

**Wyoming Fire Chiefs/Wyoming Rural Fire Association
&
Wyoming fire Advisory Board Combined Meeting
Agenda
December 5-7, 2019**

Park County Greeting & Welcome – Jerry Parker

Senator Hank Coe – Welcome to Cody and Park County, Senate District 18. Been in state senate since 1989, was a County Commissioner from 1979-87 but one of the most rewarding things he ever did was he was on Cody Fire 1972-1995 (23 years) and Chief in 1979 and 80. When he finished with the department he counted up how many calls he had been on and it added up to around 4500 calls in 23 years. One of his more memorable moments, Jerry Parker and he were there for was the fires of 1988 in Yellowstone in the Wapati Valley. Wants to recognize the significance of volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS responders to a rural state like Wyoming and how invaluable they are. The main station here operates with about 7-8 pieces of apparatus and about 30 guys, there are 6 outlying stations leading to around 65 total volunteers. Wants to recognize the contribution because volunteer fire departments do a lot for nothing. If they were to man the department alone in Cody it'd cost an additional 2-3 million dollars. Would like to recognize Jerry Parker and Russ Wenke who he's had the pleasure of working with a number of years and again welcome everyone to Cody.

Wyoming Fire Chiefs/Wyoming Rural Fire Associations & Wyoming Fire Advisory Board Meeting called to order at 0800 by Rural Fire Association President Willy Watsabaugh. Would like to recognize former Fire Advisory Board Member Russ Wenke who will lead the Invocation.

Invocation – Russ Wenke

Pledge of Allegiance

Willy recognized Mike Johnston for his work on Bridger Teton National Forest since 2010 when he started attending Rural Meetings. He is now the FMO for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in Idaho and will be missed from the Bridger Teton. Would also like to recognize him as one of the key players in getting the Wyoming Prescribed Fire Council going.

Approval of last Fire Chiefs Assoc. Minutes that were sent out to everyone via email.

***Motion made by Brent Godfrey to approve minutes.
Seconded by Sam Wilde. Motion Approved.***

Fire Chiefs Treasurers report (Gene Diedtrich)

Period June 1 – Nov 30

Beginning cash balance of \$60,779.00. Deposits of \$31,624.00, Expended \$60,884.00. Remaining cash balance \$31,519.00 of that \$17,448.99 is restricted; \$14,289.99 to the LAST Account and \$3,159 to 2015 safer grant. This leaves unrestricted funds of \$14,070.12.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented by John Rutherford.

Seconded by Craig Haslam. Motion carried.

Volunteer Fire Recruitment and Retention Grant Update (Gene Diedtrich)

Set to expire 12.2.20. Original amount was \$978,000. Spent to date \$441,027 leaving an amount of \$536,973 left to spend in the next year. After calculating the amount spent each year over the last three years, it appears there will be about 370-380,000 left of the grant. Everyone should consider using it and trying to get that balance down before it expires.

Chris Kocher – This grant is for the volunteer firefighters throughout the state and it's very easy to use and get involved with. It allows for wildland classes and a variety of other things within the state. The process is turn an application in to Gene if you're not already a part of it and coordinate ahead of time before you go to those classes. Meals, hotel and class registrations have the opportunity to be reimbursed. Please take advantage of it as it's a very good program and can provide some good opportunity.

Missouri Valley Division, IAFC – Craig Haslam

Craig - Jim Wamsley is now the International Director for the Missouri Valley Division.

Byron – In 2021 Cheyenne will Host Missouri Valley Fire Chief's Meeting which will talk about the future of the fire service in more of a data driven operation.

Craig- It's a great opportunity for Wyoming to host the Missouri Valley Division's Conference, it is in Fargo this year.

Special District Association – Craig Haslam

This legislation will have a couple of things coming up since last year they passed some legislation that we weren't really happy with. The group of special districts association and several other associations within the state went to work and did some amendments to the legislation. Unfortunately in the last committee meeting they took out a lot of the stuff they were working on. LSO 125 and LSO 182 will be coming up, so take a look at those. More information will be sent out as the time comes to work on those. Another big concern is that we still have people who have not met the new regulations that were put in back in July and registered with the State Auditor's Office on who their point of contact is for information and it's been sent out and there are still special districts/fire districts not meeting these requirements. Need county fire warden's help getting with the special districts even though we have no control over them to get them to meet the new requirements to register. Will send the information out again after this meeting.

Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety – Dan Johnson

They have 5 members appointed by the governor. One to represent counties or municipalities, one for firefighters, one from the electrical board, the association of architects/contractors, and a member representing the general public. They have a process to adopt the rules and regulations establishing the minimum fire standards we go by not to exceed the standards of international fire codes. Last standards were adopted in 2018. The board also hears and accepts reports from the division of State Fire Marshall's Office. The next meeting is scheduled for the third week in December with no pending appeals at this time so will just be accepting reports from the offices.

IAFC VCOS – pushed to new business because vacant at this time

NFPA – Nick Hudson

The new education coordinator for the NFPA and works for the Fire Marshall's Office replacing Dennis Estis. Would like to thank him as he had this position for about 8 years and did a very good job helping to coordinate NFPA efforts along with the fire chief's and everyone else within the state. Big on public education and fire prevention week. Wyoming is part of a 22 state region with 1 coordinator who helps us out with NFPA. Fire Marshall's conference will be May 13-16 in Casper this year. Main objective as the education coordinator is to work closely with the Wyoming Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshals to make sure that we get as much information out that's crucial to the entities and the people we protect and serve. Would like to get the regional areas of Wyoming that have personnel with a higher level of training to relay NFPA messaging as well as constant and consistent information as well. In 2018 NFPA brought out the concept of the Life Safety Eco System. It's similar to community risk reduction as it talks about all the important pieces of what we all do; emergency preparedness, response, prevention, code enforcement and development. NFPA.org has the information if you'd like to see it as well as free program materials to build educational programs to fit your area.

Wyo-Link Update – Mark Harshman

Currently serves as a representative to the public safety communications commission (chair). We know that many agencies have been receiving faux bills for a few years now. This summer there was legislation drafted that went before the joint interim committee that would have put an emergency services fee on phone lines, both cell phones and land line phone. The bill died for lack of a second in the interim committee. In Governor Gordon's proposed budget coming before the legislature, he's recommended that WYO-LINK be fully funded so the faux bills would go away. Hopeful his recommendation will stay in throughout the legislative process. In the middle of a 16 tower build out, which is a 17 million dollar project funded by federal highway transportation funds. Infrastructure in place in Buffalo and Orin junction with several other sites very close to putting in foundations and construction being completed. Several other sites should be up and functional by spring.

Mike Bournazian – After a meeting with his joint communications center they were talking about a WYO-LINK site going in this spring in Rock Springs and the capabilities of WYO-LINK and where they are with their equipment and how up to date or obsolete it is. He was informed that it sounds like a lot of the equipment has now become obsolete and a lot will be needing replaced more than updated. Would like a figure on the cost of those

Mark Harshman - The figure bounced around is 17 million which replaces the Quantar radios at each radio site. Each site will have a minimum of 5 of those radios and this will be part of the governor's recommendation to fund that replacement at the tower sites. A lot of the radios are approaching 13 years old and are no longer supported.

WFCA Residential Sprinkler Committee – tabled until January meeting as there is nothing to report at this time.

Wyoming Volunteer Pension Board – Gene Diedtrich

Last information after meeting in September was there is \$82,829,485.00 in the fund. The monthly retirement payroll of all fire, EMS, search and rescue pension fund is approximately \$550,000 a month. There is 1535 survivors and retirees drawing. Update from Retirement Director Swindell that the total retirement funds from the investment process through the end of October were up 12.79% year to date. Search and Rescue became members on July 1st of this year and Governor Gordon appointed Sheriff Clint Becker from Converse County to be the 8th member of the board. As of 8-23-19 there are 2412 members.

Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals – Sam Wilde, Byron Mathews

Sam Wilde- President of the Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals. Last year had the Annual Fire Marshals conference on community risk reduction and it was a good opportunity for education and look forward to continuing that this year May 12-15 in Casper. Developed a group statewide called 307 CRR and would like to invite Chief Young to speak on it.

Chief Young – As an agency excited to partner with 19 other fire departments across the State of Wyoming representing approximately 60% of the population served on the first initiative. Last year at the fire marshals conference a group of fire departments and our agency, met for one day to talk about next steps in community risk reduction and how we can lower our fire fatalities across the state that are directly related to Structure fire. Looked at data to see what the true fire problems are in the State of Wyoming using the programs such as emergency reporting. Have reduced the numbers from 50% reporting rate 2 years ago and now that we are using emergency reporting down to 8 departments out of about 140 that no reports are coming in from. Formalized a risk reduction program helping with public education. Looking at data from 2018-2019 year to date of June there were 7 fire fatalities due to smoking while wearing home oxygen. They found that an inline thermal fuse that goes in your oxygen cannula that shuts the oxygen off if fire comes from either end. Working on forming partnerships with Red Cross, hospitals, home health cares, nursing homes, etc. and teaching them about this fuse. They plan to have these devices in every home using home oxygen within 5 years.

Wyoming State Firemen’s Association – Donny Munger

This year the convention is in Newcastle and would like to invite everyone. It will be held the 17th-20th of June. There is a raffle for the association and would like to encourage anyone who would like to either buy or sell tickets to contact either himself or Gene for tickets. Will have tickets at the January meeting as well if anyone needs some. This year’s raffle is a rifle, grill, ½ beef, whole pig, cooler and a tool set.

Industrial Fire Chief’s Report – pushed to January

Will be in regards to AFFF Foam and new issues and litigation coming forth with that.

Fire Chiefs Assoc. Old Business

SAFER Grant – Chris Kocher

Writing a new grant as the current expires 12-2-2020. The application period will be opening shortly. An email was sent out that it is time to start the process. Group met to figure out what areas to seek funding for. The current areas are physicals, college scholarship opportunities and the training and education portions were all agreed to be important to continue with. If the body has items they’d wish to have considered, send Chris Kocher an email and the organization will look at it.

Pre Fallen Firefighters Memorial Walk – Director Reed

It has been completed at the memorial, Byron Matthews took photos. Still waiting on the larger corner pieces and center piece to be completed and placed but that should be done shortly.

New Business

IAFC VCOS – Chris Kocher

Vacant and looking to fill. Ron Smith no longer in the position. JR Fox has sent an email expressing interest. Mike Bournazian – Would like to express interest in helping to fill the vacancy. Voting will take place at the January meeting once ballot is put together.

Craig Haslam – motion to have voting in January with a ballot showing JR Fox and Mike Bournazian. Seconded by Brent Godfrey. Motion carries.

This is an opportunity as a working group who meet and help put together solutions for some issues currently at hand in the fire service today affecting career, combination, and volunteer departments. There are two conferences per year with great leadership opportunities.

This concludes the Chief’s portion of the meeting.

Rural Firefighter Meeting

Register voting delegates from each county:

Albany- Chad Dinges	Natrona-
Big Horn- Brent Godfrey	Niobrara -
Campbell- JR Fox	Park – Jerry Parker
Carbon- John Rutherford	Platte -
Converse-Tom Reed	Sheridan – Chris Thomas
Crook - Doug Leis	Sublette- Shad Cooper
Fremont- Dan Oakley	Sweetwater- Mike Bournazian
Goshen- Bill Law	Teton- Brady Hansen
Hot Springs-	Uinta- Tim Overy
Johnson- Scott Duncan	Washakie- Chris Kocher
Laramie- Matt Butler	Weston- Daniel Tysdal
Lincoln-	

Approval of Last Rural Fire Association Meeting minutes – Passed out to the group.

Motion made by Mike Bournazian. Seconded by Bill Law. Motion approved.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Bill Law is the chair along with Brent Godfrey and Brady Hansen. If anyone interested in nominating someone the vote will be Saturday Morning. 2 Seats are available, Tiddle and Willy, on the Fire Advisory Board (FAB). Willy will not be seeking re-election.

Fire Advisory Board (FAB) Treasurers report

Passed out Treasurer Report and attached a copy of the check register for the last 12 months.
Current Balance in checking account is \$18,808.76
One CD Closed on 12/3/19 and one CD still open with a total of \$25,321.24
17 counties paid have paid dues to date
Total Lobby expenses last year were \$9,256.27 (\$256.27 more than was allocated)
There was no activity in the Tri-State Training Grant for this year.
During the 11/6/19 FAB meeting it was decided that going forward the FAB will not pay for social hour or entertainment for rural meetings starting after the 2019 meeting. Any future speakers or trainers will need to be preapproved by the FAB if seeking reimbursement for a portion of the costs. The FAB would like to keep assisting in the funding of speakers and training for this meeting so applied for a VFA grant through State Forestry for 2020 to help facilitate it. The grant will also help with meeting and travel expenses for the board.

***Chris Thomas motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Brent Godfrey seconded.
Motion carried.***

Agency Reports

State EMS Office – Andy Gienapp - No report

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security – Spencer Pollock

- Working through restructure in office with a couple of vacancies they are trying to fill IRTs - working on modernization and standardization to encompass things such as drones, structure collapse, and water rescue and figuring out how to get people to certain levels of certification
- Working on all hazard side for a grasp on a system to get people and equipment dispatched to incidents
- State qualification review committee for all hazard side: if you have a red card submit application for reciprocity and there are a few online classes you will have to take.
- Working on a county level MOU to send people out for all hazard incidents
- Similar to InciWeb type program should be released in the spring to see resource status and weather etc.

- Thank you to the fire personnel for the help and responding outside of your area to assist local communities with all hazard responses. The irrigation canal tunnel collapse out in Goshen County to tornadoes and floods.
- Flood readiness, some good snowpack early on so watch for flood readiness and impact in some of your communities.
- Lastly there was a cyber incident in Goshen and Campbell County these past couple of months. They are becoming much more common and we as a country are realizing we need to normalize these incidents. Colorado had a pretty significant attack last year that they had an incident management team running the emergency operations structure.

Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety – Mike Reed

- Online Permitting- licensing, inspections, plan reviews, now accepting building permits, licensing for electricians, etc. Can be utilized for fire investigations.
- Beginning to move towards online for FFI testing and moving away from paper testing.
- Proud of the 307 CRR and work on bidirectional valves since it will save lives across Wyoming. Kathy Clay wrote an article an article about it and it will be published in Fire Rescue.
- Hall of Fame project moving forward, displayed a plaque at the last meeting but the plaque was damaged during transport so now it is getting refinished for dedication ceremony to be held in next few months.
- Meetings for committee for Hall of fame honors have been held and four names have been approved and will be inducted.
- Medal of Valor committee will be meeting since there have been some nominations for this award.

Wyoming State Forestry Division – Anthony Schultz

- 671 fires reported to date, down significantly from last year
- 6 EFSA Fires declared worth about \$ 6 million out of EFSA account
- EFSA has \$14 million unobligated funds, after this year \$6-8 million left
- 537 account continues to be successful and if there are any issues please let us know. Average reimbursement about 1 week to 1 month. Last year 3.8 million came out of account. This year back to about the ten year average of 1.5 mil at just under 1 mil.
- Turnover since last year around 7-8 positions filled. Almost back to fully staffed with 2 open positions currently. One of which is the FEPP/FFP, Steve Stowe's position.
- Helitack had average year even with slow fire year. Down due to hailstorm for 4 days. Company got the helicopter back up and running.
- Correctional Crew – slow year with 4 fires and 3 floods.
- VFA process closes 13th of Dec. Currently have 21 applications. Earned increase of \$100,000 from reporting numbers.

- Fire Business – Will be hand picking 2-3 larger departments that make up most of those billings and trying to get them into an online system. It will be mainly optional and won't come at any cost to you but will appreciate feedback and assistance trying the program.

Legislative Committee Report – Russ Wenke

- Begins on Feb 10 – Mar 12 Legislative session. Come see Russ to sign up for dates. Have a suite reserved for people to stay at StayBridge Suites.
- John Rutherford brought up that there is a problem for municipal fire departments and on how they get bids on equipment. **John Rutherford** – This has to do with State Statute 15-1-113 Contracts for public improvements – city attorney has given direction that can't use state process. Prevented them from participating in the state bid process as well as it has given local dealers a bad taste and they won't give proposals due to this. Working with Representative Burkhardt to try and get a language change in the state statute so they can participate without bid guarantee. Russ – If any of you see any reason not to support this legislation speak up otherwise we will support it and let the Chief's Association go forward with it.
- Issues with special districts LSO 125&182 trying to raise the requirements to make it tougher for reporting financial and budget information from special districts. It's an interim topic and this will probably come up. Since no final bill to look at is there any reason not to support the special districts efforts for friendly amendments.
- Willy Watsabaugh – This a method to eliminate special districts and would like you to go out as County Fire Warden's and work with those special districts to help them report.
- Craig Haslam – Will be sending out another list to let people know what special districts have not reported. There will also be a website up for training for special districts as well as information for different special districts to protect them. Ai.wyo.gov there is a link that will bring up everyone's point of contact.
- Bill Law- Special districts tend to think the County will do it for them. County clerk will send him a report of those special districts not complying.
- Russ Wenke – Special Districts have been getting hit hard because they have money and they want them to go away. By acclimation Rural Fire will support the effort.
- Part of what funds the volunteer fire, ems and search and rescue retirement fund is the Fire Premium Tax- Collected by state of Wyoming every year from every insurance company that sells fire insurance in the State of Wyoming. Currently it gets 80% of those funds every year. Looking to try to get other 20% to make the retirement fund more stable. About \$800,000 a year would be going into pension fund if that can happen instead of going into general fund. Right now it costs \$15 per month per member, so offering to raise to \$20 per month per member paid into the fund to show we are serious about our volunteers. Asking for a motion to support the effort to get the other 20% funding for the Firefighter/EMS/SAR retirement fund.

Motion to support the effort to get the other 20% by Jerry Parker, seconded by Doug Leis. Motion carried.

Wyoming Last Team & Fallen Firefighter Memorial report – Mark Young

- Budget each year runs around \$10,000 a year to provide support across the state. So far this year to date at \$7,835
- \$14,289 in checking account
- \$7,200 in expenses came in support of one level 1 mission (active duty, line of duty death), five level 2 missions (active duty, non-line of duty death) and six level 3 missions (retiree in good standing) for a total of 12 missions so far. Also have some admin expenses and some expenses for the fallen firefighter memorial.
- There will be some training in 2020 and an Honor Guards symposium somewhere in the state.
- Discussing changing the memorial date for 2020. May not be in May this year.
- 63 active members statewide on the LAST team.

Certification Committee – Rusty Dunham

- There has been some turnover in the committee and have added 3 new members, Dale Anderson is taking the college position, Allen Robinson, and Wil Gay. Just lost Dan Griswold from Casper so there is another opening. Next meeting at mid-winter fire school.
- Had a discussion on the signatory page on back of task books on structural side. Those are no longer required, encouraged to do it but don't have to. Up to Authority Having Jurisdiction to make that decision.

Rural Fire Training Committee – Scott Duncan

- The training committee was asked to review changes to 310-1 this year and how it will affect the red card manual. They recommend adoption of changes to Red card manual with the exception of Unmanned Aircraft System qualifications since there is a lack of training requirements. Will reevaluate adding when more information comes out on those.
- Sam Wilde resigned, will fill until board appoints another member to fill that position.
- Willy Watsabaugh – Would like to challenge nominating committee to accept those nominations to fill that position.
- In the December meeting last year it was discussed to recognize those departments and communities hosting fire schools. It was decided to give certificates of appreciation for the fire schools and all the work they've put in hosting them. There are five presented; Mid-Winter Fire School, Wheatland Fire School, South East Wyoming Fire School, Cody Fire School, Northwest Fire School.
- Have been discussing the idea of the SIMS table and how we can get it out there more for departments and volunteer organizations. Ryan DeFord- If people are interested in training people on the SIMS table, he can bring in a class, approximately 8 people per class. Would like for it to be training officers or similar to operate it.

- Willy Watsabaugh – have nominations to Ryan DeFord or the chair of training committee by meeting at mid-winter fire school Jan 11th with names for people to help manage sandbox sim table. The idea is to have people from each district available to help manage the table.
- Mike Bournazian – The table is \$30,000 and did a \$10,000 upgrade to it for an all hazards component to be added. Could be a really good table to use for fire chiefs who run hazmat calls. Can set atmospheric conditions, chemical, resources, etc. and look for areas of conflict. This is not just a wildland tool.

Forestry Training Report – Ryan DeFord

- In 2019 there were 246 total classes, 2,799 total students, and 1,358 total red cards.
- On a 10 year average the total number of students is declining. The class average is holding steady. The total red cards issued is going up. Gaining IC's and closing task books even with the slow season. There were 1,139 local red cards printed with over 3,000 available in IQS. The 3,000 reflects qualifications that are expired, lack of RT-130's, clean up, not turning in fire experience, etc. This reflects how many people are in IQS actively attached to a department potentially with a red card qualification. The structure quals are reflected separately on their side but are in IQS still just not reflected on this side. There is interest to see how many firefighter records in IQS structure and wildland wise.
- New Class Roster- cleaned up a bit from last year. No longer need SSN and has a bit more space to write legibly as well as to add your email address. We also have the ability to email certs now which allows for a timelier certificate or replacement certificate to be received.
- Rocky Mountain Area – There is a new nomination form (it's a google form) for 300 and 400 level classes beyond what we offer in the state that are held regionally. If looking to get classes outside of what we offer in the state 400s etc. let Ryan know so he can help you get into some of those classes.
- Off Road Driving Course - #1 thing killing firefighters is getting to and from a fire. Trying to find other training to build depth inside the fire community. Gary Hobbs has a course he puts out. Looking into other types of training like winching and recovery. Would put this training on, you'd send who you want to develop your own departments and it'd be a train the trainer style to help get experience in departments and build depth. TBA
- Intermediate Faller classes – To help advance to next level past S-212, just need to let them know if it's a FAL2 or FAL1 group of people. TJ Hunt – Would like to thank Dick Terry for coming to put on a saw class for Sweetwater County
- New experience needed for experience records. With the new system IROC you will need to fill out more information or you can't be added into the system. Especially month and date of Birthday's.
- Reminder that there's a Scholarship program to send people to classes that may have large fees.

- Priority Trainee Program- tool to get people out to work on task books. Every spring there is a letter that comes out. If you aren't getting it let Ryan know so he can update his mailing list. No commitment so get on list and if you can't go available that's ok but you're still on the list if you can go out.
- Still have all classes listed on Calendar on State Forestry Website.
- Still doing staff rides - Little Venus (a lot of hiking) and Little Big Horn (very little hiking) staff rides. Looking at Kates Basin to do staff ride for 20th anniversary, TBA

WDFPES Training Report – Ian Kraft

- Numbers are only through October. Between Training Division and Regional Trainers. Classes - 219 and the 3 year average is 246, Hours – 2,798 and 3,111 is the running average, Students – 2,525 and the 3 year average is 2,747.
- Have done 38 fire investigations around the state and have 5 full time investigators. They are available 24/7/365 and have done a total of 1,142 hours this year.
- Certificates – State Certs to date 517 on 3 year average of 554. Out of those there are 299 ProBoard Certs on average of 322. Total number certs 816 with a 3 year average of 876.
- The fire training academy staff on a 3 year average between regional training as well as fire academy about 41% of their time is spent providing training services, to date it's been approximately 46% of their time.
- Investigation percentage is about 17% on a 3 year average. To date at 18% for this year. There is an increased use of arson canine and with the ability to be dispatched 24/7 through Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch.
- Maintenance work for 2019 for this year has been completed including gutter work on the academy, repair to the burn building as well as drill tower doors, interior and exterior upgrades to the academy (training pictures and more updated items on walls in academy and a window wrap project on parking doors), and an upgrade to the facility wireless and high speed network.
- 2020 will include blended live and live web-stream classes to try and reach more firefighters across the state utilizing the high speed network recently installed. State Fire Marshal's Office has a training calendar as well on their website.
- Written Testing – LXR is the current system to process written tests is outdated and no longer supported by scan-tron and bubble sheets are going away. Written tests won't change much at all other than a different bubble sheet and possibly providing last 4 of social security number since that will be their identifier in the system. Proctoring situation itself will stay the same other than a bit different paperwork. Mainly just going from an outdated system to a newer updated one that is supported.
- Moving to Exam View which will utilize an online testing component to provide proctored stations around the state. Will start piloting program in 2020 with departments interested in trying the program. This will make the process quicker but won't be a requirement. Still keeping written testing, just adding online as another tool.

- Reciprocity concerns – receiving firefighters from other states that are active and bring certifications with them. If they carry a certification from that state and come to Wyoming with proper paperwork to show certification to a certain level and they are active, they don't have to start over. Certificate needs to show NFPA standard trained to and year. They also have to have the right hand side of the in-house, comprehensive exam side filled out of their training record and turn it into the state for reciprocity. They will be fixing language regarding reciprocity and working with certification committee.
- Issues with investigation call out procedures. If you need a fire investigator requested from Fire Marshal's Office, all you have to do is call highway patrol dispatch and give them the information and highway patrol will dispatch the investigator. 307-777-4321 will get you highway patrol dispatch. If you need arson detection canine you can contact either Wyoming Homeland Security Duty Officer or Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch.
- Drones - Working on getting investigators part 107 certified to be pilots for drones in 2020. Will be able to use the drone for fire investigations, scene investigations, and search and rescue need or wildland fire situations.
- IQS for State Fire Marshal's Office – Becky is administrator for Structure side. Can pull reports for structure qualifications, training, etc.
- Working to upgrade training grounds to give more area for training through state construction. Hopefully 2020 the plans will be put into play and see it in 2021.
- Request for driving simulator was made. Logistics and process are in the works to work with Colorado to use their simulator and have it available to us anywhere in Wyoming that it's needed. Director Reed - Mike Bournazian had the idea so he started looking into it but the cost for the amount of people was prohibitive but started looking around and started talking with the State Fire Marshal in Colorado – Mike Morgan – and they have a unit that they don't fully utilize. An agreement was reached that they will supply us with training and ability to use that equipment with very little cost. Mike Bournazian – Utah has expressed interest as well for discussion since they have 2 as well they would work with Wyoming on.
- Open Position at fire academy – Coordinator as well as academy based and regional trainer positions. Will be looking to fill a class coordinator position at the academy.

National Volunteer Fire Council – Rusty Dunham

- Fall meeting in Augusta GA in October 2019. They are restructuring membership rates so they are only going to have a state membership and individual only membership. No premium or department rates.
- Annhauser Busch Water Program will continue and they want to donate 1 mil cans of water to volunteer fire departments. Get on the NVFC website if you want it delivered and you don't have to order a pallet at a time.
- Makemeafirefighter.org recruitment still going so you can sign your department up. It has templates for posters, literature, mailers etc. for recruitment.

- NFPA Research Foundation put out a 243 page report for recertification or continuing education hours on all Pro Board certifications. They are recommending any ProBoard cert on structure has to be recertified every 5 years. NVFC is fighting this due to the cost to volunteer fire departments.
- 2021 NVFC fall meeting will be in Jackson.
- Lavender Ribbon Report was a joint venture between VCOS and NVFC, there are a box for anyone who didn't receive them.

National Cancer Support – Shad Cooper – State Director

- Have 15 members in State of Wyoming; Mark Young, Collette Kocher, Kate Eischied, Paul Jurgens, Jeremy Decker, Jake Ribordy, Duke Lashmet, Jason Caughey, Kathy Clay, Lanny Applegate, Rusty Dunham, and Riley Watson. Challenge to fire wardens to find someone in your county to provide support/training when a firefighter is diagnosed with cancer in your area.
- In 2019 had 3 requests for support. When they receive a request for support they send out a firefighter toolbox which is a file folder with information on what it means to be diagnosed, what the roadmap looks like, suggestions to track doctors' appointments, and definitions of terminology. It also puts a recently diagnosed firefighter in contact with a mentor who has been diagnosed with something similar who can provide support and information to them.
- If you have a firefighter who has been diagnosed with cancer the appropriate way to request support is to contact the NCS website and hit the contact support button. This will generate an email and then get them in touch with the closest resource for support.
- The NCS provides education and awareness training. Has a taking care of our own class which has been offered in 2019 in Lusk, Gillette, Cheyenne, Cody, Meeteetse and Powell. Will come to departments and hold the class locally for them.
- Working on 8th edition essentials manual.
- Try to provide a presence at state functions and would like assistance setting up booths at fire schools or functions around the state.
- Working to produce a manual for state directors and liaisons that defines the level of support as well as standardizing it across the US.

Federal Agency Reports

Shoshone National Forest – Clint Dawson, Deputy Fire Staff

- Some regional changes occurring are our current acting fire director retiring end of this month so there will be a new fire director and a new deputy director that will be starting this month/early 2020 to lead Region 2.
- Same FMO's and AFMO's. Added a new forest aviation officer housed in Cody at the Supervisor's office. He is a BLM employee. Shared between Shoshone, Big Horn Forest, and Big Horn Basin/Wind River BLM.

- Adding a fire business person to the forest and will be sharing that position with Med Bow Routt and Big Horn Forest that will be down in Laramie.
- One engine eliminated and converted it to an IA module. This year they will be converted to a Type 2 Wildland fire module.
- Not a busy fire season but had the only Type 2 team in Wyoming. It was west of Cody called the Fish Hawk Fire. Had about 5 days of fire season end of August/beginning of Sept. It was around a week that was a lightning hold over that started the fire and by dark that first night it was around 9,000 acres in size in the wilderness area. Worked with Park County to protect values at risk. About 5 days into the fire it rained and controlled it.
- A second fire started on Private and burned onto forest that was successful.

Bridger /Teton National Forest – Tobin Kelley - Fire Timber and Aviation Staff Officer

- Several fires with Teton County and High Desert District in Sublette County.
- Mike Johnston AFMO moved on to Caribou Targee and his position will be filled next year.
- West zone FMO position, vacant for a year. Difficulty getting through HR but hoping to get that opened and filled soon.
- The Washington Office on the USFS side came down with direction that we will now meet 310-1 qualifications for positions. This will eliminate a fair amount of training and help with the bottleneck of getting people qualified. Will also help when doing hiring from other agencies since it will eliminate a lot of the cross checking.
- Sublette County SAR ship has had a federally carded ship and pilot for several years. Have made a few attempts to try and figure out how to use them on wildland fire incidents and never have gotten very far. This year they were able to get an agreement to hopefully use that equipment going forward on wildland fire incidents. They will be added onto the AOP just like a piece of equipment and if they are needed on a wildland fire incident they can be ordered. Will have to provide wildland qualified helicopter manager for that.
- One of the Teton County fires was 100% theirs fiscally but turns out Albuquerque people still want a cost share to bill for their costs.
- Doing well with counties and forest locally working on fire restrictions. Would like support from state legislature on it. The Bridger Teton changed their fire danger rating zones. They now have three different zones they've been slowly trying to integrate them in. Thinking it will be more successful as people get used to it.
- Region 4 discussing cost of engines because it's been rising each year. Potential to go more to type 6 engines and requesting larger engines from partners for support.

Wyoming BLM (High Plains/High Desert)

- High Plains- Kirk Strom
 - National level –The biggest change this year has to do with suppression dollars and trying to get to use disaster funds for large fires. This next fire season will be able to partially fund some of the fire suppression dollars using disaster dollars. Last year put the business plan in play starting that season 6 million dollars in the red and now have a better business plan since already starting this budget year with California busy already.
 - State office- Going into this season have all positions filled. Reed Oldenburg filled Richard Putnam's, Fuel Lead spot. Lead radio program manager filled with Vance Anderson from Utah. Radio techs filled, one in Wind River and one in Rock Springs. Should allow better access to dispatch center. 3
 - For High Plains- slow season. Shout out to Platte and Albany County for help on DMO2 fire. To Shielah and Anthony for brokering cost share.
 - Matt Spring will be new Newcastle fuel specialist coming over from the Black Hills on Jan 6. Vacancy in Casper for fuels position.
- High Desert - Frank Keeler
 - Few significant events. Average number of fires but acreage up a little due to the Pedro Mountain Fire.
 - Pedro Mountain Fire towards end of season which was a significant fire where they implemented one of our western type 3 teams. Good relations with state, Carbon County, Natrona County, and dispatch centers that made the fire very successful.
 - Tannerite fire – which led to calls from Tannerite Corporation and had to change the name. Just a reminder to watch what you name fires.
 - Hiring handful of engine captains and a fire business lead.
 - Looking to add some radio infrastructure in Wamsutter area as well as a repeater in Utah to cover Sweetwater County and Carbon County.
 - Still a few holes in Wind River Front Range.
- Wind River Big Horn Basin – Rich Zimmerle unable to come - Joel Peters
 - Wanted to pass along how much they value their relationships with cooperators.
 - 77 fire responses, nothing over 200 acres.
 - AFMO operations position vacant. Multiple vacancies in Worland. Assistant in Lander. Upgrading engine captains to GS-8's to help compete with USFS and other partners for applicants.
 - Local Cooperator Assistance Program – put on close to 20 trainings for local cooperators on the district. They varied from UTV operator trainings, RT-130s, to S courses. Close to 340 participants so will be continuing with that program. The funding dropped slightly but will continue. Fred Tucker is the coordinator if anyone needs to contact him.

National Park Service

- Tobin Kelley- Fire Timber and Aviation Staff Officer. Chip Collins unable to make it from national park so covering it for him.
- Wanted to thank fire districts and departments for assistance across the state with their National Park Service Units since they don't have any fire staff. Specifically Goshen, Big Horn and Lincoln County for the park service units residing in those counties.
- 2nd year using DOI readiness program. Transferred a type 6 engine to Hyattville and a type 3 engine to Goshen County. He's been happy that he's able to transfer park engines over to county.

Big Horn National Forest – Marvin Mathison

- Thank you to cooperators for helping out.
- Adding more personnel to engines, adding another staff member to support extended efforts.
- Adding a fuels crew to help with fuels reduction as well as wildland fire experience.
- Working to get statewide agreement. No change in staffing to IA resources and staffing.

Medicine Bow NF – Jay Miller

- Pre-season meetings, thanks to counties who come to those.
- Slow start season. Only about 60 fires that were well below acres burned. 1 larger fire that required type 3 management team that was the Ashenfelder fire. Was a success story for the State using the Wyoming Type 3 teams.
- Casper dispatch center successful with its second year after taking in Rawlins Dispatch Center zone. Were able to put together the Platte Interagency Crew – type 2 crew that had a lot of federal and state people as well as a few county resources.
- September was the busiest time. Used some type 1 helicopters to keep some fires small.
- Added 26 people to the fire program from fire hire. Some new faces.
- Russ Bacon – in Tucson putting on S-520 and wanted to say he wished he could have been able to come but wanted to say thanks for the invite.

Dispatch Centers (Cody/Casper/ Teton)

Casper – Gary Batchelder – Assistant manager

- Rob Neibauer retired Sept 30. Bill Roch hired out of Cedar City coming in with a lot of experience and knowledge.
- Fully staffed this past year
- Slow with 21% less fires than 2018 and 48% less resource orders. Workload down about 31%.
- Hiring, a tentative feel that all the seasonals want to come back. Announcement is out right now for anyone who would like to partake in dispatch this year.

Cody – Katie Williamson – Center manager – Replaced Kathy Hutton last December

- 175 fires which is significantly lower since typically average 230-250. There were 13,000 acres burned.
- Finished USFS fire hire. Going into next summer will have a full staff plus an additional position.
- IROC happening to replace ROSS in early March. Highly recommended that you check with dispatch centers to make sure your equipment is updated because they will need to have the VIN, Serial Number, Unit Name, Year etc. of equipment in order to successfully transfer to IROC.
- When a dispatch center rosters people to engines for example, it is supposed to then transfer the fire experience into IQS.
- No training as of yet on IROC. It is supposed to be very similar to how ROSS itself works. At the spring team meetings in April, the dispatchers are going to have a whole day for anyone interested.

Wyoming Prescribed Fire Council – Josh Shroyer

- 1st Annual Meeting yesterday before the Rural Fire Meeting. Plan to continue to hold meeting the same week right before Rural Fire Meeting next year in Pinedale.
- In 2017 and 2018 talks started that we need to get the right message out to people about prescribed fire. In December 2018 around 35-40 people got together at Red Canyon Ranch and worked on bi-laws and elected leadership to officially form the council. Conference calls throughout the last year allowed them to be able to get a website up and running, social media happening and the first annual meeting.
- Most agencies are represented with a concern for fire within the state. BIA is the only federal representation not present that relates to fire. There is interest but it hasn't happened yet. There is a good representation on general membership but feel they are lacking in the private land ownership side and the fire service side.
- The prescribed fire council's mission is to serve as a forum for prescribed fire practitioners at all levels of government, academic, tribes, coalitions, and interested individuals to work collaboratively to educate, promote, protect, conserve and expand the responsible use of prescribed fires across Wyoming's landscape to meet both private and public land management objectives. We want to protect the right to burn, encourage the use of prescribed fire and promote a public understanding of prescribed fire. It will still be up to each agency to implement these burns, they are just going to support those agencies with information on it.
- Looking to get some discussion and more interest as well as looking for more membership. Would like representation from each corner of the state, each fire warden, fire chief, individuals or anyone else interested. Are there gaps that are needing filled?
- Discussion by the Body:
 - Is there any interest from FAB on identifying a member to attend these meetings?
Tiddle confirmed he is on the board.

- Usually when the county tries to exert control happens when people shouldn't be burning this could be an avenue for training and provide education to private land owners.
- Coming from the University of Wyoming they have challenged a group of people in the law school to come up with a liability paper that talks about the liabilities of fire that could help address some of the private land owner burning concerns. He was hoping to have it published this week but that will be coming out shortly. There is a web page for the council that once it is published it can be placed there for people to find. Also going to get hard copies out to the fire wardens and others. Educating them is important so that we can keep the ability for the responsible use of fire when it is appropriate. The council has a Facebook Page, please go follow it and invite friends to like the page. It'll be an avenue to get information out.
- Discussion by the Body:
 - Questions about if Game and Fish and DEQ are on this council? The Game and Fish are represented, DEQ was representation but recently that representation is no longer so looking for someone to fill that spot.
 - Training for private ranchers and getting the council to come into the county to help with it would be very helpful.
 - The legal aspect of the burn and the liability on whoever sets the burn provides for a big issue that needs to be resolved.
- Other states have very specific liability wording in their statute. Some have nothing and are fairly loose. Watch for the liability paper coming out and it'll be a review of where we currently stand in Wyoming. It is a goal for down the road to work on this and cleaning up the wording for Wyoming.
- Discussion by the Body:
 - Tool kit on the website to add some ideas for local land owners with phone numbers for local weather service, fire warden, etc. would help with the goals to get access and information sources to land owners.
 - General guidelines to make available for land owners with instructions etc. would be very helpful.
 - Most counties have some information similar to this like a best practices or burn plans. The council needs everyone to funnel that information into them so they can start putting them on the website and social media and building consistent messages.
- Feel free to reach out to the council for support. They will have information to help you with private land owners etc.
- Gloria Edwards from Fire Science Network - They are helping the council. She would like to hear from the group and get some success stories. Also would like to know what the best tool to reach people is. Websites, handouts, etc. to give out to land owners and others.
 - Jamie Rietz – Possibly putting a one page pamphlet with the Fire Council and their website in the Federal Service Office or Conservation Districts in counties. That could get the information out to some of the ranchers and private land owners since they are in those frequently.

- Willy Watsabaugh – After this presentation would we like them to have present each year.

Brady Hansen made a motion to support the prescribed fire council with presenting each year at the Rural Fire Meeting. Chad Dinges, seconded. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business

Personnel & Equipment Rate Changes review (Med Unit Trailer/Unit Leader/Engine Boss) Rates Committee

- Craig Haslam – Rate Committee got together after several months of discussion and discussed why we did what we did last year. After discussion, suggesting that we keep the format as what we agreed upon with the positions matching up with the AD Rates plus 25%. However there is one position of concern due to the amount of training and effort that goes into it, ICT4, suggesting that we move it from FF-F at \$31.00 an hour to FF-H rate of \$38.00 an hour. Move EMT-I from FF-I to FF-H to coincide with the AEMT which is a like certification and that the EMT-I's are possibly going away. Lastly, add that AEMT rate is an only if dispatched as and remove FF-M from table completely.

- Discussion:

- Concern moving EMTI to AEMT rate because it requires more training, etc.
- There has been no word of EMTi going away in the State of Wyoming.

Motion to move ICT4 from FF-F to FF-H moved by Chris Kocher, Brent Godfrey seconded it.

Motion passed.

- Request for a motion to move EMT-I from FF-I to FF-H to be with AEMT and only as ordered.

- Discussion:

- Feels EMT-I has not much less they can do than a paramedic whereas the AEMT's are significantly less in what they can do.

Request for a motion to move EMT-I qualification dies.

Motion requested to remove FF-M from the mob guide as we don't currently have any ICT-1's and concern about it enticing the wrong people into our system. Bill Law, motion to strike FF-M rate from the mobilization guide and Chris Thomas seconded.

- Discussion:

- Our rates are for our volunteers and worry about people coming into our system just to enjoy those rates. Taking away from the people who have put in the sweat and tears to be volunteers in our system.
- It's a rate that is on there and it's a really high rate and since we don't have anyone at that level anyways it's easier to defend our rates without that one showing for no reason.

- People aren't paid as what they go out as so if someone comes into our system with that qualification they will get paid at that rate no matter what they are dispatched as.

Motion passed to remove FF-M rate from the mobilization guide.

- Discussion on the County Fire Warden/Highest Qualification pay
 - Some feel that you should be paid at the qualification requested at. For example a water tender driver shouldn't be paid at an ICT2 level.
 - Dana Stone – When rates were formed for Volunteer Fire Service in State of Wyoming it was decided that since most volunteers paid for their own training, took their own time for training, this was a small incentive for them to move up the ladder to do management on fires. Federal partners always ask why Wyoming is special and different than the AD personnel because their plan says you get paid for what you do on the fire. Reply was the next time you send a GS-13 on a hand crew they should get GS-2 wages which they decided they didn't like that thought and decided that it was fair that the volunteers should be paid for their skill/knowledge they had. Essentially they've taken their own time and expenses to better themselves.
 - Some have experience in working on different IMT's and they enjoy the idea of ordering a Wyoming resource that is a BCMG but knowing he could also operate as a FACL or GSUL or LSC trainee, etc. Thinks it has value knowing that they can move you around. It helps they know they can move you around to where ever you are needed as well without changing your paperwork or what you are ordered as.
 - Another thing important to remember is that we are talking about PMS 310-1 nationally recognized qualifications whereas the CFW qualification is an in state local qualification and should be viewed separately. Some CFW's are paid no matter what so the rates don't affect them but some aren't. However, if you go out on a fire in the state of Wyoming then we should recognize the qualification and then if you go out of state you should not be recognized as CFW.
 - What are our neighboring states doing? Are we the only one charging highest qualification?
 - Shielah Esterholdt – Yes we are the only state as far as she knows that pays 25% on top of AD rate as well as highest qualified position.

Body decided to leave highest qualification as is. No motion to change.

- Discussion of the Body on EMT Rates:
 - EMTF is being paid the same as AEMT? Is it fair if you have several EMT's on your department with 6 weeks of experience and they add EMT to their red card that they will make more than an ENGB does?
 - Discussion of the Body:
 - Reason is that the basic EMT is fire line qualified where as an AEMT doesn't have the red card component to their EMT qualification. They'd be the ones in

camp with the ambulance. Whereas Fire line EMT's pack test and have the extra training.

- There is no pay structure for a fire line Intermediate.
- EMT-P and EMPF are the same rate so why not make EMT rates and fire line the same straight across for all rates.

Motion to make EMT-P and EMP-F both FF-J, EMT-I whether Fire Line or not would be FF-I, AEMT and AEMF be FF-H and EMTB or EMTF would be FF-G made by Chris Kocher. Seconded by Brent Godfrey. Discussion

- Would like EMT-B rate to be the same pay rate as an ENGB so the incentive to work to be an ENGB will not go away.

First motion dropped. Second motion by Chris Kocher is that EMTI and EMTI-Fireline be FF-I. Seconded by Chris Thomas. Discussion.

- Keep in mind that you are paid at highest qualification for the education that you have. A basic EMT is a basic EMT but that guy that is going on the line has had to have taken S-130/190 as well as pass a pack test and he's put in more time to get that than the one who isn't going on the line and is sitting in fire camp. An EMT who is line qualified should be paid at a higher level than those who aren't line qualified for all the EMT qualifications.
- Some would like to see all the EMT positions line up.

Second motion that EMTI and EMTI-Fireline be FF-I failed.

- Discussion of Body:
 - Need to look at FF-J because EMT-P and EMPF are the same line item instead of staggered?
 - Krisanda Kappus – EMT-I is not an AD rate whereas the rest are and they are placed lining up with the AD pay plan except for EMT-I.
 - There will be a problem if you have an EMT-I on the fireline and you don't have a pay structure because they are left out. They need to be inserted somewhere. The only way would be to adjust paramedic up one more block or back up the EMT-B and Advanced.
 - Can EMT-I be ordered as such in ROSS outside of our pay structure?
 - Krisanda Kappus – There is a ROSS classification for EMT-I but not EMT-I fireline.
 - Make a working group to make a recommendation Saturday sometime and start from the bottom with an EMT that is not fireline, preferably less than an ENGB and work our way up from there.
- **Willy Watsabaugh – Recommendation that rate committee put together a presentation for Saturday on the EMT rates; Sam Wilde, Dana Stone, Mike Bournazian, Craig Haslam, Chad Dinges (asked to be replaced by Justin Cowger due to EMT discussion and has more knowledge on this subject) and Chuck Anderson added with a recommendation from John Strong.**

- Willy Watsabaugh– Equipment rates: Med Unit Trailer rate and whether or not the BLS Kit and ALS Kit are paid in transit.
 - Jake Chaffin/Sarah Hill – Over the course of the summer on several fires there were line EMTs and ambulance crews that were getting paid for kit in transit, some didn't. Discrepancy from state to state on what they were paid as well overall. Wyoming is at the bottom end of average for rate. One state was getting paid 36 an hour for 16 hours a day. Would recommend including in Mini Mob if ALS/BLS kit is paid in transit just for clarification purposes.
 - Discussion:
 - Should only be paying for ALS and BLS kits if ordered. Still some concern why we pay for them at all since you can't do your job without your kit and you can get an S# to replace anything that gets used from the kit.
 - Prior to the mob guide having this rate EERA's were being built for the kits on incidents which was making a mess of paperwork back home. This has simplified the process.
 - The rate is a very minor amount if traveling for two days. It'd be around \$240 for an ALS kit to travel two days.
 - Page 20 has at the top of the page that kits are only paid if the incidents request their use. This covers the issue of travel because if an incident orders an EMT with kit then they should be paid from day one.
 - Craig Haslam – Medical unit trailer.
 - Chad Dinges- problem with medical trailer is about the inventory and its use on an incident. Feels inventory needs reworked.
 - Discussion by the body:
 - Most important part is the 100 man kit, and it's not included.
 - Always have ambulance on an incident which has all this. Do we need a medical trailer with all these supplies?
 - Trailer is needed for the people on the incident with supplies and it's getting harder and harder to have an ambulance on an incident.
 - Curious how many trailers are out there?
 - Teton County has one with additional supplies not on the inventory list but they do have the minimum requirements as well. Their trailer has two purposes. Medical Unit trailer or MCI Trailer.

Craig Haslam motion that medical unit leader trailer be removed from the mob guide for a year until an inventory can be established. Seconded by Brent Godfrey.

- Discussion: removing it from the mob guide hinders the ability to use it in place of an ambulance right now. This list was developed as a base line.

Motion amended by Craig that a 100 person medical kit be included in the inventory of a medical unit trailer, seconded by Brent Godfrey. Motion passed.

New Business

Last Team Support – Mark Young

- Just wanted to let everyone know we aren't asking for any donations at this time. We really appreciate what you have done for us in the past but at this time we are good to go.
- The body asked what the cost of an average level 1 mission, etc.?
- Cost of around \$2000 for Level 1 and around \$750-1200 for Level 2. Most of those costs are travel reimbursements for resources traveling and reception costs.

Old/Unfinished Business Continued

Fire Restriction Language – WSFD - Anthony Shultz

- Tasked with getting a committee together to talk about fire restrictions across the state since they haven't been updated in a while. Tried to edge match those to the national standard. Anthony (chair of the committee) and the other committee members were Carmen Tomison, Chris Thomas, Kelly, Julie Campbell, Sherry Page.
- The intent of the clarifying is to help with the confusion between federal, state, and counties in what types of closures and how they are enforced.
- This is a draft of what they have come up with so far and looking for suggestions and comments. These are land board rules so they will have to go through the rule making process with a time for public comment, etc. It's important that by the end of this discussion we have an idea of what these will look like so we are all on the same page.
- Defined unimproved area. Concern from the body to include state lands in this definition. Can't include state trust lands.
- Defined campfire, wood stove fire, and non-wood stove fire. Suggestion to define things like propane stove instead of non-wood stove because the body of the article doesn't use these terms like wood stove vs non wood stove. Will strike the definitions of Wood Stove and Non-Wood Stove.
- Defined restrictions and permit. The Authority Having Jurisdiction has the authority to write permits.
- Added language that the county fire warden shall immediately notify the state forester of closure orders. Need to add relocation of the closure orders when you are going backwards and removing closure orders.
- Shortened implementation of closure order description.
- Public Notification, cleaned up specific routes of how to notify the public and left ensuring it is broadcasted.
- Enforcement of Closure orders will cooperate with the counties.
- Restricted activities- Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions, defined. Concern from the body about adding exploding targets or tracer rounds. State's definition for fireworks fits tannerite. Will use updated version of international fire code for distances and make sure this matches. Also update activities so they read as all negative vs some negative and positive. Concern from the

body about authority to say someone can or cannot access their private property. Mike Bournazian will write down unincorporated area vs identified area and how to word it for this section. Also add the wording restrictions and closures.

- Termination of closures – left alone
- Exemptions to fire closures – are we allowed to add exemptions to the closure without going against this document, for example the military department? Carmen – Those departments should already have an exemption in place.
- Exploding target language was not included due to it becoming a possible second amendment issue. Majority of the body agrees to leave this topic alone.
- Concern from the body about if we are defining a camp fire ring and camp area. Carmen/Anthony – it is in the notes to define this further.
- Craig – will it work to define a campfire as within an established fire ring for this year and then work on defining it further for next year's meeting at that time?

Craig Haslam motion that we go forward with suggested language changes that are in place and in addition make it read improved established campgrounds and improved established fire rings. Seconded by Tiddle Camino. Motion passed unanimously to move forward in presenting changes to the Land board.

Mike Bournazian – Motion to submit a letter on behalf of the body to support this request for rule change from Wyoming Rural Fire Association by unanimous vote. Seconded by Brent Godfrey.

AOP – Anthony Schultz

- A memo from the Washington Office recognized how we do business/AOP. Wyoming is recognized at a national level and people are wanting to follow after us.
- Craig Haslam – Thanks for the work done and D3
- Concerns from the Body:
 - There are 2 parent agreements in the State of Wyoming; 1 between these agencies and state of Wyoming and one between state and counties.
 - Changed the name of Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement.
 - Amendments extending agreement with federal government, why is there not an extension with the counties.
 - Why is there 5 counties that don't have current AOP that is the same as the others? If Uinta doesn't want to sign will they get the same treatment and revert back to 2019.
- There is a cooperative agreement with the states and the counties that gets updated any time there is a new master agreement. This hasn't been done in a while since we haven't had a new master agreement in a while.
- There are 5 counties without a current AOP because of some operational concerns with how some were applying rules.
- In 2020 Uinta County would have to do a one off contract if they chose not to sign the AOP because they would not be party to the AOP signed by the other officials. The only reason the 5

counties get to revert back to the 2016 AOP is because the entire group, all signing entities, agreed to stay with that agreement and not move forward until a new parent agreement.

- Concerns of the Body:
 - Why do we sign an AOP every year if it reverts back if everyone doesn't sign and it keeps the current one in play?
- It is for good practice and meeting with your partners to discuss current issues, relationships and updates. An updated annual AOP is important on the relationship building side and it updates signatures if people have changed in the positions previously signing.

310-1 changes RFA – Training Committee

- We adopted the changes to 310-1 just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the changes and recognizes what they are.
- Most of the changes had to do with the Unmanned Aircraft Systems.
- Ryan DeFord – the biggest changes that you will need to make a decision on is where it affects the red card manual and where the new positions fall. Another area is some competencies were changes and added task books.
- Body recommends the training committee presents the first couple of pages from 310-1 that reflects the changes going forward for review.
- **The red card manual changes and 310-1 changes will be passed out to be reviewed and discussed Saturday morning.**

Mini Mob Guide changes/edits – Krisanda Kappus

- Main thing that will come up won't take place until next year and that will be the process once the billing software is in place.
- Update the math at bottom of page 17 and 18 to reflect the new rates since that was missed when they were changed in 2019.
- Concerns from the body
 - Do we need the water additions anymore?
 - Additional water and foam has value but believes it is more than \$0.50 an hour as well as foam. Especially hearing that we may be relied on more frequently for our extra water on fires.
 - Federal Partners – Are we charging too much?
 - It's not a big ticket item whether you charge for foam or water. Wanting to reimburse what costs are.
 - A lot of it gets down to engine typing as well. Should you have that much water on an engine, etc.?

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 pm Moved and seconded. Meeting will be continued on Saturday Morning.

Saturday Meeting called to order at 0800 by Rural Fire Association President Willy Watsabaugh.

Gary Hobbs – Presentation on excess property and wants to know what direction everyone would like to go with trucks in the future so he knows. Would like direction from everyone by the 1st of the year.

Firefighter Rate Committee – Craig Haslam

- Discussion about EMT-Basic. Committee decided they'd like to see EMT-Basic stay where it's at because it's a benefit to your department if you have one who wants to join and the additional hours of training they have done deserve a bit more pay.
- Recommending that EMT-I Fireline moved to the next pay status above EMT-I at FF-J and to move EMT-P Fireline to the next level up from EMT-P.
- Everything except EMT-Basic has to be requested to be paid at that level.

Motion to accept EMTB staying where it is, EMTI staying at FF-I, EMTI-Fireline going to FF-J and move EMPF to FF-K to follow with staggering fireline one from regular made by Mike Bournazian. Seconded by Dan Oakley. Motion carries.

New Business Continued

Rural Firefighters Association/Fire Advisory Board Finance situation – Jamie Reitz/ Willy Watsabaugh

- Spent around \$19,000 last year and had \$9,000 come in. Start of Rural meeting had \$1,800 in account so closed a CD in November to fund this.
- Dues haven't been raised since 1990. If we are going to maintain lobby costs with them slightly over projected amount last year and other donations, etc. there's a need to possibly look at raising dues.
- Put in for VFA Grant 50/50 match. The total put in for was \$7,500. We would have to match that 50/50 but it would help. Could cut costs, donations, not put as much towards lobbying but can't maintain level without more income.
- Discussion from the body:
 - Lobbying needs to continue and there aren't many with the ability that can go to Cheyenne and stay.
 - What would be the potential increase to dues be?
 - Right now there are 5 counties who did not pay dues this year which is also affecting things.
- Would recommend to pay dues of 200 at least to help cover these costs.

Motion to raise dues to \$500 a year by Craig Haslam, seconded by Tiddle Camino.

- Discussion by the body:
 - What happens when dues aren't paid?

- Can we get a letter go to county commissioners and district boards about what the fire advisory board does?
- This comes down to fire wardens to distribute to appropriate people.
- Concern that don't want to raise the dues enough that we pay for more things.
- What are dues for Chief's Association?
 - \$100 per dept. + \$30 per chief and officer on top of that.

Motion passed to raise dues to \$500.00.

Motion that those who wish to not participate in the dues by the annual meeting will not be allowed to vote during that meeting, which will require a bylaws change made by Craig Haslam. Seconded John Rutherford.

- Discussion by the body:
 - Will need to add that there needs to be notice since some unaware of the dues until the meeting because they changed people and it wasn't passed along.
 - Letters go out in February for dues to the County Fire Warden.

Motion carries unanimously.

310-1 and Red Card Manual Changes – Ryan DeFord and Training Committee

- Dropped B off of IS-800
- Added that SRB maintains proficiency for ICT5.
- Cleaned up Type 1 and Type 2 quals.
- Added requirement for the second page of the task books, Agency Certification page, needs to be filled out for Type 3 positions even if using a qualification like DIVS to get OPS3 added.
- Verbiage to Strike Team Leader and Task Force Leader to clarify the different routes to get those qualifications.
- Updated SEMG requirements.
- Red Card Manual updates to the qualifications and who signs for which quals to reflect new quals in 310-1.

Motion to adopt Red Card Manual changes made by Craig Haslam and seconded by Chris Kocher. Motion passed.

Discussion of saw qualifications where only qualified USFS personnel can operate saws on USFS fires?

- Jay Miller – unable to speak on that as he hasn't heard that.
- Josh VanVlack – 2017 USFS saw policy forces all cooperators to follow the USFS manual direction for their saw policy. We need to get caught up as a state to get our documentation in order. Their sawyer card is separate from their red cards so all the FAL1's are going to work on that.

County Fire Wardens would like to ask the board to look into an alternative to the rural fire meeting to reduce cost by shortening the meeting, no banquet, possibly centralizing the location, etc. Would like this added as a topic of discussion with a solution for next year. Right now there's an inability for volunteers due to the middle of the week who may have to work, the length of the meeting and travel distances. Would like to have a goal to get as much participation as possible.

Jamie Rietz - We need to set amount for lobbying, recommend 4500 dollars. Looked into vacation rentals but it is similar to StayBridge Inn and Suites and availability is hard during legislative season.

Motion to bookmark 4500 for lobby expenses for this year (2020) by Jamie Rietz and seconded by John Rutherford. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

- Bill Law – Two seats, Tiddle Camino who has agreed to run again, Willy Watsabaugh who has not decided to run again. Three names given to fill Willy's seat are TJ Hunt, Sam Wilde, and Shad Cooper.
- Training Committee vacancy – 1 name, Rusty Dunham and turned over to FAB to appoint that position. Willy Watsabaugh – Update there are three people with letters to FAB for the training committee.
- Discussion:
 - Read the membership rules.
 - Voting for two positions on the FAB. Each voting member will get two ballots. It is advised in the bylaws that each district be represented if possible but not mandatory. Open vote with four people running for the two open positions.
- Ballots were passed out.
 - **Tiddle Camino and Shad Cooper are the winners of the election.**
 - Permission granted to destroy ballots.

Shad Cooper - 2020 Meeting will be in Pinedale, soliciting feedback to achieve goal of all County Fire Wardens to come to next year's meeting. Would also like to see an increase in participation from state and federal partners. Will be Dec 2-5 at the Pinedale Library.

Craig Haslam – The bylaws say you may be from District lines but would like to strengthen that language to say there will be a representative elected from each of the five districts.

Motion made to remove may and say shall be from each district and if no one steps forward during rural meeting it will be sent back to those fire wardens to seek someone to be appointed by Craig Haslam. Seconded by Doug Leis. Motion passed.

2021 location with exception that it may come with further recommendation, left open at this time.

Tiddle Camino would like to thank Willy for everything he has done and you will be missed.

Would like to thank Jerry, Sam and the rest of Park County for hosting the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Tiddle Camino. Seconded by John Rutherford. Meeting adjourned.