

**General Meeting
Utah Fire Museum
October 11, 2025 at 4pm**

Welcome by Austin Knight.
Pledge led by Austin Knight.
Prayer given by Bryan Stewart.
Roll call given by Austin Knight.

Present:

Austin Knight
Roger Christensen
Ryan Mellor
Don Rich
Sam Larson
Rob Johnson- virtual
Bryan Stewart
Tya Wells
Harold Chadwick
Mark Hales
Coy Porter
Andy McBride- virtual
Dave Hammond
Ted Black- virtual
Brent Marshal
Perry Skaug
Eddie Hales- virtual

Absent:

Kevin Beck
Steve Hales- **excused**
Chris Shubert- **excused**
Gina Bell- **excused**
Devin Bills- **excused**
Chase Parry- **excused**
Coty Chadburn- **excused**
Brad Wardle
Lance Nay- **excused**
Mike Ahlstrom
Dan Chidester
R Wendell Robison- **excused**
Joseph A Bona- **excused**
Allan H Peek
Brent R Halladay
Lynn E Jones
Drew Rasmussen
Monte N Curtis
David L Howell
Jeff L Norton
Rod Matteucci
Ron Harris
Robert Harrison- **excused**
Janet Atkinson
Stan Robins
Travis Graf
Eldon Farnsworth- **excused**
Brady George
David Gillette
Scott E Alvord
Terence McGann
Randy Scott
Russ Marcos
Dave Chugg
Trisha Thomas

July's meeting minutes approved
Approved by Ryan Mellor
2nd, Sam Larsen

Report of the Treasurer Don Rich-

Beginning Checkbook Balance \$ 61,058.58, Total Deposits \$2,150.00, Checks Written \$ 20,638.65, Ending Checkbook Balance \$ 42,569.93. Paid \$1,500.00 in Death Benefits, License Plate Grant: Beginning Balance \$110,503.50, Deposit total: \$ 32,175.00, Total Withdrawals \$10,084.48, Ending Balance \$132,594.02. The flower fund had a starting balance of \$1,735.06. There was a \$20.00 deposit for an ending balance of \$1,755.06.

Motion to accept: Dave Hammond, 2nd: Ryan Mellor

Report of the Secretary by Ryan Mellor for Gina Bell

Fortunately, we have not had any death benefit requests. As an FYI, past auxiliary president Shirley Thompson from SLCFD passed away. Gina notified Sherri Christensen of the Ladies Auxiliary. There have been a few pin requests and one plaque request for 2025 service awards. She mailed them out and turned in a postage receipt to Don for reimbursement. I was contacted by Salina Fire Department, and they would like all their past years' service awards. She has been looking through the old certificates that she has in her possession, but she was only able to find a few that were created since she took back the secretary position. She believes they may be in a box at the Museum. She left a message for Dave Hammond to see if there's a box that he can send with Ryan Mellor so I can look through those ones as well. She printed a draft of the bylaw change that I wrote up to allow non-members who pass away from a line-of-duty death receive an automatic membership so their beneficiary can receive the \$500 benefit. She contacted DC Ryan Lessner on October 2nd regarding Corban Summers. He doesn't have anything from the State of Utah indicating that Corban's death is approved as a line-of-duty death, but with the assistance of the A/C's at SLCFD, they have submitted for an LODD at the National level. She emailed the business sponsors that she has contact information regarding renewing their business membership through our website. She hasn't received any emails or applications since sending those emails, so she asked Ron Harris to remove all the business logos with the exception of Ellis Auto since they send us a check every year. He is leaving Ellis Auto and the Website Design Companies on our site.

Ryan said that SLCFD has offered to be a liaison for Line of Duty Deaths to help departments with the procedure. AC Rob Stafford is the contact person.

Motion to accept: Don Rich, 2nd , Roger Christensen

Report of the Membership Steward – Sam Larson

76 departments and individuals on the books. 13 departments who haven't paid in 2024-2025, 3 departments back in 2023.

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor, 2nd Brent Marshall

Report of the L & L committee – Coy Porter

2026- Utah Legislature- pre-filed bills

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution- Collective Bargaining Rights – Senator Nate Blouin.

Emergency communication amendments- Senator Wayne Harper.

Emergency Preparedness Amendments- Rep Cheryl Acton.

Ambulance amendments- Rep Jim Dunnigan.

Building code amendments- Rep Jordan Teushcer.

School safety amendments- Rep Jordan Teushcer.

Firefighter insurance amendments- Rep Ryan Wilcox.

Motion to accept: Sam Larson, 2nd Don Rich

UFRA Report and Fire Board report by Ryan Mellor

Reorganizing parts of UFRA, first ARFF training in Cedar City that went well, SLC is getting theirs this month, hoping we get to let members see the ARFF trainer at convention. portal for testing should be going live in about a week, FD's can order textbooks from UFRA with Tax Exempt, UFRA is helping host convention. Follow-up question at the USFA regarding staffing being able to pay for their own test. UVU's financial procedure doesn't allow it, however Jolene is going to bring this up at their staff meeting again for discussion.

Motion to accept the UFRA and Fire Board Report: Coy Porter, 2nd Brent Marshall

NVFC report by Brent Marshall.

He and Lance just returned from Rapid City. He brought up the OSHA issue and what was happening at the national level. NVFC and IAFF were working together both had issues with the writing that OSHA had published for review and had countered verbiage with new language, the IAFF has a legal team that they are working with. We don't know what OSHAs response will be, the NVFC is monitoring, and waiting for a response. We have had many conference calls concerning this discussion. Work is being done to celebrate the 50-year anniversary next year. Two grants came through with Utah having two departments receiving the grants. Cedar Fort Utah (\$50,000) and La Sal Volunteer Fire Department (state of the art turnout gear 4 sets of turnouts and 4 helmets).

Motion to accept: Don Rich, 2nd Ryan Mellor

Utah State Fire Marshal's office report – Ted Black (virtual)

The NERS rolling out Nov 1. The ladies in the office are willing to help if having issues. NFIR hard stop January 2026. You won't be able to access it after that, it's going away.

Recommending to chiefs that you run two sets of books from the time you sign up for NERIS until they shut NFIR off. They are working on getting a Utah company to capture that data going back 10 years. Ted is afraid if they don't capture it, they won't have it. It's expensive but he feels in needs to be done. NFIRS is antiquated to the point they were putting band aids on it. They can't fix it. They will have both Nia and Monica down at Winter

Fire School, they can sit down then and help you get set up. The state has hired a new EMS Director Eric Bornemeier. He will be running the EMS for DPS. May see legislation on CO2 detection that carbonates soda pop. There's been multiple close calls. Also seen a group wanting to pursue mobile fuel. Office is always available to help with fire investigations or projects that are larger than your department can handle.

Motion to accept: Harold Chadwick, 2nd Perry Skaug

Report of the Trustee's by Bryan Stewart

Update on proposed by law change in Section 7. It will be voted on by the membership at convention. No discussion was requested by body. Updated body on the board establishing a license plate committee which will be meeting next month to distribute grants.

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor, 2nd Don Rich

Report on Convention given by Austin Knight

The 2026 convention will be held in Provo with UFRA assisting to host and further info will be sent out soon. We don't have all the exact details, but we are going to meet with them next week.

Call for new business- nothing brought up.

Next meeting will be held on January 10, 2026, at Tooele Fire Station #3.

Meeting adjourned.