Governor’s Fire Service Policy Council
1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Office of State Fire Marshal
CP Pray Conference Room

Members
☒ Joseph Seibert, SFFC
☒ Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM
☒ Tom Bohm, OFMA
☒ David Sellers, OVFA
☒ John Dimick, Citizen at Large
☒ Les Hallman, OFCA
☒ Steven Patterson, OR Mutual
☐ Mark Kreutzer, OFDDA

Minutes

Ex Officio
☒ Heidi Moawad, Gov’s Office
☒ Major Joel Lujan, OSP
☒ Director Eriks Gabliks, DPSST
☒ Dana Selover, OHA

Executive Director/Staff
☒ Chief Jim Walker, SFM
☒ Valerie Abrahamson, OSFM Staff

Visitors
☒ Scott Stanton, UCFD#1
☒ Dave Blakely, JCFD#3

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Hallman welcomed members and visitors of the board. Introductions were made over the phone and roundtable.

Minutes

Minutes from the October 25th, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Joe Siebert motioned to accept the minutes as presented. David Sellers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Governor’s Office Report – Heidi Moawad

Heidi stated legislative session will begin in a couple weeks and folks are busy at the Governor’s Office in preparation. Heidi indicated that Nik Blosser was appointed as Chief of Staff to Governor Brown and they were looking forward to having him on board. She stated that she’d be happy to hear of any legislative issues throughout this session.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Update – Nicole Palmateer

Nicole Palmateer joined the meeting by phone. She stated the OFCA was not advancing any bills this session but would be watching legislation presented. The Urban Renewal MOU has expired and there is a group working towards getting another one signed. Nicole stated the OFCA is interested in legislation looking at property tax and a sustainable base; marijuana legislation surrounding has oil explosions, GEMT/EMS at the federal level to see the impact at the community level, CMS HB 2183, and wildfire management. She stated the OFCA Legislative Committee is working on prioritizing what bills to watch in the upcoming session.

Odd-year Election – Chair Hallman

Chair Hallman advised the need of an odd-year election to align with the bylaws. Chief Walker opened the floor to nominations.

Chief Ruiz-Temple nominated Chief Hallman for the Chair position. Hearing no additional nominations, Chief Walker closed nominations. Members voted in favor of Chair Hallman maintaining his position as Chair by 5 yeas and 0 nays.
Chief Walker opened the floor to nominations for the Vice-Chair position. Joe Siebert nominated David Sellers for the Vice-Chair position. Hearing no additional nominations, nominations were closed. Members voted in favor of David Sellers maintaining his position as Vice-Chair by 5 yeas and 0 nays.

**Appointment Update – Chair Hallman**

Chair Hallman provided update on the current membership of the GFSPC. Tom Bohm’s last day of service to the board will be February 28, 2017. The Oregon Fire Marshals Association has selected John Patterson as their representative to replace Tom. John’s paperwork is with the Governor’s Office, and he will begin attending in April. Chair Hallman stated Chief Ruiz-Temple will be serving a second term representing the Office of State Fire Marshal. Joe Siebert stated he will reach out to his Council to determine if he will be selected to serve a second term. The League of Oregon Cities has been unresponsive on several recruitment attempts. Chair Hallman asked members of the GFSPC to stay open-minded to anyone that may be a potential representative from the League of Oregon Cities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Firefighter Injury Statistics Task Force – Chief Dave Blakely**

Chief Blakely provided update and a final report on the Firefighter Injury Statistics Task Force. Chief Blakely stated he had submitted final letter of findings and recommendations to Chair Hallman. The report was provided in the meeting packet to attendees.

Chief Blakely reviewed the work of the task force stating there was lots of data out there, but it was hard to find a linking mechanism. He stated the task force was optimistic with the FIRST-RS relationship, but the task force was unable to enter into agreement with them due to data sharing restrictions. The task force regrouped and began collecting data from state agencies. There was data out there but no way to sift through it at the task force level.

Chief Blakely applauded Director Gabliks on his work with Drexel and the DOJ. A recommendation was made to move the work of the task force to the OFCA Safety & Health Section. The consensus of the Policy Council was that the work of the Firefighter Injury Statistics Task Force was done. There was a request for action to the OFCA Safety & Health Section. Mariana motioned and David Sellers seconded. The motion passes unanimously. If OFCA accepts, Chief Blakely will get the Section up to speed and provide a formal hand off.

**Statewide Apparatus Numbering (SAN) Plan Task Force- Chief Les Hallman**

Chief Stanton provided update on the SAN Plan Task Force. He introduced update provided in packet. He stated Incident Commanders met recently and concluded they did not want to use 4-digit numbering system on mobilizations if they were not used in station. The task force developed a voluntary template and recommendation. It is the choice of the district to use or not. The task force will provide model as a first step.

The recommendation was given to the task force to clean up formal voluntary best practice and monitor for one year. OSFM will assist. There was no formal decision at this time as to where the document will reside. Steven Patterson motioned to move forward with the recommendation and Tom Bohm seconded and it was passed unanimously to clean up formal voluntary best practice and monitor for one year.

**REPORTS**

*OSFM - State Fire Marshal Jim Walker*
Chief Walker provided an OSFM agency report and a handout. He stated the OSFM is currently tracking HB 2183 which would transfer CMS authorities to DCBS and HB 4140, a year round ban on sky lanterns. As this is not currently in code, the OSFM will be looking to put into code for the ability to cite.

Chief Walker indicated there were only minor changes made to the Mobilization Plan this year. OSFM is working closely with rail operators in training efforts. One rail car is currently located at DPSST for training and another will be set up in Eugene in the near future.

Chief Walker stated the OSFM is looking at roles and responsibilities with exempt jurisdictions and reviewing and renewing processes. OSFM is also collaborating with local and state emergency planners on the upcoming solar eclipse in August. The eclipse is anticipated to bring a large amount of visitors adding a higher probability of ignition in human caused fires, especially around temporarily larger populations of sky watchers.

**OHA – Dr. Dana Selover**

Dr. Selover stated the EMS and trauma meeting had been cancelled due to snow. She stated the hearing for the EMS rules had taken place and EMS rules are getting finalized. Dr. Selover stated they have requested feedback from Fire Chiefs and Ambulance on SB 52 which requires standard reporting for EMS transport.

Dr. Selover indicated that the PULST registry committee will continue but the advisory committee will sunset.

She also stated that her group will not be sponsoring but monitoring SB 456, which enacts EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

**OVFA Report- David Sellers**

Dave stated the OVFA conference will be held June 14-17 in Lebanon focusing on certifications and classes. The OVFA is currently looking for instructors to teach classes.

Dave indicated the OVFA is presenting a bill to request to be a contributable tax check off. The bill asks for the money requirements to be waived.

**OFMA President Report-Tom Bohm**

Tom stated OFMA is working with OFCA Legislative Committee. He also noted the Annual Business meeting is in March in Bend.

**OSFFC Report-Joe Siebert**

Joe stated the Annual Education Seminar was very successful with a large turnout. He indicated the Council was working through bills and legislation including GEMT legislation.

**OFCA President Report - Chief Les Hallman**

Chief Hallman stated the OFCA Board has seen vacancies and movement recently with Morrow leaving and Chief Peterson retiring. Chief Boos and Chief Williams stepped up to fill the vacancies which created a couple of holes. The board is actively working to fill the vacancies.

The Safety & Health Roundtable will be held 2/2-2/3 at DPSST, Career Roundtables 2/23-2/24 in Eugene, the smaller Career & Combo Roundtables on 3/9-3/10 at DPSST, and the Volunteer Roundtable is in the process of being rescheduled. The OFCA Spring Conference will be held May 10-12th at Eagle Crest.

There is a group working to overhaul the Fire Chief Toolbox, and it will be back up and running again soon.

**Ex-Officio Reports**
Major Joel Lujan, OSP
Major Lujan stated will be monitoring legislation moving forward. He indicated lateral recruit school has started with 15 enrolled. This will help with attrition.

Director Eriks Gabliks, DPSST
Director Gabliks stated DPSST is active with the School Safety Task Force. On February 22, 2017, the task force will share work at a gathering. Tip line is in beta testing with the Intermountain School District which serves children in four counties surrounding Pendleton. SFM’s “Do the Drill” has also expanded in its scope as it now includes information on school evacuation.

DPSST is facilitating a mental health work group of public safety providers working on training and response protocols for helping people in crisis.

Director Gabliks stated 15 Oregon fire service members helped review more than 8,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) grant requests that were submitted to FEMA. DPSST also participated in grant evaluation process. He also noted the SAFER grants are open now.

DPSST sent one law enforcement trainer to participate in the USDOJ Active Shooter Training program review. DPSST had proposed sending a member of the OFCA EMS Section to the session but the focus was on law enforcement training and response. USDOJ did advise that having fire-rescue personnel involved in planning and training was important and that Oregon was ahead of many parts of the country with its local and state partnerships.

Director Gabliks stated there are approximately 1000 Law Enforcement Officers eligible for retirement at this time with the number increasing each year over the next three years. Doing outreach to prepare for training needs of newly hired personnel.

Member Reports

Public Member, John Dimick
John stated there is active recruitment for a new Fire Chief for Jackson County Fire District #3 with the retirement of Chief Peterson. Recruitment closes January 28, 2017. Jackson County Fire District #5 is also looking for a Chief.

Property & Casualty Insurance, Steve Patterson
Steven stated he is working with industry on legislation. He indicated there is work being done to try to maintain funding to clear out fire material in forests. Steven gave kudos to SFM for PSA and campaign efforts with OSU and U of O.

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Chief Walker stated the Do the Drill document has been expanded and is on the SFM website. He indicated the OSFM has received calls from New York and Philadelphia asking to use the document to aid them in the development of their own documents.

Adjourn:
Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Next meeting dates:
April 25, 2017
July 25, 2017

Meeting location:
Oregon State Police, Office of State Fire Marshal