, as specified by the Board and the job performance requirements defined in Sections 10.1 and 10.2, must be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-mobile water supply apparatus.

“This language discriminates against valuable department personnel who respond daily to our community’s needs as part of the District’s response, in District apparatus, and perform their duties according to the District’s training program and operating procedures to resolve the emergency.

“For the same reasons explained before, there is no correlation for Firefighter I as a requirement for this job duty. The required JPRs are specific to the duties of this job and define the parameters of this standard.

“Our recommendation is to remove the requirement of Firefighter I certification to be certified as a driver/operator-mobile water supply apparatus (NFPA Mobile Water Supply Operator). [emphasis added]

“Further consideration for the removal of Firefighter I from all of the driver/operator levels is warranted for the reasons mentioned as well as the conformity to the intent of the NFPA Committee for these standards to stand on their own merit as individual job duties and let the local agency determine how to best utilize their resources. [emphasis added]

“We are looking to DPSST for help in providing standards that are consistent with the needs of the Oregon Fire Service and NFPA Standards. For our part, we will meet this challenge in any way that is safe and reasonable to do, with the assistance from community volunteers doing what they do best.”

CONCLUSIONS:

The Department presented the proposed rule amendment to OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b) to the Fire Policy Committee. It was reviewed and discussed by committee members and the Department received approval to forward their recommendation to the Board.

The Department presented the proposed rule amendment to OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b) to the Board. It was reviewed by Board members and the Department received approval to file the proposed amendment with the Secretary of State’s office as a proposed rule.

The Department provided notice of a proposed rulemaking hearing to:

- a) The Secretary of State’s Office;
- b) The agency interested parties’ list;
- c) The Department’s website;
- d) The Department’s list-serve for fire service professionals (which has approximately 740 subscribers) on two separate occasions.

The Department received four public comments. Two comments were related to a typographical correction, one comment was submitted by a proponent and one comment was submitted by an opponent.

It is the conclusion of the hearing officer that the Department provided notice of the proposed rule amendment to OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b) to the largest extent possible to fire service agencies and fire service personnel. One single comment was received in opposition to the rule amendment. After careful consideration of issues raised in the opposing comment, contrasted with the extensive public notice

given, the single negative comment does not appear to represent a statewide concern among the fire service agencies about the rule amendment as originally drafted.

HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed rule amending OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b) as a permanent rule as originally approved by the Fire Policy Committee and Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

The following is the originally approved version of OAR 259-009-0062 that is accepted by the committee.

259-009-0062

Fire Service Personnel Certification

(2) The following standards for fire service personnel are hereby adopted by reference:

(b) The provisions of the NFPA Standard No. 1002, Edition of ~~1998~~ **2003**, entitled "Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications," are adopted subject to the following definitions and modifications hereinafter stated:

~~(A) Delete Section 1-3.2.~~

~~(B) 3-1~~ **5.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on~~ *Public Safety Standards and Training* and the job performance requirements defined in Sections ~~3-1 through 3-2~~ **5.1 and 5.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-pumper.

~~(C) 4-1~~ **(B) 6.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on~~ *Public Safety Standards and Training* and the job performance requirements defined in Sections ~~4-1 through 4-2~~ **6.1 and 6.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-aerial.

~~(D) 5-1~~ **(C) 7.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on~~ *Public Safety Standards and Training* and the job performance requirements defined in Chapter 4 and Section ~~5-2~~, **7.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-tiller.

~~(E) 6-1~~ **(D) 8.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on~~ *Public Safety Standards and Training* and the job performance requirements defined in Sections ~~6-1 through 6-2~~ **8.1 and 8.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-wildland fire apparatus.

~~(F) 7-1~~ **(E) 9.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on~~ *Public Safety Standards and Training* and the job performance requirements defined in Sections ~~7-1 through 7-2~~ **9.1 and 9.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-aircraft rescue and fire-fighting apparatus (ARFF).

~~(G) 8-1~~ **(F) 10.1** General. The requirements of Fire Fighter I, as specified by the Board ~~on Public Safety Standards and Training~~ and the job performance requirements defined in Sections ~~8-1 through 8-2~~ **10.1 and 10.2**, shall **must** be met prior to certification as a fire service agency driver/operator-mobile water supply apparatus.

~~(H) (G)~~ Delete "the requirements of NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, ~~Section 4-2" from Sections 2-3.1, 3-1.3, 4-1.3, 5-2.2, 6-1.3, 6-1.4-1.3, and 8-1.3.~~

~~(H) (H)~~ Either a Task Performance Evaluation ~~must be completed~~ or a Task Book **must be completed** for Driver, Pumper Operator, Aerial Operator, Tiller Operator, Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator, Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Apparatus Operator or Mobile Water Supply Apparatus Operator ~~must be completed~~ and signed off by the Agency ~~Head~~ or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification as a ~~Driver, Pumper Operator, Aerial Operator, Tiller Operator, Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator, Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Apparatus Operator or Mobile Water Supply Apparatus Operator.~~

~~(H) (I)~~ An individual who completes the requirements of Chapter-2 **4** and meets the requirements of Entry Level Fire Fighter (**NFPA 1403**), may be certified as a Driver.

Kelly Back motioned to adopt the proposed rule amending OAR 259-009-0062(2)(b) as a permanent rule as originally approved by the Fire Policy Committee. Kevin Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Kelly Bach requested that a list of who's on the sub-committees and who they represent is included on reports from sub-committees in the future. Julie Olsen-Fink informed the committee who was on this sub-committee.

Good of the Order

Eriks Gabliks reported on a number of issued being worked on by DPSST staff.

State Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial

The dedication of the Memorial was held on Saturday September 9, 2006. A crowd of approximately 700 attended the event. The Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard coordinated the event with the support and assistance of DPSST. Speakers included: Governor Kulongoski, State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr and Division Chief Rob Dahl who spoke on behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Thanks to all who assisted in making this event a success. Over 40 families of the fallen attended the event. DPSST has created a specific web page for the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial at <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FC/FallenFireFighterMemorial.shtml>

National Fire Academy Command & General Staff Classes

DPSST is pleased to host two additional weeklong National Fire Academy "Command & General Staff" classes. So far DPSST has offered six of these

classes. The classes have included multi-disciplinary audiences (fire, law enforcement, public works, and military). The evaluations have been positive and indicate the classes are successful. Space is still available in the following sessions: November 6-10, 2006 at Hillsboro Fire & Police - Maxim Training Center and December 4-8, 2006 at DPSST Salem. The training is free of charge thanks to grants from the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Office of State Fire Marshal and the Oregon Office of Homeland Security. Meals and lodging will be made available to students attending the training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

Fire Certification Maintenance

The Fire Policy Committee approved the adoption of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-009-0065 that addresses the maintenance of fire service certification. Reporting on the certification maintenance requirements will take place on December 31st of every even year. Completed applications are being returned to DPSST. Feedback has been very positive on the process that was created. DPSST staff has created a comprehensive web page that includes commonly asked questions with answers (Q & A) – you can find this info at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/FC/MaintenanceTraining.shtml>

Fire Training Coordinator – Central Oregon

DPSST will be advertising to fill the Fire Training Coordinator position in Bend during the month of October with the intent for an assessment center to follow in either November or December. This opening will be posted on the Daily Dispatch as well as the Fire Bulletin. This will be our third attempt to fill this position.

53' Mobile Fire Training Unit

DPSST has received bids for the purchase of a 53' Mobile Fire Training Unit. We are working with the State Procurement Office to finish up the bid and award process. The unit is expected to arrive in Salem in early April. Once it arrives and DPSST Fire staff is adequately trained in the operational and maintenance aspects, scheduling will begin. ODOT will transport the trailer to locations around the state.

District Liaison Officers (DLO)

DPSST recently hosted the annual meeting of its DLOs. A day-long session included discussion on a number of accreditation changes including:

- Course rosters will now have a required signature line.
- TPE optional if they have the DLO assists.
- DLO's have protocols so they are reviewing departments the same each time.
- DPSST will assign the DLO's in advance 3 names they are to evaluate at the time of the review. This will be based on those who received the most recent certifications.
- The TP4 and the TP7 have been updated and will be on the web for use.

At the meeting it was announced that Harold Snyder was retiring as a DLO after 24 years of service. Harold is a retiree of the Hermiston Fire Department and has continued to serve as a DLO since his retirement. We appreciate Harold's many years of dedicated service and that of the other DLOs and the fire agencies that allow and support them in this important role.

National Credentialing – Homeland Security

As many of you may recall, the United States Fire Administration brought together a work group to assist in the development of a voluntary National Fire Service Responder Credentialing System. The group has completed its work and released its final report to the fire service. Oregon was very fortunate to have Assistant Chief Kirk Hale of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue on this group as a representative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The success of this program will hinge on financial support and assistance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DPSST and the North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD) have provided comments to DHS and the National Fire Academy regarding this issue. The comments have been that funding from DHS will be needed to implement the vision, the control as to who is credentialed needs to rest with the local fire chief, and that the process needs to be voluntary.

SFM Nancy Orr reported that the Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Task Force is working with the Oregon State Sheriff's Association regarding swift water rescue issues. The initial task is to type swift water rescue craft as no such standard exists. This is a collaborative approach between OSSA and the SFM USAR group to address an issue. Oregon is again leading the nation in this effort as no other state has, or is, addressing this issue.

SFM Orr also complimented DPSST Fire Training Coordinators who are assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office Incident Management Teams (IMTs). DPSST staff serve as Training Specialists on each of the three teams. At the Black Crater Fire, DPSST staff provided valuable on-site assistance to the dozens of structural fire agencies that were mobilized. Through this effort 31 task books were completed at the incident.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m and moved into a strategic planning session with members of Portland State University on-site to facilitate the process.

On May 12, 2006, the Fire Policy Committee of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a strategic planning session. The session was facilitated by the Executive Leadership Institute at Portland State University. The results of this session are as follows.

1. Streamline Accreditation Process

- Electronic Processing
- Better criteria to address what classes meet certification requirements and which ones
 - All certification levels
- More accountability of process
- More education of/for users

2. Enhance capability of regional training opportunities

- Increase numbers and use of mobile training props
- Regional training facilities
- More training opportunities

3. Mandatory certification based on standard of cover

- Fire Prevention/Code Enforcement/Code Administrators based on scope of practice
- Ensure consistency
- All firefighters must be Firefighter I and maintain same
- For those departments that choose to be an IDLH (immediate danger to life and health) fire department must meet certification for Firefighter I.

4. State Fire Academy

- Firefighter I / II academy (DPSST)
- Provide specialized and advanced classes at DPSST
- Allow equivalent academies
- State funding to assist local academies
- DLOs as state employees – allow for more consistency statewide

5. Wildland Integration

- Statewide fire training and certification system for ALL wildland firefighters in Oregon managed by DPSST
- Private wildland firefighter certification and maintenance managed by DPSST
- Training equivalencies (structural / wildland) managed by DPSST
- “All Risk” / Fire instructors certification managed by DPSST
 - Incident management teams (IMT)

- Involve wildland training working team
- Private wildland fire instructors certified and managed by DPSST

6. Succession Programs for Leadership & Ethics

- Company officers
- Chief officers
- Administrative officers
- Bring “Core” classes to Oregon like Executive Fire Officer (EFO) to academy and regional
- Ethics curriculum for fire
 - Firefighter
 - Company officers
 - Chief officers
 - Incorporate Oregon Government Standards & Practices Commission rules
 - Create similar to MCTO series for modular delivery
 - Provide on and on-going basis

At the September 15, 2006 meeting, the Fire Policy Committee reviewed the strategic planning notes and assigned the following priority to the issues.

- Succession Programs for Leadership & Ethics
- Streamline Accreditation Process
- Enhance capability of regional training opportunities
- State Fire Academy
- Mandatory certification based on standard of cover
- Wildland Integration