



General Meeting
Utah State Fire Museum
October 10, 2024, 4:00 PM

Welcome by President Andy McBride

Pledge by Jimmy Munns

Prayer by Mike Meyer

Roll Call - Gina Bell

Attending

President Andy McBride	1 st Vice President Austin Knight	2 nd VP Roger Christensen
Secretary Gina Bell	Treasurer Don Rich	Trustee Ryan Mellor
Trustee Kevin Beck	Trustee Steve Hales	Trustee Chris Shubert
Trustee Rob Johnson	Sergeant-at-arms Jim Munns	Chaplain Mike Myers
Area Steward Steve Hales	NVFC Lance Nay	NVFC Brent Marshall
Eddie Hales/Convention Chair	Brad Wardle/UFRA	Shane Maughn/State Fire Marshal
Dave Hammond	Perry Skaug	Ted Black/State Fire Marshal

Absent (Excused)

Joe Bona	Harold Chadwick	Coty Chadburn
Rowe Harrison		

Motion to accept the revised July 2024 meeting minutes.

Don Rich, 2nd Roger Christensen (passed)

Treasurer Report: by Don Rich. Greg Rudd from our investment company Wells Fargo met with the board and reviewed our accounts with our us. Taxes are completed and filed. We have a balance of \$59,983.09 in our checking account, \$25.68 in the savings that is tied to the checking. We have \$405,882.33 in the License Plate Grant, \$25.33 in the savings tied to that account. We have \$1,738.31 in the Flower Fund with \$25.33 is the saving account associated with that fund. Our two investments accounts have \$75,385.29 and \$312,183.74.

Motion to accept report - Kevin Beck, 2nd Rob Johnson (passed)

Secretary Report: by Gina Bell. Gina sent out death benefit letters to Don for Michael Harp/SLC, Van Jenkins/Newton, and Jesse Smith/Santaquin.

Motion to accept report - Don Rich, 2nd Ryan Mellor (passed)

Membership Steward Report: Sam asked Brent to give his report as he had to leave early. We have 60 departments and individuals that have paid the 2024 dues. As of now, the following departments have not paid for 2024: Delta, East Carbon, Fillmore, Grantsville, Helper, Hyrum, Northview, Price, Salina, Sandy, Thompson Springs, Tremonton, and Vernal. Of those, East Carbon, Hyrum, and Price are behind several years. We have 748 Lifetime members, with 45 of those coming through in 2024.

Motion to accept report - Lance Nay, 2nd Brent Marshall (passed)

Fire Prevention Board Report: Report emailed in by Coty Chadburn. There was a Fire Prevention Board meeting held on September 10, 2024. Scott Spencer and Merlin Spendlove were reappointed to the certification council. Scott reported on the Certification Council meeting regarding Officer I skills failures. Also, the portfolio for Officer 2 is done. Winter Fire School is January 23-25, 2025. The ARFF prop is out to bid, and they are working on the Cancer Initiative. Several individuals were appointed to the Fire Advisory and Code analysis committee. They include: Dan DeVooged-UFA, Don Brinkerhoff-Dept of Health and Human Services, Doug Bitton-Layton Fire Dept., Rick Sturm-Utah Labor Commission, Malcom Campbell-Dept of Health and Human Services, Lloyd Evans-Dept of Natural Resources, and Reed Thompson-Office of the Utah State Fire Marshal. The next meeting is November 12, 2024.

Motion to accept report - Chris Shubert, 2nd Mike Myers (passed)

NVFC Report: – Brent and Lance talked about energy drinks and the negative health issues. There's a taskforce being created to look at this. Brent handed around a Stand Together flyer to get on the cancer registration. Female cancer push is still in place. There's a final push on the OSHA Testimony. There are several items OSHA is trying to push through standards that will impact Volunteer Departments as well as many smaller departments all with limited funds. The final push for OSHA testimony thoughts and concerns on the Special Report. Discussed AFG, SAFER Grants numbers and amounts. Their last meeting took place in Kansas City. Sign up on the cancer registry. They are collecting career information and there's a big push regarding female cancer issues in reproductive organs. NFIRS will be replaced by NERIS in 2026. State Farm has a \$1 million good neighbor firefighter safety program. The 2025 NVFC Training Summit will be taking place June 20-21, in Salt Lake City.

Motion to accept report – Eddie Hales, 2nd Steve Hales

L&L Committee: No Report

UFRA: Brad Wardle indicated that Joy Montoya is their newest Program Manager. She is also the lead on the Mental Health Resiliency. Winter Fire School is January 23-25th and they are expecting over 1,100 attendees. There's a FSRI Flow path class in Cedar City with the burn prop November 9-12th. They had High Rise classes that included 22 apparatus attending as that has been taking place at UFA and SLC's Training Towers as well as the Big Box class taking place. Dennis Goudy is leading that class. They have a new fire attack trailer and light truck ordered to fill SCBA bottles. It should be here in 12 months. They've added a 2nd vertical ventilation prop and both will be at Winter Fire School. Russ Young is working on a mobile ARFF prop and they hope to have it at Winter Fire School in 2026. They are also working on acquiring a fixed ARFF prop that will be on the property of the Provo Airport. Brad indicated that Utah has 9 airports that are required to recertify annually. The mobile prop will be for the smaller airports that don't get certified. They were awarded an AFG Grant to update the mobile command centers. They are delivering the new Technical Rescue program that will include 35 new levels of technical rescue. They are moving forward with the task force of 24 individuals for the Cancer

Support Initiative. They have applied for grants asking for approximately 3.5 million for the first year. Testing will take place at the University of Utah. Reach out to your legislators for support. Michael Conn is leading the advocacy and support and is working on a wellness campus at the Vineyard U of U. Brad asked if there were any questions?

Motion to accept Ryan Mellor, 2nd Don Rich (passed)

Ted Black asked to interject – He said: You may hear rumors that training is changing. UFRA is the accredited training agency. If you hear rumblings about any of the tech training, there's nothing to be concerned about. A lot is going on about fireworks in the legislation including electronic devices that you can connect through your phone and if they need to be regulated. UFRA is teaching more classes than they ever have. Stay in touch with your area program manager. UFRA is funded through the university for the sole purpose of training fire departments. Great support from the legislature but it's a contractual process. They eventually move on so when you lose those contacts it hurts us, and we have to build new contacts. Ted's office has been asked to investigate the fireworks incident at the stadium. These things are explosives called a cake, and it is a multi-device, when it went off the cake came apart and shots went in different directions. 8 people were injured; this will go on likely for months for the Fire Marshal's office. Provo Fire stopped the show, they evaluated what happened and treated the injured. Disconnected the device that malfunctioned, had a private meeting to determine the safest thing to do with the show. It was all done in 15 minutes, very impressive by Provo Fire. Everyone is being very cooperative. Reminder these are explosives, people really need to be aware of that.

Fire Marshal Report: – Still working on the collecting AFFF foam and disposing of it. They have selected Clean Harbor as the vendor doing the pickup. Please keep an eye out for communication. It will be a short window with a one-time drop off. Want to get all AFFF dropped off at no cost.

Motion to accept report – Ryan Mellor, 2nd Gina Bell (passed)

Guest Speaker Michael Conn – There will be a Peer Support class being held October 29-30, at Unified Fire Authority headquarters. Firefighter Cancer Support Network Badge to Badge Support System. They have a toolbox available that allows firefighters to have a card file that helps organize your journey, test results, all doctor's paperwork, notebook to keep a diary, helps significant other (survivors guidebook), vetted information available. The firefighter will have a mentor assigned to them that has been through similar cancer as theirs. Michael will be doing a train-the-trainer. There's information on the firefightercancersupport.org website. The Peer Support Program is sponsored by IAFF. You can preregister online.

Senior Trustee Report: Ryan Mellor – The Utah State Firefighters Association has been invited to have two representatives be involved in the Cancer Initiative. Those two board members will be Rob Johnson/Garland and Kevin Beck/Lehi. We voted to buy a computer for the Treasurer position. Discussed the possibility of increasing the death benefit amount.

Motion to accept report: Roger Christensen, 2nd Perry Skaug (passed)

Convention Report: Eddie Hales indicated that they are making good progress in Spanish Fork. Facilities have all been arranged. You can find details on www.spanishforkfire.org. The dates will be June 25-28. The schedule is on the website. The theme will be Pride in Progress.

Motion to accept report: Rob Johnson, 2nd Mark Hales (passed)

President McBride indicated that nominations are now open for the position of President. Gina Bell nominated Austin Knight. Chris Shubert 2nd the motion. No other nominations at the time.

1st Vice President nominations: Roger Christensen was nominated at the last meeting. There are no new nominations at this time.

2nd Vice President nominations: Gina Bell nominated Ryan Mellor, 2nd by Kevin Beck. No other nominations at this time.

5-Year Trustee: Chris Shubert nominated Brian Stewart-Tooele City Fire, 2nd by Austin Knight. No other nominations at this time.

Membership Steward: No nominations at this time.

2027 Convention City- No nominations at this time.

All nominations are now suspended until the January 2025 meeting.

Gina reminded the nominees to get their resume to her so they can be uploaded to our website.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Ladies Auxiliary asked if the Ladies letter could go out with the men's letter for convention. Gina indicated for them to get it to her by mid-April.

Brent thanked everyone for coming. Thanks to the Museum for hosting the meetings and memorial.

Motion to adjourn for the memorial and dinner (16:50)

Don Rich

2nd Ryan Mellor

The 25th Annual Firefighters Memorial service followed the General Meeting.

Welcome by President Andy McBride

Invocation by Chaplain Mike Myers

Flag Ceremony was presented by Officers of the Association

Pledge by Sargent-at-Arms James Munns

Speaker – President Andy McBride

Placement of wreath – Firefighter Auxiliary

Placement of Bunkers – 1st VP Austin Knight

Roll Call of Honor – Secretary Gina Bell

Closing Remarks – President Andy McBride

Benediction – Chaplain Mike Myers

Adjourned