

General Meeting
Spanish Fork Fire Department
April 12, 2025, 4:00 PM

Welcome by President Andy McBride

Pledge by Jimmy Munns

Prayer by Mike Meyer

Roll Call - Gina Bell

Attending

President Andy McBride	2 nd VP Roger Christensen	Membership Steward Sam Larson
Secretary Gina Bell	Treasurer Don Rich	Trustee Ryan Mellor
Trustee Kevin Beck	Trustee Steve Hales	Trustee Rob Johnson
Chaplain Mike Myers	NVFC Lance Nay	Chaplain Mike Meyer
Eddie Hales/Convention Chair	Area Steward Harold Chadwick	Coty Chadburn-UT Fire Board
Dave Hammond	Perry Skaug	Ted Black-State Fire Marshal
Seageant-at-Arms Jimmy Munns	Joseph A. Bona	

Absent (Excused)

1 st Vice President Austin Knight	Trustee Chris Shubert	Area Steward Mark Hales
L& Rep Coy Porter	UFRA Rep - Brad Wardle	Area Steward Mike Ahlstrom

Motion to accept the January 2025 minutes

Ryan Mellor/2nd Dave Hammond

Secretary Report: by Gina Bell.

Motion: Eddie Hales/2nd Roger Christensen - Passes

Membership Steward Report:

Motion: Steve Hales/2nd Coty Chadburn-Passes

Treasurer Report: by Don Rich. Checks for first quarter total \$11,669.17. Deposits total \$6,270.00. We had a starting balance of \$58,983.09 with the checks written and deposits received we now have an ending balance of \$53,583.92. We have \$25.68 in savings. We paid \$3,500.00 in death benefits. We had a starting balance in the floral fund of \$1,738.31. We wrote one check for \$167.03 for Errol's funeral and we have an ending balance of \$1,571.23 with \$25.00 in savings. We have a starting balance of \$405,882.33 in the License Plate Grant fund. We had three deposits totaling \$36,045.00 into the fund and one check written to Utah Stat Fire Chiefs Association for \$20,000.00 for an ending balance of \$421,927.33. There is \$25.00 in savings. Our Mutual Funds balances are \$76,723.33 and \$325,483.06 for a total balance of \$402,206.39.

Motion: Ryan Mellor/2nd Sam Larson – Passes

Convention: Eddie joined on Zoom. Log onto spanishforkfire.org. In the top left-hand side there will be a link for convention. June 25-28. Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. Last time they hosted was 1952. Their team is currently planning it with their Association being all hands on deck. There will be a trap shoot at the gun club. Register early so we don't have to cancel. Bring your guns, they will have shells for sale. ATV/Motor Cycle Poker ride, Tentatively the memorial will take place at the Kirshna Temple. Not 100% set in stone, Registration will be \$105 per person. \$50.00 banquet only form. There are 3 hotels that are giving a discount. They are listed on the website. Any other hotels will be at their regular rate.

Motion to accept Ryan Mellor/2nd Rob Johnson - Passes

Secretary Report: by Gina Bell. Sent over death benefit requests for: Errol Deardon-Fillmore, James Nash-Moab Valley, Rowe Harrison-Tooee, Earl Cole-Tooee, Robert McPhie-Tooee, Richard Sorsensen-Salina, Jack Walker-Payson, Joe Worthen-Payson, James Morgan-Layton. Gina prepared two letters for the Utah Defenders of Open Government in response to their GRAMA Request and Appeal Request. If they accept the terms of our letter that was sent to them on Thursday, Don and I will be going out to the Museum on Friday, April 18th at 11:00 a.m. to allow them to review our financial statements from 2020-2025. Our renewal date for our current JotForm plan is coming up. We have the silver plan at \$39.00 per month which is at a 50% discount. Gina asked if we want to renew or downgrade.

Motion: Kevin Beck/2nd Perry Skaug - Passes

Membership Steward Report: Don reported- There are 73 departments total. 2025 Departments paid are: Bryce Canyon, Cache County, Fillmore, Mapleton, Monroe, Richfield, Salina, South Davis Metro, South Summit, Syracuse, Tropic, State Fire Marshal, Woodland Hills. The departments who haven't paid yet are: Delta – since 2025, East Carbon – since 2019, Helper – since 2023, Northview-since 2023, Price-since 2020, Thompson Spring-since 2020, Tremonton-since 2023, Several self pays haven't paid, 759 lifetime members, 55 of those came in 2024 and 2025.

Motion: Ryan Mellor/2nd Don Rich - passed

Fire Prevention Board Report: No report.

NVFC Report: – NVFC – Lance reported first. He indicated that the National Firefighter Registry Access has been disrupted. Following layoffs at NIOSH, the NFR is currently inaccessible and firefighters are unable to register. Regarding the NVRC, its NVFC week April 20-26 and it's a great time to recognize your state association or department volunteers for all the do! The FEMA grant directorate has paused reimbursing federal grants (AG/SAFER/FP&S) until each grant is reviewed for compliance with the new Executive Orders. We do not know yet when they will start processing payments again. Upcoming PHMSS grants that provide funding for hazmat and other trainings are also on hold while the NOFOs are reviewed for compliance. The University of Miami's Firefighter Cancer Initiative is conducting a study to investigate environmental health hazards among volunteer firefighters. The ECHOS Study invites volunteer firefighters from around the U.S to participate by completing two short surveys and wearing a silicone wristband. With this data, their lab will be able to analyze environmental exposures during a typical assignment/task of a volunteer firefighter. NFPA 1970 is now 1971, 1975, 1981, and 1982 combined into one. In 2022 firefighting was classified as a Group 1 carcinogen. This underscores the urgent need to reduce firefighter exposure to carcinogens. PFAD commonly used in firefighter PPE are persistent and hazardous. They are synthetic chemical used for water and heat resistance. Exposure linked to increased cancer risks for firefighters. New gear has different thermal, absorption, and moisture behavior. Training should be addressed. Oils, gas etc. absorbs more and not as heat resistant. PPE not as durable and seeing only 35 to 6 years instead of 7 to 10 years.

Brent – Silvester with some of the cancer study they are doing. There is an initiative. Must be 18, retired, speak English, etc. See Brents flyer. Thanks Ryan for help on the training summit location. This is the 2nd one we've brought into Utah. The first one was at UFRA. They are using the Public Safety Building of SLCFD, Will meet at Marriott the first night, Friday they go to the PSB with multiple keynote speakers. We need to go in and make an introduction. Ryan is going to talk at the intro. Brent asked Andy if he wants to come in that day as well. It's the Friday before convention. Brent is hoping this is a good turnout.

Motion: Dave Hammond, 2nd James Munns- Passed.

L&L Committee: Ted reported – Nothing much right now on the L&L side. Just the fireworks bill with some simple clean up. He said that from a State Fire Marshal's Office side that his office is rolling out the new reporting program (NERIS). There is funding for regional training for those who need it. Looking at possibly keeping 10 years of past records from the old NFIRs program. The old program is unsafe. How the information is protected is ancient so they are hoping to save the old info on a separate program. Ted said that he has asked the board to take over the License Plate Grant due to written information he found indicating the State Fire Marshal's Office can no longer handle it.

Motion: Lance Nay, 2nd Sam Larson - Passed

Fire Prevention Board: Coty Chadburn - UFRA reported that they have 741 new certs, 744 recerts, with a 30% test increase. Over 1000 written and manipulative skills given. Mike Slater is on the Certification Council. Approved portfolios for Chris Whetton. Officer 3 is in review. Fixed wording in some of the standard and skills portion, Bridgerland was reaccredited, evaluated students, teachers, skills testing areas, and all passed
o Areas included Ropes awareness and ops, basic extrication. FF1 &2, Hazmat awareness and ops. Updating policed and procedures for Pro Board & IFSAC; UFRA & UVU, Re-evaluate skills, conduct spot checks, and review exam material, The tester and trainer yearly meeting was held online, along with HR training from UVU Brad Wardle reported that WFS had over 1100 registered with 96 classes they are planning WFS for 2026. The ARFF prop to be delivered first part of May, instructors working on curriculum and classes slated to be begin 2026. Rodriguez and Kilgore retired. Kilgore will come back as adjunct instructor. Process of hiring Joan's replacement. Looking at increasing budget due to class demand. Already scheduling 2027 classes. FEMA shutdown for NFA classes. HB65 passed and cancer screening. Ted Black reported on the same items as he reported on above.

UFRA: No one from UFRA was in attendance but details on UFRA was reported in the Fire Prevention Board report from Coty Chadburn.

Senior Trustee Report: Ryan Mellor – Our Jotform subscription is up for renewal so we approved to do that. We will likely use it with the grant applications. We received two awards recipient nominations that we will be handing out awards for at convention. Ted Black realized that the State Fire Marshal's office can no longer handle the License Place Grants and he has asked us to take it over. We decided to combine 2025 with 2026 to allow the transition to take place in a clean formalized way. Trustees will be formalizing a bylaw and guidelines for this. The new bylaw will be voted on at Convention. Thanks to Ted for realizing the change needed to take place and thanks to Eddie Hales for his input. We voted to make challenge coins. From the Trustees, thanks to Spanish Fork for stepping up and hosting convention when no one else would put in.

Motion: Ted Black/Roger Christensen – Passed

Convention Report: Convention Report – Trevor Giles – June 25-28. Wednesday - First day show up – registration 8-6, golf 0900 Spanish Fork Oaks, ATV Ride meet at Fairgrounds at 12:00 pm. Ride to Nutty Putty Caves. A couple Utah County Sheriffs going with to talk about that day. Looking to get a rock engraved by his headstone, ride over to Areka Park have lunch, Poker ride at noon, meeting at Station 61, up towards Schoefield, and back, (energy loop). Trap shoot at 6:00 pm at gun club in Spanish Fork, Vendors can set up on Wednesday night. Thursday, 8-9 registration, 9:00 am general meeting, noon lunch on your own, 1:30 pm service awards, 4:00 pm Memorial, 6:00 pm parade – location TBD, Dinner will be at all abilities park following parade. Food Trucks will be there. Each person will get a ticket for dinner. Families can buy their own meal at the food truck. All Abilities Park has a splash pad, gated park, reserved the entire park. Wants a good family event with music. Friday – registration 0800-0900 – 0900 General meeting, noon lunch, Convention general meeting at 1:30, banquet at 6:00 pm. Training – extrication bring your own PPE, with Elite TNT Extrication, 2 sessions, 0900-noon and 1-4. Life Flight training on packing patients and hoisting - 0900 and 1:00 pm. Mental Health training at Station 62. Separate Friday lunch men’s/women’s. Dress code for banquet – business casual. Saturday – Past president breakfast 0700 women/men combined. 0900 members meeting with combined lunch at 11:30.

Old Business: None

New Business: New positions for next year. No new nominations were made. The following are the current nominations:

Nominations for the office of President besides Austin Knight. None. Open until our next meeting

Nominations 1st VP, besides Roger Christensen. None.

2nd VP besides Ryan Mellor. Nominations.

5-Year Trustee – Brian Stewart/Tooele is our current nomination.

Membership Steward-None at this time.

Host City 2026 -None at this time.

Thanks to Spanish Fork for hosting our meeting and dinner.

The next meeting will be held in Spanish Fork on April