Certified Fire Investigator Board Meeting

NC Department of Insurance - OSFM

June 26, 2019

Attendees: Freddy Johnson Barry Overman

Jeff Key Matt Davis

Lee Newcomb Kevin Oliver

Scott Merritt Ken Hair

Staff: Kim Williams Jessica Lashbrook

Matt Thorpe Derrick Clouston

Craig Jarman

Guests: Tom Felling, Asst. Attorney General – DOJ Insurance Division

Andy Thomas – IAAI representative

Chairman Freddy Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Barry Overman delivered the Invocation.

Agenda Topics:

Matt Davis recommended the approval of the April 1, 2019 CFI Board meeting minutes. Lee Newcomb seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion of Training standards (Matt Thorpe and Jeff Keys).

Update of By-Laws Committee presented by Tom Felling. The committee is currently working on providing clarity to the duties and authorities of the CFI Board and the Fire & Rescue Commission Board. The proposals have been put forth in HB220. The bill has been approved by the House and referred to the Procedures Committee. The structure of the rules includes identifying specific language to incorporate into rules. The bill is expected to be approved.

Carterson Public Safety Group Advanced Fire Investigations Training information presented by Jeff Keys.

Mission Statement/Recertification Change Options presented by Matt Davis.

Old Business:

Matt Davis and Barry Overman discussed creating a simpler CFI recertification process. A 5-year requalification-type recertification process similar to the instruction requalification was suggested, as well as making it a Con-Ed situation. Neither Law Enforcement nor Fire Service Instructors need to recertify. The OSFM staff has the ability to develop course materials and the resources are in place to do live burn trainings. The new burn containers were all delivered approximately two weeks ago and are ready to go.

NFPA is in the process of redefining requirements for FIT – NFPA 1033. Freddy Johnson suggested shelving a change in the recertification process until NFPA changes take place.

Matt Davis, Jeff Key, and Ken Hair will meet to discuss recertification changes.

Matt Davis motioned to adopt the CFI Re-Certification Process – Consideration draft dated June 26, 2019 as a base and proceed from there. Barry Overman seconded.

The CFI Application on the OSFM website is correct.

IFSAC Accreditation discussion opened. Previous vote to acquire IFSAC or Pro Board accreditation for a CFI certification was tied. The question arose if this is a consideration that should be taken to the Fire and Rescue Commission. There was concerns that accreditation would further limit people getting certified. Another suggestion was allowing other approved classes but giving extra points for those who have FIT.

Andy Thomas, At-Large board member with IAAI Training Committee, spoke about FIT courses and voiced concerns about accessibility and availability of FIT programs and doesn't see any more credibility assigned for an accredited certification. He also noted that he has never seen any state that has an IFSAC or Pro Board accredited CFI certification.

Derrick Clouston and Scott Merritt will discuss FIT further in a private meeting.

New Business:

FIT verbiage changes to the FIT page on the OSFM website discussed and approved. Changes have been made.

CFI interactive data spreadsheet up and running and can be found on the Share File.

Finalization of CFI Certification and Recertification packets.

	<u>Certifications</u>	<u>Recertifications</u>
Approved:	4	8
Denied:	2	1

Total Packets Submitted: 15

Lee Newcomb moved to accept the Certification and Recertification packets. Kevin Oliver seconded. CFI applications unanimously accepted.

The next CFI Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in Raleigh – OSFM.

With no further issues to discuss, Freddy moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Key seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Lashbrook