



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting  
Conference Call**

SD Department of Public Safety  
Sutherland Building  
Second Floor Conference Room  
118 W. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD

February 9, 2016 – 9:30 AM CST

**Board members present on call:** Richard Broderick, Rick Gustad, Jim Strain, Jerry Diamond, Mike Harstad.

**Department of Public Safety Staff Present:** Glenda Marks, Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman.

**Call to Order & Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM CST by Paul Merriman. Roll call taken and a quorum were present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

January 5 conference call minutes were approved by the board.

**Fire Marshal's Office Updates:**

Fire Marshal staff provided board members with a brief legislative update. Focusing on bills of interest to the fire service in South Dakota. Bills discussed were:

HB1020 – An Act to revise certain codes & standards regarding fire prevention.

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SB63 – An act to require the development of school safety plans and to require the conduct of school safety drills in accredited schools.

HB1204 – An act to provide a sales tax exemption for certain non-profit corporations created for the purpose of fire protection.

SB17 – An act to make an appropriation for costs related to suppression of wildfires in the state and to declare an emergency

SB155 - Place holder

**Other Business:**

Board member Rich Broderick discussed SB63, reports that Rapid City Fire Department is assisting locally with school safety planning in Pennington County. Rich asked if we could provide an updated copy of the South Dakota School Safety Guide for reference. Updated copies were provided by the Office of Homeland Security and sent to all board members. Rich also mentioned the NFPA Sprinkler Coalition and that next meeting date information will be sent out shortly.

Board member Jim Strain reported on the progress of the fire district mapping project. Rapid City Fire Department is assisting in the process of building maps; and compiling geographic data.

Board member Mike Harstad briefly discussed State Fire School planning. State Fire School 2016 will be held June 2-4, in Sioux Falls. Minnehaha County Fire Chiefs Association is hosting this years event.

Board member Rick Gustad discussed SB63 and the impact it could have on local fire officials. Small volunteer fire chiefs may not understand the process or could be surprised to hear that they play a role in it. Fire Marshal's Office will follow up to make sure all South Dakota Fire Departments receive a copy of the latest version of the safety guide for reference, complete with an overview of the document and its purpose. The board agreed it would be helpful to local fire officials whether the bill passes or not.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board will be scheduled for April 26. The time, and location of the meeting will be announced.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.