



Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board

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Minutes from TIESB Meeting

1:00PM, Friday, January 11th, 2013

Texas A&M University – Henry D. Smith Building, Room 200
College Station, Texas

I. Call to Order

Chairman Rick Deel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

11 Members present: Rick Deel; Terry Boyett; Brett Steed; Keith Russell; Todd Johnson; Corky McCool; Chuck Richardson; Gerald Sherman; J. D. Lowe; Rodney Kovalcik; Lee Ray Kaderli; Kent Delaney; Robert Moore; David Wade – Executive Board Liaison

8 Members absent: Paul Hanneman; James Purcell; David Cave; Steve Pollock

SFFMA Staff present: Chris Barron, Executive Director; Kevin Creamer, Industrial Coordinator

Guests: John Holloway – Chevron Phillips; Gordon Lohmeyer – TEEEX

III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports

Given the early date of the meeting, Chairman Deel skipped this item.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections.

V. Action Items

A. February '10 Meeting Status

1. Verify with Trey Blocker if it would be better to insert in the Vehicle Criteria document to reference DSHS criteria with appropriate TIESB exceptions as warranted or leave alone. (Chuck Richardson – EMS Committee)
Mr. Richardson missed the opportunity to speak with Mr. Blocker in January. Mr. Barron noted that Trey is now in “Legislative Mode” and can be directed to look at this item. **In Progress**

B. October '10 Meeting status

1. Set up meeting with TEEEX to discuss development of industrial class for municipal firefighters (Paul Hannemann) **In Progress**
2. Determine if Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Health Services Part 1, Chapter 157, Subchapter B: Emergency Medical Service Provider license for first responder organizations, covered through membership in SFFMA (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

C. April '11 Meeting status

1. Board members review of facility roster for currency **Closed**

D. June '12 Meeting status

1. Provide information on legislative notices to TIESB (Chris Barron) **In Progress**

E. October '12 Meeting status

1. Get plaque for Dave Snell (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
2. Provide spreadsheet of NFPA standards review dates (Dave Snell) **OPEN**
3. Provide CDs of minutes to board members (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**

F. January '13 Meeting status

1. Update Committee Roster (Kevin Creamer) **OPEN**
2. Create 2012 minutes PDF files and post on website (Kevin Creamer) **OPEN**
3. E-Mail membership application to Michael Barley and have him forward to Robert Moore (Kevin Creamer) **OPEN**
4. Forward updated artist rendition of new building to Board (Chris Barron) **OPEN**

VI. Communications

A. Committee Reports

1-4. Area Committees

Given the early date of the meeting, Chairman Deel skipped this item.

5. Codes, Standards & Legislation Committee – Robert Moore

There was discussion of 472: HazMat/WMD migrating some portions to 1072 ProQual standards. That would leave just the specialist training in 472. This wouldn't affect anyone previously certified with 472, and here probably won't be many changes, just moving the skills over.

There was general discussion of legislative issues. Chris and Trey are working with TEEX's person, Mike Wisby, to keep an eye on any bills that might affect the fire service. There was continued discussion about the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) and Mr. Moore reiterated that all parties would be keeping an eye on any movement in this area.

There was general discussion that several agencies are using monitoring services to monitor possible legislative changes. One area of concern is that riders may be attached to bills coming out of committees, and everyone will need to keep a close watch on them as they would be different from what was previously reviewed. Mr. Deel noted that Texas Chemical Council would also continue to review possible legislation.

Chris Barron noted that one bill got through last session requiring TCFP Inspector certification for anyone performing inspections. This makes it difficult for rural areas, and is also being reinterpreted by TCFP to include pre-plans. Mr. Barron asked that if anyone was already using a monitoring service through their lobbyist or legal staff to please also add fire service changes, and that there have already been 500 bills filed so far this session.

Mr. Barron noted that Don Wilson from TCFP was at the last Rural Fire Advisory Committee meeting. He warned that Mr. Wilson is currently monitoring legislation that does not directly relate to the fire service.

6. Board Membership – Robert Moore

There are currently 2 openings – Slots 14 and 15

There was discussion that the board needs someone from the Beaumont area to fill one of the slots, and the application process for Michael Barley to replace Dave Snell.

Rick asked that if anyone is aware of someone possibly interested in filling the remaining position to please contact them.

7. TEEX Advisory Board – Keith Russell

There has been one meeting since the last TIESB meeting. Attendance at all schools was up and safety was good. There were generally good comments regarding the field: the process unit should be up for the next Industrial School, and the new bunker gear drying building is ready. Robert Moore noted the purchase of an additional 17 acres adjacent to the current Fire Field bringing the total to about 300 acres: a portion would serve as a buffer zone with the community, but some would be used for rescue training to free up more room for fire training in the current area. They are establishing a 10-year plan for expansion and improvements.

8. Texas Chemical Council –Rick Deel

Mr. Deel noted he had attended the Occupational Health and Safety meeting and the general discussion was on the Limits of Liability legislation. He also spoke with their legislative review committee, and they will provide a list of legislation they are monitoring for dissemination to the TIESB for input.

Training Committees

9. EMS – Chuck Richardson

Committee met last Saturday (January 5th). One issue is DSHS is now looking to National Registry regarding ECA qualification. National Registry is currently revamping this into a First Responder certification and the required training would increase from the current 40 hours, and Paramedic would be going to a standardized 2-year course. Robert Moore indicated the current "fast track" certification was still available.

Industrial facilities paying for individual memberships are eligible to nominate Firefighter of the Year and EMS Responder of the Year. There will be four classes in an EMS Track at the annual conference in June.

10. HazMat – Lee Ray Kaderli

No Report

11. Marine Firefighting – Rodney Kovalcik

Mr. Deel indicated there was a new inspector for the Port of Houston. Mr. Kovalcik noted the first batch of 5-year cards are starting to expire. The SecurEx (sp?) training scheduled for February has been postponed to later in the year.

12. Firefighting – J. D. Lowe
No Report
13. Organizational Membership – David Cave
No Report as Mr. Cave is recovering from knee surgery.
14. Incident Management Team – Bob Koenig
No report as Mr. Hanneman was currently helping with the Hurricane Sandy response. Mr. Deel noted that the quality and frequency of situation reports issued for Hurricane Sandy response would be appreciated for the Gulf Coast region.
15. Certification Committee – Lee Ray Kaderli
There are more facilities participating in the ProBoard process, with so far about 23,000 issued for the state. The TIESB specialist program is up to 4300, almost double from 2 years ago.

B. Executive Director's Report –Chris Barron

Mr. Barron noted the purchase of a new computer server and database upgrade to offer more access options to membership. Construction of the new building should start shortly and reminded the board that they could add their support by purchasing a sidewalk paver, brick, etc. The new building should be four times the size of the current space with additional parking, and will be located on FM 1626 between Manchaca Road and I-35 on the South side of town.

The Executive Board has requested the Certification Board to implement required testing for all certifications in line with other tested standards.

Mr. Barron noted the formation and registration of the Texas Emergency Services Political Action Committee (TESPAC). Information on the PAC and fundraising will go out to all members.

The incoming class of freshmen representatives includes a volunteer firefighter from North Texas. Legislative Day is set for March 20th at 11am at the Capitol including a memorial service on the front steps, unveiling of names at the monument, a free catfish dinner on the Southwest lawn, followed by time to meet with your State Representatives. Sponsorships are available, and we can include any legislation you might be concerned with on a spotlight list.

There is a new State Fire Marshal, Chris Connealy, a former chief from Houston. He is currently looking for input on the ISO rating schedule; a new schedule has been filed that has removed extra credit points (i.e., TEEX training, Compressed Air Foam).

Individual membership is available to facility employees. Benefits include AD&D/LODD insurance, retail/travel discounts, newsletter, and participation in SFFMA Certification Program.

C. Industrial Coordinator Update – Kevin Creamer

There are currently 43 Industrial members, from invoices sent out in October. Second notices will go out at the first part of February along with e-mailed copies. CDs with copies of available minutes were distributed at the meeting.

VII. Old Business

- A. First Responder Advisory Committee (FRAC) – Identity and Credentialing – Rick Deel
Mr. Deel reported that this has been put on hold due to costs involved.
- B. Industrial Fire School – Rick Deel
Mr. Deel noted there was an interesting demonstration on remote response to emergencies.
- C. Limits of Liability Proposed Legislation – Rick Deel
Mr. Deel is trying to get the latest wording on proposed legislation, and is in communication with legislative resources from different agencies.
- D. Texas Commission on Fire Protection – Chris Barron
Covered under Codes, Standards & Legislation Committee

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Announcements

A. Ex-Officio Members

Gordon Lohmeyer from TEEEX noted that FEMA had awarded them the USAR contract as the official training site. They will be getting SAR teams from across the country to come in and traing.

B. Review of new Action Items

See Above

C. Roundtable Discussion

None

D. Next Meeting

1. April 12, 2013 – 9:00AM – 1:00PM: Dow – Deer Park facility (1900 Tidal Rd)
2. June 21, 2013 – 8:00AM – 11:00AM: SFFMA Annual Conference – The Woodlands Waterway Marriott (1600 Lake Robbins Dr)
3. October 7, 2013 – 1:00PM – 4:00PM: Longview

X. Adjourn

Motion made by Chairman Deel and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.