

Emergency Services Training Advisory Committee
Conference Call
February 18, 2009

Attending:

Alan Farnsworth-ISU Area Training Rep
John DeBernardi - Combination Fire Departments
Tom Ancona - CSI Area Rep
Jason Blubaum-LCSC Area Rep
Justin Clemons-EITC Area Rep
Mark Johnson- Industrial Fire Brigade Rep.
Jeff Rylee-Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Marc Anderson-EITC Area Rep
Dean Ellis-Idaho Fire Chief's Association
Nancy Walker-PTE
Jerry Settle-EST
Marsha Boston-EST

Dean Ellis-Career Fire Departments
Steve Donahue-BSU Area Rep.
Alan Farnsworth-ISU Area Rep.
Bob Maines-NIC Area Rep
John Miller-Technical College Rep
Mark Larson-Idaho State Fire Marshal
Bill Reese-Idaho State Police
Kurt Houston-Idaho Department of Lands
Ann Stephens-PTE
Jerry Schroeder-EST
Jeff Cappe-EST

1. **Welcome** - Jerry Schroeder welcomed everyone to the Conference Call and the participants introduced themselves.
2. **Selection of New Chairman**- Motion was made by Jeff Rylee to seat Alan Farnsworth which passed unanimously.
3. **Review of Minutes from 11-7-08**--Motion was made to approve the minutes by Jason Blubaum and seconded by Jeff Rylee. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Special Projects Reports**
 - a. **Extrication Curriculum Update** -Jeff Cappe reported that the curriculum committee met on Friday 2/13 and finalized the power point presentation. A pilot course on the new curriculum was presented at the Southern Idaho Fire Academy and was very well received. The committee did an excellent job and a thank you to all who contributed. The committee will meet one more time by conference call to fine tune the final product based on lessons learned during the pilot course. The major updates consisted of adding new information on hybrid vehicles and vehicle construction to account for the new super strength steels and alternative fuels now being used in new vehicle construction. He will set conference call date and final rollout date. The target date now is May 1 for the rollout.
 - b. **Live Fire Training**- Jeff Cappe reported that there have been two NFPA 1403 compliant live fire Train-the-Trainer courses. One was in Southwest Idaho, and one was in Eastern Idaho, and one more is scheduled in Northern Idaho in April. There have been 5 live fire training course utilizing the West Wendover Live Fire Training Simulator and there are 4 more scheduled this budget year.
Live Fire Evaluator Training-Jerry Settle reported that there have been 2 Live Fire Evaluator Training courses held in Southwest Idaho and one more is scheduled in Northern Idaho on March 18th, 2009.
5. **Firefighter Certification Issues** –
 - a. **Fire Officer I / Instructor I**- Jerry Schroeder reported that there are meetings scheduled for 3/10-11 and 3/22-23 for the technical committee to review the test questions for validity and content. He said that additional volunteers are still needed for the committee. The Skills portfolio has been sent out for review and additional input is requested ASAP as well as technical committee volunteers.
 - b. **Transition to New Standards with Certification Testing**—Jerry Schroeder said that EST needs to reference all test questions and skills tests to the new standard and/or move to new textbooks within three years of the Standard updates. There was significant discussion on the new standards for FF-1 and Haz-Mat Ops. A consensus was reached that Haz Mat Operations testing should include all Haz Mat

Operations Level Responder Core Competencies plus Mission Specific Personal Protective Equipment, Mission Specific Product Control, Mission Specific Technical Decontamination, and Mission-Specific Mass Decontamination listed by NFPA 472 for Operations level responders.

6. CCIO Training at CSI, 3/13 through 3/22/2009-Jerry Schroeder said that there will be a six day class with a Fri, Sat, Sun, Sat, and Sun format. This is the first time this format has ever been done.

7. New Business

Justin Clemons wanted to know if the budget cuts will affect EST training. Nancy Walker said that EST is going forward with all training with no cuts planned to date and no plans to cut special project funding next year.

8. Other

Dr. Dennis Onieal, Superintendant NFA, will be visiting EST on 2/25/09 1:00 PM. The Advisory Committee is invited to attend and RSVP is requested.

9. Next Meeting -- Conference Call May 5th @ 9:30 AM Mountain Daylight time.--