

Executive Committee
December 10, 2024
518 Smokehouse

Attendance: President Randy Arant, Pierce Womack, Jason Dennis, Mike Norket, Kevin Henson, Malcolm Burns, John Bowers, Ross Vezin, Terry Sheriff, Brad Kavetski, Billy Barnes, Charles Lamoreaux, Kevin Crosby, Rickie Jenkins, Chad Beam, Joe Palmer, Doug Cline, Jamie Caggiano, Jack Kirlin, Scott Smith, Josh Holzheimer, Darren D'Ippolito, Mark Colamarino, Taylor Wright, Stewart Bedenbaugh, Travis Smith, Annie Wooten, Jamie Helms, Brick Lewis, Zorrina Harmon, Jeff Oswald, Jana Kassianos, Brook Dennis, Patti Graham, Carter Jones, Bryan Bailey, Jeff Allen, Kim Bowman, Kim Voisine, Marcia Greer, Colleen Quillen, Mark Bryant, Ashley Boltin

10:31 am President Arant called the meeting to order.

Invocation & Pledge by Rickie Jenkins

President Opening Remarks: Thanked everyone for being here, recognized guest, Insurance Board, Annie Wooten. Today is all about fellowship. We will take care of quick business and then enjoy each other's company.

A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to approve the minutes of October 31, 2024, and both sets from November 12, 2024; seconded by Mike Norket. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance & Audit – Pierce Womack – No Report

Legislative – Jason Dennis – We met on the 31st and will meet again on the 18th. We will be prefilng tomorrow with the Senate on the Firefighter Registration Act. The House will be opening title 38 which is the 1% law. They will be changing the procedure on how they get and send the money out. The House Ways and Means Committee notified us of this, part of their function is to clean up processes and this is just one of many. As a courtesy, we were notified by the staffer.

Advisory – Mike Norket – The 2025 LI class was notified for those moving on to online completion and those whose journey has ended. Awards are open until January 31st.

Kevin Henson – No Report

Malcolm Burns – No Report

Supervisory- John Bowers – We met on December 5th.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin – Our committee will be meeting after the first of the year.

Training & Education – Terry Sheriff – FSI Conference is coming up in January.

Safety & Health – Brad Kavetski – December Safety Spotlight is Deisel Exhaust, a few had a follow-up with Lucid Dynastic the 49% False Positive Rate is a little lower than what we thought truly it is about 11% test positive.

Strategic Planning – Billy Barnes – If you or your committee is working on an objective, please communicate that to me so that we can update it.

By – Laws – Charles Lamoureaux – No Report

Conference Experience – Ashley – we met and have several new things we are working on. The City of Conway is interested in hosting a movie night, looking at the possibility of moving the Fun Run to the beach and several other exciting things to come.

Chaplaincy – Rickie Jenkins – I have prepared a Standard Guidelines for the chaplaincy program and sent it to all committee members for review. I also created a letter of condolence to be sent to the family a line of duty death and a member family that passed away of natural causes from the office of the Chaplain.

Technology & Communications – Chad Beam – The Committee met yesterday; we had 70 responses from the survey. We will meet again after the first of the year.

OSHA - Joe Palmer – Email sent out yesterday for the OSHA Synopsis rewrites. We have a zoom call tomorrow morning we will be focusing on the rewrite due by February 17th.

Officer Section – Doug Cline – We are moving along with our professional development and strategic plan.

Please keep Rick Cramer and their family in your prayers. His mother passed away unexpectedly; the funeral will be on Thursday.

Foundation – Jamie Caggiano – Sara Moore has sent in her resignation letter. December 18th will be her last day.

NVFC – Jack Kirlin & Keith Minick – OSHA Subcommittee is hurrying to get the written log completed and published.

MUSC update – Ross Vezin – The Gamer fund raiser where you watch video games and raise money this year raised \$6,200 for MUSC Burn Children to date this group has raised a little over \$10,000 in 3 years.

It was asked if anyone has had any feedback from the Blue Light Opinion letter that was sent out. Beaufort City thinks this is a positive. That is the only feedback so far.

Old Business

Laurel Hurst Update – We put the offer in on November 14th we heard back that it was going to be delayed due to the attorneys reviewing, we should hear back by the end of today. Before we do anything, we will have a meeting.

Jamie Helms will forward out the email for title 38. 23.

Playbook Review by Jamie Helms

Our next meeting will be January 14, 2025. Don't forget the Fire Service Improvement Conference will be January 23 -26, 2025.

NC has named a new Executive Director Chief Barry Overman.

We are working with the Fire Responder Center of Excellence on hosting a summit April 18, 2025 in North Charleston.

A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to adjourn; seconded by Mike Norket. All in favor.

Online Reports Submitted

EMS - Committee Focus Activities

Trauma Kits, Pod Casts, FR2025 classes, OSHA EMS impact, SCFA EMT Program, SCEMSA updates - funding for EMT programs, Paramedic programs (Greenville Tech and other colleges).

Officer Section - Committee Focus Activities

1. Officer Section Strategic Plan - Officer Section Membership survey complete - Strategic Objectives and Goals confirmed - Initial start of written draft of Strategic Plan 2.

Professional Development Model -Drafting initial document 3. Officer Academy candidate selection

Executive Committee Action Items

Strategic Plan draft in conjunction with Association Strategic Planning Committee Chair
Attending Regional meetings and Association functions The Jive Schedule and guests
development of Officer Section Awards Program

Past President- Committee Focus Activities

We have not had a meeting to report about.

Advisory - Committee Focus Activities

The LI applicants that are moving on to the 3rd phase are being notified.

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NVFC - Committee Focus Activities - None this month, Executive Committee Action Items None at this time

Community Engagement - Committee Focus Activities

Our committee continues to focus on initiatives that support and enhance our fire service community. Currently working on: We will soon distribute a survey to gather feedback from those who attended the recent Creating a Psychologically Safe Workplace Summit. We plan to hold a committee meeting at the beginning of the year. The date is yet to be determined—stay tuned for updates! We are also developing a survey aimed at understanding the experiences of women in fire services. This initiative will help us explore opportunities to improve recruitment and retention efforts. If you have any specific questions you would like us to include in the survey, please let us know! Your input and ideas are always welcome as we move these projects forward.

Executive Committee Action Items

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend our meeting next week unless something changes, as we have our ISO meeting starting on Tuesday, December 10th. I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and to thank you for all that you do for the firefighters of South Carolina. Your dedication and efforts make a difference every day.

Legislative - Committee Focus Activities

The Committee did not meet in November. Our next scheduled meeting is December 18, 2024. The committee has continued working throughout the month and we did meet the pre-file date in regards to the Firefighter Registration Act and the verbiage change to "Valid Drivers License". With the Registration Act open we have more time to work on the definitions with support from our delegation. More to come at the January EC Meeting.

Health & Safety - Committee Focus Activities

Committee did not meet since last EC meeting. Kavetski, Helms, Harmon and Crosby had a follow-up meeting with Lucid Diagnostics to have some of our questions regarding their false positives data clarified. December Safety Spotlight is Reducing Diesel Exhaust Exposure in Apparatus Bays. Material will be shared on socials/firewire.

Conference Experience - Committee Focus Activities

Had follow-up discussions regarding ways to incorporate the beach during the convention. Will have discussions with the City of Myrtle Beach about using the beach area for the fun run, or maybe some sort of kick-off or close-out of the convention. Will contact local miniature golf courses to provide families something to do during the day. Looking at having a one-stop location in the convention center to advertise SC departments that are hiring. Mentioned to the Community Engagement Comm. about holding a diversity event (lunch, breakfast, etc) much like the one at FRI, will be following up with Chief Folsom if the EC

supports this. Chief Hendrick will get more information about an outdoor movie night in Conway after the vendor hall opening Thursday night. It does not appear that holding a RIC competition will be possible this year. Also, there was discussion about moving the explorer competition inside, however they wish to remain at the outdoor space. I am unable to attend the Dec EC meeting. I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Executive Committee Action Items

Does the EC want this committee to pursue holding a diversity event? There will be a cost, and how will that be covered, sponsorship, attendee, the association? We would also need to find some speakers. This would be in collaboration with Chief Folsom's committee.

Training & Education -Committee Focus Activities

T & E Committee: 2025 FSIC Numbers Update: 246 Registrations with 282 Students in seats. Several classes are close to being full and 28 in the new driver-operator class. 113 registered for Friday night dinner. 2025 Fire-Rescue Update: Schedule is being finalized. Total of 50 classes to be delivered, slight increase from previous years. SCFA Advisory: Several classes going to IFSAC Accreditation: - Hazmat Tech - change over February 1, 2025. Instructors will need to conduct an update. More information to come regarding current "State" Technician to challenge the test to obtain IFSAC. - Online Training: searching for online instructors to provide several SCFA classes through online RMS (Blackboard). - Confined Space is now IFSAC accredited.

Communications & Technology - Committee Focus Activities

The committee focused on the survey as well as discussing potential vendors for Fire Rescue that are technology based. The committee has a desire to assist in discussions of funding state interoperability. The committee has not been asked to participate in previous discussions that have already been had. The committee will press to be involved in this as we have a group of SME's on this.

Executive Committee Action Items

Include the Technology and Communications committee on Technology and Communications issues.