

Arson Review Board Meeting
January 6, 2016

Attendees: Freddy Johnson Mike Tapp
 Rick McIntyre Lee Newcomb
 Matt Davis Ken Hair
 Barry Overman

Staff: Kim Williams

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Motion was made by Rick McIntyre seconded by Mike Tapp to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

CFI committee – Matt Davis

Matt asked the group for their thoughts on the draft changes of the current CFI application. Freddy asked for the application to eventually be put online as form fillable and have the ability to add attachments for verification and have the application automatically submitted to staff. The application should be disbursed to CFI Board members for review prior to the CFI Board meeting. After much discussion and suggestions Freddy asked that all Board Members review the application and make suggestions for changes, removal and addition of requirements, etc. by February 15, 2016.

FIT update – Ben Smith

First pilot has been completed. Was well received and a few adjustment will be made based on student feedback. Lee Newcomb stated that he taught during some of the Pilot. He thought it went well and received positive feedback. The second pilot will be in April.

Matt Thorpe submitted an update – **see update attached.**

Training Committee – Freddy asked member to let him know of any ideas for acceptable training towards the Certified Fire Investigator Program.

Three packets from the October meeting were pending or denied. John Harris and Jerry Meyers submitted their requirements. Dewayne Davis hadn't responded. Staff will advise Dewayne if he doesn't respond by April 6, 2106 he will have to re-apply.

Makes changes to the website to reflect Certified Fire Investigator.

Review Applications Presented

The following recertification applications were reviewed:

James Harris – Approved
Alan Catoe – Approved
Orville Bill Poe – Approved
James Pearce - Approved
Mark Earl – Pending

Jerry Myers – Approved
Michael King – Approved
Eddie Lewis – Approved

Matt Davis made a motion to approve the recertification approved requests. The motion was seconded by Lee Newcomb, motion carried.

The following initial certification applications were reviewed:

Brent Triplett – Approved
John Bissette – Approved
Matthew Foley – Approved
Candler Thorton – Approved
Rodney Daniels– Pending
Chad Edmonds – Pending

Matthew Rehl – Approved
Wesley Hamilton – Approved
Bradley Boone – Approved
Daniel Pesce – Approved

Motion was made by Lee Matt Davis to approve the initial certification approved application requests. The motion was seconded by Lee Newcombe, motion carried.

Sidney O'Neal – Denied
David Register – Denied

Motion was made by Lee Matt Davis to approve the initial certification denied application requests. The motion was seconded by Lee Newcombe, motion carried.

After discussion of the date of submission required for recertification applications Chairman Johnson asked for a draft of the submission requirements to be reviewed at the April CFI meeting.

Barry Overman made a motion to approve the recertification application for Stuart Neil Murphy that was submitted after the recertification date. Ken Hair seconded the motion. Mike Tapp, Rick McIntyre and Matt Davis voted no. Lee Newcombe abstained due to his relationship with the applicant. Motion denied. A denial letter and copy of the appeal policy will be sent to Mr. Murphy.

Next meeting will April 6, 2016 at OSFM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Williams

NC FIT Program Update

The first pilot was held on November 2-6 and December 7-11. The first week was mostly didactic work with the second week held for the practical skills. We realized during the pilot, that this needs to change to give the students more hands-on experience. Therefore, moving into the next pilot we will have a couple of classroom sessions and then perform practical skills related to those sessions. This progression of classroom then hands-on will continue throughout the two-week period with the written exam being the last day.

Student and instructor comments related only to the layout of the class. Everyone felt that the information and the skills were top notch.

The written exam was given and we only had one out of twenty who did not pass. This individual will be given a second opportunity to take the exam per Fire & Rescue Commission policy.

The second pilot will be held at Gaston Community College in April. The dates are April 4-8 and April 25-29.

Sincerely,

Matt Thorpe