



BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

March 25, 2019 6:00 PM – Meeting Minutes
Hamilton County Training Center
7925 E. 160th Street
Noblesville, IN 46062

NOTE: All variance request must be received no less than 20 days prior to the Fire Board Meeting to be put on the Agenda.

A. Call to order

Board Members Present

Eric Gentry (Vice Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary); James Greeson (State Fire Marshal); Greg Wyant; John Smith; Genoio Brabson; M. Burke Jones; Jason Rogers;

Board Members Not Present

Eric Drieman (Chair); John Brown

Other Staff Members Present

Michael Schantz; Michelle Allen; Donna Saine; Regine Johnson; Wade Walling; Elizabeth Westfall.

B. Consideration and approval of January 14, 2019 Fire Board Meeting Minutes –
All members present voted ‘aye’ to approve.

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Muncie Area Career Center is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for Awareness (HMA 0159) prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19th, birthday.



In addition, they are requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for Hazardous Materials Awareness at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday.

Muncie Area Career Center Students

Last Name	First Name	PSID
Adney	Ashlyn	8399-6526
Castro	Anthony	7502-4789
Davis	Myron	0746-7307
Falconbury	Gaberiel	7054-8921
Kassoff	Tanner	8848-2395
Norris	Grant	4521-1197

Last Name	First Name	PSID
O'Dell	Adam	4073-5329
Olvera	Brisa	9296-8263
Waters	Michael	0924-5306
Wilson	Da'Liyah	6842-2382
Wilson	Mark	2727-7723

Motion to approve 1st Rob Lund, 2nd by Greg Wyant, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*

2. Warsaw Area Career Center is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for Awareness (HMA 0159) prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19th, birthday.

In addition, they are requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for Hazardous Materials Awareness at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19th birthday.

Warsaw Area Career Center Students

Last Name	First Name	PSID
Anderson	Logan	9170-0050
Byrer	Branson	4580-0263
Dials	Alexander	8533-8191

Last Name	First Name	PSID
Harter	Hayden	6285-6740
Pass	Tristan	1509-9674
Roark	Landon	8710-0904

Motion to approve 1st Rob Lund, 2nd by Greg Wyant, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*

3. Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department is requesting an Under Age variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) for Whitcomb, Seth 6418-8820 to allow him to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until his 18th birthday, with the variance to be valid until his 19th birthday.

Motion to approve 1st Jason Rogers, 2nd by Greg Wyant, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carried.*

4. Bender, Mark 0707-7813 is requesting a Variance for Fire Officer I. He has completed the Fire Officer I Variance Packet and the points on his application totals 70 points, his Fire Officer I skills were signed off on 5/29/2018.
Motion to approve 1st M. Burke Jones, 2nd by Rob Lund, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*
 5. Bender, Mark 0707-7813 is requesting a Variance for Fire Officer II. He has completed the Fire Officer II Variance Packet, the points on his application totals 70 points, his Fire Officer II skills were signed off on 5/29/2018.
Motion to approve 1st M. Burke Jones, 2nd by Greg Wyant, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*.
- D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)
1. Hutt, Tanner 2597-4783 Sellersburg Fire Department is requesting a variance to waive the one (1) year time requirement that he hold Firefighter II certification for 1 year prior to applying for certification for Fire Officer I and Instructor I.
Motion to deny 1st Jason Rogers, 2nd John Smith 8 voting members voted “Aye”, 1 member voted “Nay” motion is denied. *Motion carries*.
 2. Martinez, Alex 8486-5050 Sellersburg Fire Department is requesting a variance to waive the one (1) year time requirement that he hold Firefighter II certification for 1 year prior to applying for certification for Fire Officer I and Instructor I.
Motion to deny 1st Jason Rogers, 2nd John Smith 4 voting members voted “Aye”, 3 members voted “Nay” motion is denied. *Motion carries*.
- E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation) – None at this time
- F. State Fire Marshal Report – James Greeson
Department changes – Michael Schantz is officially the new Academy Administrator.
Kick off of “Get Alarmed” – the week of March 18th 2019 get more information at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/getalarmed.htm>
Leadership Seminars – the last seminar for the year took place March 13th 2019. This program was a success. We look forward to next year. Thank you to all that participated.
Executive Leadership classes – these classes are offered all over the state now. There are several locations offering the Module 1 class. The classes are open to all whom serve in Public Safety. Please sign up online through the Acadis system <https://acadisportal.in.gov/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx> use the keyword search option to look for “IDHS Executive Leadership Development”.
FDIC Conference – will begin April 8, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana

- G. Director of Training/Preparedness & Planning – John Brown – None at this time
- H. Academy Administrator – Mike Schantz
2019 National Fire Academy trip – this event will take place in Florida March 30 & 31. This year 50 Indiana residents will take part in this event.
IFSAC conference – William Huffer and Donna Saine will be attend this year.
- I. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders – Legal
1. Derek Byers 9261-7127 – Discussion of Fire Service certifications from last meeting. Fire Board choose not to take any action concerning this matter.
 2. Administrative Law Judge – Deployment
Request for approval of a replacement from the Attorney General’s office.
Motion to approve 1st Jason Rogers, 2nd M. Burke Jones, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*
- J. Old Business –
1. John Buchman – Fire Officer 1 Beta Class in Evansville – Students who the board denied to be added to course. New information provided which may reverse the decision.
Motion to Resend previous Denial and move to Approve. Motion to approve 1st M. Burke Jones, 2nd by Rob Lund, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*
- K. New Business –
1. Re-adopt 655 IAC 1-1, 2-1, 3, and 4 - Emergency Rules that expire 1/1/2020
Motion to approve 1st Greg Wyant, 2nd Rob Lund, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*
 2. Re-adopt 655 IAC Emergency Rules - Emergency Rules that allows NFPA standard updates which expires on 8/12/2019.
Motion to approve 1st Genoio Brabson, 2nd M. Burke Jones, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve. *Motion carries*
 3. Fire Board Rules Re-write (655 IAC) Discussion with board over proposed changes.
- L. Open discussion, comments, questions?

Fireboard Webinar Information for this meeting:

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5816761055205921283>

Webinar ID: 491-254-139

*Motion to adjourn by Rob Lund, 2nd James Greeson, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve.
Meeting is adjourned.*

Next meeting: June 13, 2019 ****THURSDAY**** **10:00 AM**
Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA) Conference
Blue Chip Casino
777 Blue Chip Drive
Michigan City, IN 46360

Approved: _____
Eric Gentry, Vice Chairman

Date: _____