

**Utah State Firefighters' Association  
Quarterly Meeting  
Garland, UT  
January 12, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at the Garland City Hall in Garland, Utah on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Eldon Farnsworth.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Larsen-Sergeant-At-Arms

Prayer – DeWilton Brown-Chaplain

Roll Call – Gina Bell-Secretary

Officers Present

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President Eldon Farnsworth	Chaplain DeWilton Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Brady George	Sergeant-At-Arms David Larsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave Gillette	Historian/Photographer Trisha Thomas
Secretary Gina Bell	L&L Committee Chairman Ryan Mellor
Treasurer Brent Marshall	Rep State Fire Prevention Board Mike Phillips (excused)
Membership Steward Sam Larson	Rep Utah Fire & Rescue Academy Brad Wardle (Jolene)
Trustee Eddie Hales	Rep Utah Standards & Training David Larsen
Trustee Coty Chadburn (excused)	Rep Utah Fire Museum Dave Hammond
Trustee Andy McBride	Rep National Volunteer Fire Council R. Wendell Robison
Trustee Austin Knight	2018 Convention Chair Mike Ahlstrom (excused)
Trustee Roger Christensen	State Fire Marshal Coy Porter (Ted Black)

Past Presidents Present

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R. Wendell Robison-Fillmore	J. Merlin Baker -St. George (excused)	Joe Bona (excused)
Lynn Jones-Spanish Fork (excused)	Drew Rasmussen – Fillmore (excused)	Harold Chadwick-Grantsville
Leonard Miller-Price	Robert Harrison-Spanish Fork (excused)	Lance Nay-Richfield (excused)
J. Merlin Baker (excused)	Jeff Norton – St. George (excused)	Travis Graf – St. George (excused)
Stan Robins – St. Fire Marshal's Office		

Past Trustees Present

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None

Past Secretaries Present

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None

Past Treasurers Present

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Rowe Harrison - Tooele

Past Historian/Photographers Present

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Leon Hadley - Grantsville

Motion to Accept Last Quarter's Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Stan Robins

Passed.

**Report of the Secretary** – Gina sent out letters for death benefits for: Monte Davis/Salem, Andrew Glad/Sandy, Raymond Newman/Pleasant Grove. She was able to get Vernon Jensen's plaque. Somehow Vernon's plaque ended up with Cache County for the Department instead of Salt Lake County. We will need to order a new plaque for him since it

has the info on it. Gina is still working on the newsletter because she was still looking for information to use. She received a business membership application and check from Ellis Auto Group in Delta sent in by the own Dan Ellis from Oak City. She delivered a polo to Sam. Gina is ready to start putting together files for Convention. She has requested a list from Sam for awards and list of current lifetime members.

Motion to accept: Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Leonard Miller

Passed.

**Report of the Treasurer:** - Brent Marshall handed out reports to the membership. There was a beginning balance of \$49,770.07 with \$6,265.00 in deposits and \$9,259.07 in checks written for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter including death benefit checks for Hal H. Manning, Monte L. Davis, Andrew C. Glad and Raymond M. Newman. The ending balance is \$46,776.00. In the License Plate Grants account, the starting balance was \$30,427.20. Grant checks were written to Stockton Fire for \$2,500.00 and the PFFU for \$15,000.00 for a total of \$17,500.00 in checks. The account earned \$7.91 in interest, leaving a balance of \$12,935.11. The flower fund is unchanged with a balance of \$1,087.68. The investment account starting balance was \$257,536.27 and earned \$1,925.92 the last quarter of 2018 leaving an ending balance of \$259,462.19. This account earned a total of \$7,557.15 for the year 2018. We have had an issue with the license plates stickers and that has been resolved.

Motion to accept: Dave Hammond  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Rowe Harrison

Passed.

#### **Report of the Membership Steward:**

Sam Larson indicated that 77 departments that have paid for 2017-2018. We have 10 new members. Sam is making an inactive file and moving all inactive departments that aren't active. There are about 8-10 departments that he shows haven't paid for 2018 yet. There are 546 lifetime members. 115 lifetime members have passed away. Awards: For convention we will have: 10-year 56, 20-year 40, 30-year 23, 40-year 23, 50-year 16, 60-year 4, 70-year 1. Elkridge Fire Department wants someone to come and talk to them. Kanosh wants to get back in and have someone come and talk to them. There will be board members going to these two departments. Sam will start sending out invoices for 2019 after he sits down with Perry at winter fire school.

Motion to accept: Dave Larsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Mellor

Passed.

**L&L Committee and State Fire Marshal's Reports:** These two reports were done together. The bills are just coming in. Ted discussed the bills that are being considered (see attached) have to do with building code but don't directly affect the firefighters directly. Ryan talked about the 9-11 private ambulance bill. This is being driven by Gold Cross Ambulance. HB30 includes the adjustment of the Tier 2 retirement. Ted indicated that there is a bill being considered that lets fire departments require that individuals who are retiring stay on the job for up to 8 months while they hire and train replacements. The individual who is retiring would be able to draw their pension immediately and also get paid at the same time while their department replaces them. There is one bill putting a wildland grant back in place. Due to the death of Matt Burchette, there is a bill that helps to provide funding for liability of Wildfire deployments. Draper was hit with a significant increase in their workers compensation rates. Because it's a private insurance company, when you have a claim, your rates go up. There is a bill being ran to help protect the department. Having rates go up significantly can really take a huge chunk out of a small department's budget. That's what this bill is for. Ryan indicated that the Fire Caucus is February 11 at 11:00 a.m. and encouraged the members to attend in uniform. Ted said It's very important to build relationships with our legislation and senators so we can explain the importance of the bills that affect our fire service.

Motion to accept L&L Committee report:  
Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Larsen

Passed.

Motion to accept the State Fire Marshal's report:

Stan Robins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harold Chadwick

Passed.

**Utah Fire & Rescue Academy:** January 8<sup>th</sup> the Utah Fire Certification got a new board member. Wade Snyder from the Division of Forestry joined the council. Wade brings a lot of credentials in the Wildland area to the board. UFRA is excited to have him as part of the team. In 2018 the Academy implemented an Employee of the Year award. For 2018 the award went to Dennis Goudy, who is a program manager. He implemented a new database with smartsheet and it helps all our instructors track their courses, miles, hours, etc. Dennis is an awesome individual and the award was well deserved. Fire School is around the corner. As of last week, UFRA has 830 students attending and 55 vendors with the USFA be represented there (Sam Larson and Perry Skaug will be in the booth). There will be about 10 vendors bringing apparatus that will be outside the facility. Jolene brought extra copies of the Straight Tip magazine that UFRA puts out. She indicated that if you aren't getting a copy in the mail, you can get on the mailing list by letting Gina Bell know and Gina can pass on the info.

Motion to accept: Brent Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> DeWilton Brown

Passed.

**Fire Prevention Board:** Ted Black offered to give a report. The Fire Prevention Board receives a report from the Certification Council and the Standards and Training Council. These three groups are all members of the State Fire Prevention Board. Captain Adam Davies/SLCFD has been appointed to the HazMat Advisory Council and is replacing Ryan Peterson. Coy gave a report on budget and legislative issues. Something to be aware of, the board isn't sure if they will have enough money to fund UFRA through the end of the fiscal year. They have sent a letter of intent to terminate the contract. There are legislators that are aware of the challenges and there are some efforts being made to fix that problem. As the session wraps up, these are things (especially from the rural communities) that they need input from. Phone calls to the appropriate legislators need to be made to ensure funding for the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy. If there are no increases made in the budget, the funding will be the same next year as it has been for this last year. There are challenges that haven't been faced in the past due to the way the funding comes in. But when the insurance reporting changed, this changed everything. Phone calls from smaller counties and communities to their legislation saying that "UFRA serves us, just like it serves the Salt Lake valley" will go a long way in securing that funding. The next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at the South Salt Lake City Hall.

Motion to accept: Dave Larsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Mellor

Passed.

**Standards & Training Council:** Dave Larsen indicated that there have been two meetings of the Standards and Training Council since our last quarterly meeting. The November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting did not have a quorum so they didn't discuss anything. The second meeting was on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by UFRA. Robert DeKorver was re-elected as the Chair for the Council and Gary Hodson was elected as the Vice Chair. They discussed the HazMat Certification and testing that has been reported on in the past. Ted brought up that they need to ensure that with NFPA 472 and 1072, one isn't replacing the other with standards. The HazMat Advisory is looking to make sure that whatever we have in place will work with both. They are start to set up dates for site visits for the accreditation and certification locations which are UFRA, West Valley, Davis and Bridgerland. They need to be completed by November.

Motion to accept: Harold Chadwick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Mellor

Passed.

**Volunteer Fire Council Report:** Wendell indicated that the last three times the Straight Tip came out, there there's been articles from the National Volunteer Fire Council. Wendell thinks it's excellent that our Fire Academy is picking up information from all sources that reflect our service. Wendell indicated that the Volunteer Firefighter average age is 55. Wendell received the invoice for USFA's dues in the NVFC and he has passed that invoice along to Brent. The cost is \$500.00 and he feels that we are definitely getting our money's worth with all of the turnouts that have been donated to us through attendance at those meetings, along with the involvement that Wendell and Brent have on behalf of the

USFA and sitting on the committees. There will be an increase next year unless we can get 500 individuals to join. Nationally, it has become extremely difficult to get recruit volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters are required to achieve the same certifications as career firefighters which could be part of the decline. Wendell once again expressed his appreciation for being allowed to serve as a representative of the USFA on the National Volunteer Fire Council and hopes to continue for a long time to come. Brent Marshall indicated that their spring meeting is scheduled for April and he hopes that the government shut-down doesn't affect that meeting. He mentioned that one of the hot topics at the meetings is the California wildfires and where the families that have been displaced are staying during those fires. Brent did receive numerous cards from the NVFC regarding Matt Burchette thanking us for his service. Brent also appreciates the opportunity to serve with Wendell and reminded everyone that if you join the NVFC it will help to avoid having to pay the \$500.00 renewal fee. There are benefits to joining, like an Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy, training, etc.

Motion to accept: Leon Hadley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Hammond

Passed.

**Senior Trustee Report:** Eddie Hales reported that Perry will be attending Winter Fire School for us. Received a letter from Jack Tidrow from the PFFU. For those of you who may have gone to the DMV for Firefighter plates recently, many of the DMV locations are out of stickers. That has caused some issues across the state and that's what initiated the letter from the PFFU. We are aware of the situation and are working to resolve it. Today the Board approved to pay \$16,000 to obtain more stickers. We have been given some misinformation regarding where these plates are going and how we seem to be losing money. Eldon and Andy will be requesting an accounting from the DMV of where the stickers are going and if they are being obtained appropriately. Today the Board approved to pay \$180 to update our domain name which is going to expire. It will allow us to keep the fireassociation.com domain name for 5 more years. We discussed some bylaw changes that we will be bringing forward to our members for voting in June. Ellis Automotive was voted in as a business member bringing our total to five.

Motion to accept: Wendell Robison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brady George

Passed.

**Convention Report:** Eddie indicated that the plans for convention is coming along very well in American Fork. There have been some changes. The majority of our convention will be held at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi. He suggested to get your hotels near Thanksgiving Point. Everything is on the website which is [www.americanforkfireassociation.weebly.com](http://www.americanforkfireassociation.weebly.com)

He encouraged everyone to go to the website and put in your email address which will activate updates to you of changes and happenings of the convention. The registration form is also on that site. As we move closer to June, there will be additional information regarding things like golf, events, etc. We had a \$55.00 early bird registration which has now ended. There current deal is pre-register by the end of April for \$85.00 per person. After that it will go to the full registration price of \$95.00 per person. Take advantage of the \$85.00 price while you can. The Memorial Service, BBQ and Parade will be in American Fork City, but the meetings, training and past president's breakfast will take place at Thanksgiving Point. The theme is Fit for Duty, Family, Service. The keynote speaker will be Mike Galgiano.

Motion to accept: DeWilton Brown  
Brent Marshall

Passed

**Old Business:** Reminder that there will be two Firefighter Appreciation Nights at the JAZZ games on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding these games is available on our Facebook page. Brady George indicated that we have about 150 firefighters in attendance last year.

**New Business:** Dave Hammond made a motion to thank Garland Fire for hosting our meeting and dinner. Ted Black seconded the motion. Passed.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ted Black  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Robins

Next meeting will be April 13, 2019 in American Fork. The Board meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. in the Old City Hall (located just south of the Fire Station Parking Lot). The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. in the Fire Station training room. The General/Pre-Convention meeting will be held in the Fire Station bay at 4:00 p.m. with dinner following the General Meeting. The Fire Station address is 96 North Center Street.