

Certification Board Meeting

Kernersville Fire Department
Kernersville, NC

Thursday, December 3, 2024

Members in Attendance: Chair, Terry Foxx
Josh Crisp
Jim Hanline
Jason Edwards
Chris Wells
Malcom Smith
Ken Hogue
Jennifer Smith
Joel Faircloth
Walter Gardner

Derrick Clouston, Doug Bissette and Josh Smith excused

Staff in Attendance: Brian Wade
Chris Decker
Kim Williams
Paul Ward
David Morris
Bruce Hodges
Monna Gillespie
Katherine Burton
Greg Palmer
Shane Palmer
Michele Thomas

Welcome and Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chair Terry Foxx at 10:00am.

Invocation – Joel Faircloth

Chair Foxx excused Derrick Clouston, Doug Bissette and Josh Smith.

Approval of Agenda – Walter Gardner made a motion to approve the agenda. Mack Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes – Mack Smith made a motion to approve the September 2024 minutes. Seconded by Joel Faircloth. Motion approved.

Standing Committee Reports

OSFM – Brian Wade

The reoccurring budget for the Emergency Services Training Center was passed. Props should be set up by January. The NC NFA state weekend continues to be a success with 200 students.

TR Committee – Greg Palmer

Everything will be ready except TR Wilderness and TR Machinery. These two will be rolled into the upcoming IFSAC site visit. These two will become available on 01/01/2026.

Prerequisites

- Medical Requirements
 - NC OEMS Medical 1st Responder, EMT or higher
 - Firefighter, Emergency Medical Care course
- Haz Mat Materials Awareness and Operations
- Age and Education
 - Must be 18 years of age and High School Diploma or GED
- Introduction to Technical Rescue Course
 - Firefighters and Technical Rescuer certified prior to the 2021 edition will not need this requirement.
 - Introduction to Technical Rescue Course is required prior to Rope (Chapter 5) and Common Vehicle Rescue (Chapter 8).
- TIMS Traffic Incident Management (FIP 7000)
 - This is a required in person course.
- TR Health and Wellness
 - TR Health and Wellness (FIP 6504)
 - We will add H&W to the Intro course effective 01/01/2025
 - Fireground Ops 1 (FIP 3041)

To match up with the current program, the following is our best option (Instructor requirements):

- Chapter 05 Ropes, Chapter 08 Common Passenger Vehicle, and Chapter 09 Heavy Vehicle should be Level I Instructor
- All other Chapters should be Level II Instructor

The courses do need to be taken in order (Awareness, Operations, and then Technician) for the success of the student; for them to have the knowledge to build on as they complete the courses. Ropes completion MUST be a requirement before completing the specialties. Surface Water MUST be completed prior to taking Swift Water.

- All programs should take Awareness, Operations and Technician in that order
Example: TR Ropes Operations should not be taken before TR Ropes Awareness.
- TR Intro/FF Certification should be taken/or credited before taking any TR programs.

Ken Hogue made a motion to no longer run Machinery and Wilderness for certifications. Seconded by Chris Wells. Motion passed.

Michael Caviness noted that the NCCCS will cut off the FIP transfer for Machinery and Wilderness December 31, 2024.

Proctor Qualification – Greg Palmer

Greg will email the proctor rewrite to the Certification Board members. The proposal includes adding an exam using the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Delivery Agency Moratorium – Greg Palmer

Staff requested that the moratorium remain in place and revisit it in six months. Rules need to be complete, and staff needs more time due to the current Firefighter, Driver Operator, FLSE and TR rewrites.

Jennifer Smith asked if it would be possible to allow students who won't turn 18 or graduate until after the sunset date of December 31, 2024, to gain TR certification?

Greg Palmer: No. Students must meet the prerequisites required at the time of the standard that is in place. You can't go back and certify someone for a certification that is no longer active.

Delivery Agency Additional Levels Request – Greg Palmer

Sharpsburg Fire Department is requesting additional levels. All levels except for Airport Firefighter, Marine Firefighter, TR Structural Collapse and TR Trench.

Jim Hanline made a motion to approve the additional request. Motion seconded by Jason Edwards. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings

January 14, 2025

March 13, 2025

Mac Smith made a motion to adjourn. Jason Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Williams