

General Meeting
American Fork Fire Department
July 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Welcome by Andy McBride

The first order of business will be the swearing in the new officers. Andy swore in Austin Knight as President. Austin swore in Roger Christensen as the 1st VP and Ryan Mellor as 2nd VP. Our new 5-year trustee Bryan Steward is excused today as he is out of town and will be sworn in at our October meeting. Austin swore in Chase Barry as Chaplain. Austin has selected Devan Bills as his Sergeant-at-Arms. He is on duty and was sworn in when he arrived from a call. Austin took over the meeting as President.

Prayer by Chase Barry

Pledge Devin Bills

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 Devin Bills	Chaplain Chase Barry
Area Steward Mark Hales	NVFC Lance Nay	Convention Chair Andy McBride
Dave Hammond	Coty Chadburn	Eldon Farnsworth
Eddie Hales	Dave Hammond	Perry Skaug

Absent (Excused)

Harold Chadwick Brent Marshall

Motion to accept the revised April 2025 meeting minutes.

Andy McBride, 2nd Rob Johnson. Passed

Treasurer Report: by Don Rich. The beginning balance of the checking account is \$50,570.93, deposits total \$15,060.00 and checks written totaled \$30,305.23. The ending balance is \$35,325.70, There were \$2,500.00 in death benefit checks written. Flower fund balance is \$1571.23. There was one deposit in the amount of \$20.00 made and one check written for \$200.00 for Rowe Harrison's funeral.

Motion: Ryan Mellor Mellor/2nd Roger Christensen
Passed

Secretary Report: by Gina Bell. Death benefit letters were sent over to Don for Jim Morgan/Layton, Darrel Hansen/St. George, Kenneth Graff/St. George, Murl Bishop/Riverdale, Jerry Pearson/Salt Lake County. She renewed the Association JotForm account. Gina finalized everything for convention.

Motion: Eldon Farnsworth/2nd Perry Skaug

Passed

Membership Steward Report: Sam indicating that there are 76 departments on the books. We have 776 lifetime members with 70 of those coming in for 2024 and 2025. There are some individuals that self-pay and have not paid yet.

Motion Ryan Mellor/2nd Gina Bell

Passed

NVFC Report: Lance Nay reported that the Drip Drop Hydration campaign is open and applications are being accepted through July 22nd. The Training Summit in Salt Lake City went well and had some very good training. The NVFC Fall meetings will be in Rapid City South Dakota September 21st through September 24th. NFPA 1970 is still going through TIAs'

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor/2nd Coty Chadburn

Passed

Fire Prevention Board Report: Coty Chadburn reported that the Utah Fire Service Certification Council team reviewed the training and program, test site, and confirmed the agreement with Layton during the David Tech site visit. The Council helped the Southwest Tech College with some live fire concerns. They have portfolios for a couple of firefighters working on their Fire Officer 2 and 1 person working on their Fire Officer 4. They are considering changes to the ADO Pumper standard for prerequisites, specifically requiring Wildland Firefighter 1 or NWCG to meet NFPA 102. They are updating the officer's skills. Just a reminder that departments can help with proctoring written test. They are working on a policy for tester/instructor uniform attire. In May, they were working on accreditation through IFSAC and Pro Board.

State Fire Marshal Report: Coty Chadburn provided information he received at the Fire Prevention Board meeting on the State Fire Marshal's office. We will see legislation on CO2 systems in certain areas that will give more regulatory authority. There may be a possible update for the verbiage of the DBA system in existing school buildings. Also, there will be fire code adoption for the IFC, IBC, and the WLUIF code. The NERIS will be coming on board in November and there is an option to start now if departments want to. They are working on the software system to house the old NFIRS for 10 years. Reporting for exposures needs improvement. They won't be pursuing the EMS module in NERIS due to multiple agencies overseeing the EMS side. There could be funding through the Fire Marshal's office for regional and/or individual NERIS Training. The RMS System will interface with NERIS. The State is looking for an EMS director.

UFRA Report: Coty Chadburn provided information on UFRA from the Fire Prevention Board meeting. UFRA performed sit visits. They are working on filling open positions to replace Gil Rodrigues, Raleigh Bunch, and Gary Kilgore. The ARFF Training program is progressing. The prop has been purchased and delivered. They will conduct a training session on the train-the-trainer approach for this class, and the first class is scheduled to take place in Cedar City. They have purchased a light utility vehicle and expect to take delivery in November. Winter Fire school will move up a month. It will open November 3rd. They are still collecting information on the cancer screening survey.

Motion to accept the Fire Prevention Board Report, the State Fire Marshal Report, and the UFRA Report.

Dave Hammond/2nd Sam Larson

Passed

Senior Trustee Report: Kevin Beck

We had a gentleman from Woodland Hills FD who's also a city council meet with the Board. He's trying to get a Citizens mental health board for people who show up on incidents before First Responders and he's asking for the Associations backing. We voted on making Corban Summers an Association member and allow his family to receive the death benefit. We discussed making changes to the bylaws to pay the death benefit to anyone in Utah who passes in the line of duty. Since the Association has not received any nominations for 2026 Convention, the board members are looking at options.

Motion: Don/Chris
Passed

Convention Report: Andy – The board met today and discussed the next convention for 2026 so the Board will be hosting convention for next year. We talked to Tropic and they can't get rooms for 2026 so it's unlikely they can do it until 2027. The board has some things in the works and will have things solidified by our next meeting in October.

Motion: Roger Christensen/2nd Sam Larson
Passed

New Business:

Eddie Hales handed award plaques to a couple departments.

Ryan Mellor Thanks for hosting here at American Fork and again how much we enjoyed convention this year in Spanish Fork.

Eldon Farnsworth said it's been about 10 years since we allowed Business members to join. President Knight said that this topic was just discussed in the board meeting and we are working on it.

Gina said she is not rerunning for Secretary next year because her part time job requires her to represent Firefighters Credit Union as a vendor and can't be with the board and in the vendor section at the same time. She is hoping to have someone who's interested reach out to her so she can "show them the ropes" in hopes that we have someone who will be a good fit for the board.

Eddie mentioned that payment for skills has to be paid by the department they are testing with. They are asking that individuals be allowed to pay themselves for 2nd/3rd attempts.

The October 11th meeting will be at 1:00 pm at the Museum. It's their 25th year anniversary.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 p.m.