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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2011 MEETING OF  
THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

Chairman Carozza called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Brady, Hilbert, Kowalski, Nelson, Nicol, Ross, Stankye, and Walsh.

Staff Members Jeffrey J. Morrisette, State Fire Administrator; Yvonne Lewis, Executive Secretary; Edward T. O'Hurley, Certification Division; Adam D. Piskura, Director of Training and Denice Fortin, Certification Registrar were present.

Guests/Employee Recognitions: Barry W. Rickert, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Department of Public Safety.

Chairman Carozza said good morning, Commissioners. We will call the meeting to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees took a moment to pledge allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Carozza said thank you, and good morning. We'll ask the State Fire Administrator to introduce any of our guests.

Mr. Morrisette said our only guest attending the meeting today is Barry Rickert, Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Mr. Rickert said good morning, everyone.

Chairman Carozza said thank you.

Moving to item 2.) Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Hilbert said so moved.

Chairman Carozza said motion has been made.

Commissioner Brady said I'd like to make a correction.

Chairman Carozza said Correction?

Commissioner Brady said the time of the meeting. It's shown as 9:00 a.m.?

Mr. Morrissette said yes, we did start early.

Chairman Carozza said yes.

Commissioner Brady said okay. I'll withdraw my correction.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hilbert and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Kowalski to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Moving to item 3.) Staff Report for February 15 - March 14, 2011.

Chairman Carozza said it's an error where it says 2010?

Mr. Morrissette said yes, it is.

Chairman Carozza said I'll just demonstrate that I read. With that correction, motion has been made to accept. Second?

Commissioner Hilbert said second.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hilbert to approve the staff report for the period of February 15, 2011, through March 14, 2011. Motion carried.

Chairman Carozza said number 4, Unfinished Business, Item (a).

Moving to item 4a.) Budget/Staffing Update – Mr. Morrissette said there is nothing new regarding the proposed budget for the Biennium. We are looking at -- looking forward towards a possible consolidation. We've had some initial discussions about possibly getting together with POST and looking at some commonalities and issues related to that, just having some additional discussions with the Chairman in terms of how he may address that particular issue as we come to a fast close in the legislative session. It was reported, and some of you may have heard through the media that the Governor is looking to finish the budget by early May. That's very ambitious. I did note the Appropriations deadline, I believe, is the 26th of April, which that is a pretty critical date. Unfortunately, I did note also, our Fire Service Day at the Capitol is two days after that, so it would have been nice if it was flip-flopped a little bit just to provide more of a focus at the LOB and any meetings with legislators. But right now we're proceeding. Our cash flow appears to be in fairly good shape. Mary Grennan, our new Fiscal Administrative Assistant, has had several meetings with DAS, both on the budget side as well as the fiscal office there. We are having a change, as noted in our staff report, of our budget liaison at the DAS Small Agency Resource Team. We met with the outgoing staffer and

his replacement in the office yesterday to get updated on all of the issues. I do have to applaud Mary, in the short time that she's been here, she is looking at a number of process improvements, and those seem to be moving along with the assistance of the folks at DAS SmART. Some things may not be possible, but at least we're investigating alternatives which would speed things along as regards to processing of both incoming and outgoing activities. Any questions regarding staffing? [None.] Or budget?

Chairman Carozza said Commissioner Kowalski?

Vice Chairman Kowalski said Jeff, pertaining to the amounts that we have in our two auxiliary accounts, is there something that we need to purchase in the next several months that will enhance our training?

Mr. Morrisette said we have some capital money which we're looking at spending some of that currently. We just put in a requisition for some replacement PPE. That's something that's been delayed for a while. We really don't want to look at dipping into those funds at the present time. I think I know where you're going with that, but I think at least for the short term we should be in good shape. One of the other notes that I probably should make, in some communication from the Connecticut Police Chief's Association to their membership, back earlier in the month, it was stated that one of the issues that they are looking to mitigate is the requirement for POST to begin charging for their services. So, as you recall, in the Governor's budget proposal, they're looking at requiring POST or within the new agency (DERT) to begin charging for their Basic Training course at \$2,500 per person and in-service training at \$100. That is an issue that the Police Chief's Association appears to be lobbying against. The concern would be if they are successful in that endeavor and the budget is predicated upon new revenue derived from those fees, where would that revenue come from. I just throw that out there that, we would hope that the shortfall would not be solved on the backs of any of our specific funding. Ultimately it would probably be up to the Executive Director of the new agency.

Chairman Carozza said any other questions? Discussion? If not, we'll move to Item (b).

Moving to item 4b.) CSFA Education Committee Report – Commissioner Nicol said since the last Commission meeting, the Education Committee has met on February 24, 2011, in Wethersfield at Company No. 3 and March 24 in New Haven at the New Haven Regional Fire School. Project Manager Don Ouillette provided an aerial map of the Cheshire site for the Waterbury Area Fire Chiefs to use for an informational meeting for the general public. Wolcott Fire School Director Steve Veneziano reported that the meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2011. Don Reported that DPW had signed the contract documents recommending that PDS Construction Company construct the Hartford Regional Fire School. Burrville School Director Rich Winn indicated that they were still working on an agreement that will place the school under control of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. A supplemental agreement will be necessary that will give the Burrville Fire School administration a "Care and Custody" agreement with the Commission for operation of their school. Director Winn stated that

the DEP staff had expressed satisfaction with the remediation of the site. Don reported that test borings for environmental assessment at the Beacon Falls site is being scheduled. Don indicated that the Willimantic site would be surveyed. Also, Right of Way agreements need to be executed for adjacent property owners. Don reported that the New Haven Regional Fire School is substantially complete. Don stated that there is \$14.3 million presently available for fire school construction. Don requested that the Committee provide him with direction on how to spend the remaining funds. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the remaining schools' cost information be assembled so that the Committee could decide a course of action at their next meeting. General discussion was held regarding the Governor's proposed budget for the operating funds for the Regional Fire Schools, which indicate a substantial reduction. Ted Schroll indicated that he has suggested to several members of the General Assembly that they consider allocating the full amount to complete the Regional Fire School Project, which is estimated to be \$40 million, or 10 million per year over the next four years. Ted Schroll gave an update on the Fire Service consolidation legislation which is presently under consideration in the General Assembly. The next meeting is scheduled to be held April 28th.

Chairman Carozza said thank you, Commissioner. Are there any questions? Any discussion? [None.] Thank you, Commissioner.

Moving to item 4c.) FY 11 Supplemental Grant Program Update -

Mr. Morrisette said as we have had in the past, there are 161 eligible fire companies. To date, 11 of those fire companies have not designated their grant funds, so we are doing a little bit better than the norm. Yvonne sent out a remainder letter, a couple of weeks ago, to all those who have not responded, and I don't think we've heard from any of them thus far. Out of the 150 that have responded, we do have 81 we have processed checks for and 69 vouchers. Of the 69 vouchers, only 20 percent of those vouchers have actually been expended. So, again, it's very critical for departments to take action now. We did send out a list-serve and posted on our web site about a week and a half ago the need for people to begin expending those funds. We did also in that communication note that it appeared with the Governor's proposal that this would be the last year of the program, so, again, it's their last opportunity to utilize these funds. I do have the list, if any Commissioner would like to see who has not responded. If you know of any of those companies, you can certainly have them contact us.

Chairman Carozza said any questions? Any discussion? [None.] Thank you. We'll move to Item (d).

Moving to item 4d.) FY 11 Entry Level Training Reimbursement Update - Mr. Morrisette said as of yesterday, we have processed or have in process currently all valid claims for entry level training reimbursement. Again, the critical time period will be over the next three months, or so, as classes come to a close and certification testing is completed, that we're able to process any of those claims. We have about three weeks after the fiscal year closes out to actually expend all of those funds and pay all of those

claims, but, again, as a normal process, it's going to be very, very tight in terms of trying to take care of all of those that we owe money to. We did meet just yesterday with DAS and asked for their assistance again to process claims just to give Mary a little bit of a buffer to concentrate on some of the backlog issues in her particular office. They graciously are following up on that. So, again, the word needs to get out that there is funding available. We do expect a lapse, unfortunately, a significant amount of money, and as is apparent by the legislative proposal, this, too, would be the last year for this specific program.

Chairman Carozza said are there any questions? Any discussion? [None.] We'll move to Item (e).

Moving to item 4e.) Legislative/Consolidation update – Mr. Morrisette said would you like to?

Chairman Carozza said yes. Let me just again reassure, the Commission and staff here at the Academy that the Fire Service is doing everything we can to work on this situation. It's a complicated situation. We've met with the Governor, we've met with his staff, and certainly OPM, and with various legislators concerning the issue and it's a work-in-progress. So that's where we are right now. I wish I could give you more details, but I know it's a day-to-day situation that we're trying to follow and work on very closely, certainly with our staff at the LOB both Ted Schroll and Paul Rapanault are following this situation very closely and are very, very actively involved in the details of it. I do want to comment that the membership of the Joint Council and the Fire Service are working, very good together on this situation. We've worked with outside agencies. We've met with the Commercial Ambulance Association, and representatives from the EMS community, all the groups that are involved in this. So I'd be more than happy to answer any questions if you have any, but those are the details as we know them so far. Any questions?

Chairman Carozza said okay.

Mr. Morrisette said last week, we disseminated the latest tracking chart for current legislative proposals that are in the queue. The only thing I'll add, I know yesterday we did get a call from both the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research. The OLR call was related to the Consolidation Bill 1016. I was able to respond to that question. It was actually more so related to the POST side of business and the OFA request was for our latest organizational chart.

Chairman Carozza said anything further?

Mr. Morrisette said I don't know if Rob or Barry have anything on the Construction Services proposal.

Commissioner Ross said our division met with Commissioner DeFronzo last week and went through a very global perspective of how this whole thing is going to come together,

if it does. I think the level of anxiety on our staff and the uncertainty of where we're going and what the division is going to look like after July 1st is still there, but, you know, we're in the same boat you are up here. I mean, it's just the Governor's bill. We can't really do anything other than support it. So we're just going to have to ride it out, keep our seat belts tight, and try to figure out what it's all going to mean on the other side.

Chairman Carozza said thank you. Anything further?

Mr. Morrisette said just a quick point. There are two bills related to the future designation of Regional Fire Schools. One is specific to including Danbury as a Regional Fire School, and if you look at that specific language, there is some cause for concern in that basically it creates a second Connecticut State Fire School, or an adjunct to the Connecticut Fire Academy, with access to our extension and auxiliary funding. It's my understanding in meetings with some legislative staff up at the Capitol last week that this particular bill should go away and the other bill, which was actually proposed by us last year, is probably going to take its place. They're just working on some finishing touches to the language on that specific issue, which will basically lay out the steps that would take to establish a new Regional Fire School. But ultimately it would cause this Commission to develop regulations to detail the steps necessary to be considered for Regional Fire School status.

Chairman Carozza said any discussion? Any questions? Commissioner Nicol.

Commissioner Nicol said Peter, just a quick question on the -- you mentioned that there's been discussions with EMS on the commercial end, I guess?

Chairman Carozza said yes.

Commissioner Nicol said can you share with us what they're -- have they advised us of what their position is on that?

Chairman Carozza said yes. Yes, they have, and they have respectfully asked to withdraw their; I don't want to use the word "support," but withdraw their participation in the proposed legislation as we proposed it.

Commissioner Nicol said and that's the same situation with the Municipal Police?

Chairman Carozza said not the Municipal Police, the Police Chief's Association.

Commissioner Nicol said yes, that's what I meant.

Chairman Carozza said actually, the Municipal Police, AFSCME Council 15, as of yesterday had supported the proposal, our proposal, and they are on record supporting the proposal. Questions? Commissioner Kowalski?

Vice Chairman Kowalski said just a clarification: The commercial ambulance side is a very small part of the EMS function. It may be the most vocal, but it's a very small part.

Chairman Carozza said right. It was -- we met with them. A small group of the Joint Council members met with them maybe two weeks ago, and I believe all of their representatives were at the meeting. So it was a lively discussion, and they decided that they would spend a few days to discuss it amongst themselves; and they did notify us that they would respectfully like to withdraw.

Commissioner Nicol said how about the Advisory Board? Did they discuss that as a committee of EMS Advisory Board?

Chairman Carozza said I know we did meet with OEMS, again, a couple weeks ago, Chief McCarthy and I. I'm not quite sure who else was there, but they did indicate to us that they were going to bring it back to their full council; and officially I believe they have taken a position to support the concept.

Commissioner Nicol said the Advisory Board is?

Chairman Carozza said it is my understanding that they will be supporting it, yes. That's the word.

Commissioner Nicol said I think that's important, because that committee takes in, you know, the whole gamut of EMS. It includes the hospitals, doctors, commercial ambulance services, volunteer services, etc.

Chairman Carozza said again, it's a very complicated situation, as you can well understand, some agencies and some organizations that probably should have been at the table [weren't], as it was explained to them in the meetings we had later that it certainly wasn't done intentionally, but it was the time constraints that we were under; and we think we've reached out to everyone now that's involved and had some very good discussions about the legislation. So we think we've covered everyone. Anything further?

Commissioner Nicol said the only other thing is just I'll point out, as I understand it, that the General Assembly will be meeting in full session April 16th, I believe?

Chairman Carozza said I believe that's the date, yes.

Commissioner Nicol said and that's when these proposals should start being discussed by the members in open session; right?

Chairman Carozza said well, I can't speak for the legislature.

Chairman Carozza said let me say this, that there's certainly been discussions going on amongst the legislators both through the Public Safety Committee and additional

committees that are looking at this. So, again, I can't speak for the legislature as far as when they're going to bring it up, but I know it's been discussed informally amongst a lot of legislators. Have I answered your question?

Commissioner Nicol said we have two bills, right, 1016 and then the 997, which is the alternative --

Chairman Carozza said right.

Commissioner Nicol said-- proposed as far as the Fire Service and others. Now, out of that, maybe could be another bill drafted, perhaps after discussions or?

Chairman Carozza said oh, sure. I mean, an awful lot of things can happen.

Commissioner Nicol said yeah, okay.

Chairman Carozza said certainly there could be amendments to either one or --

Commissioner Nicol said one or either proposal or a combination.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said could be an amendment.

Chairman Carozza said again, for us to sit here and attempt to even speculate on what's going to happen is very difficult to do, so I don't even know if I'd want to go down that path; but, again, we're watching the situation and actively involved in the situation. I don't know if I answered your question.

Commissioner Nelson said there is no answer yet.

Chairman Carozza said I'm trying to answer your question.

Commissioner Nicol said you're doing a fine job.

Chairman Carozza said okay. Anything else under Item (e)? If not, we'll move to Item (f).

Moving to item 4f.) Certification Update – Mr. Morrissette said for a certification update. I'd ask either Ed or Denice to give us an update on some recent changes which they'd like to implement in the certification arena.

Mr. O'Hurley said at our last meeting, we talked about extensions and things of that nature. I reviewed, 12 different schools throughout the country on their extension policies and what they have. Some are more severe than ours, and some are lenient. We're right in the ball park as far as our extensions. The thing is, with a lot of states require individuals seeking an extension go in front of a council. They do not go in front of an individual, okay. A lot of states will only permit an individual to take a



certification test three times, then that's it. You have to take the whole course all over again. So, in retrospect, I'd like stay the way we are doing it now. Like I said before at the last meeting, you know and I may have been a little bit harsh, and I apologize -- about accountability and responsibility, but I still believe in those two issues. You know, if they have a legitimate reason for an extension, I will grant it to them, but don't come up to me and say you forgot after 11 months. And, of course, they have recourse that they can take -- they can appeal it to you people; they can appeal it to Jeff -- and that's the way I feel about it. If there are any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

Chairman Carozza said Commissioner Kowalski?

Vice Chairman Kowalski said yes, just a quick question, and that is: If a person fails the exam, can the person get -- I mean, they can see it online right away?

Mr. O'Hurley said correct.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said is there any reason why we can't send a letter out right away that they failed it?

Mr. O'Hurley said the thing is, there's so many, I guess, steps that we have to complete. We have to analyze the results. There's a lot of different things we go through, and, Vice Chairman Kowalski, there's only two of us.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said I understand that. I'm just asking a question. It doesn't seem like there's a -- I'm sorry. There's a lot to do after a person knows they failed it.

Mr. O'Hurley said well, I think one of the --

Vice Chairman Kowalski said there's no certification. There's nothing -- you don't have to file for any national cert.

Mr. O'Hurley said right.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said you don't have to file for anything. It's just the person failed it.

Mr. O'Hurley said correct.

Mr. Morrisette said one of the proposals that's coming out as April st, is when a person fails, those results will be going out in the mail immediately upon processing. Now, processing may not be as soon as it's scanned but shortly thereafter certainly much quicker than currently done.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said that's reasonable.

Mr. Morrisette said then upon receipt, the individual can reschedule much sooner than waiting the six or eight weeks that they would normally for the results. The other piece of that – and I don't know if Ed or Denice want to give an update -- is we're making some better strides to getting the online results more automated. It would be our intent that when the results are available online, then those would be official results. So if an individual sees they passed, they can share it with their chief. Now, mailed results still may be six to eight weeks depending on the workload and time of year. So, you know, I think these two proposals will be most helpful. A letter announcing these changes will be going out soon. I did take the liberty to share these improvements with the Regional Fire Schools at their meeting last week.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said I believe that's an excellent change. Thank you.

Commissioner Hilbert said I just have a question. I think the rub was -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- they needed to have the letter before they could reschedule.

Mr. Morrisette said correct, yes.

Commissioner Hilbert said is there a way to address that, that they can go ahead and start the process and reschedule prior to having the letter in hand?

Mr. Morrisette said that's what we're doing. Failure letters will be mailed typically within a week of an individual taking an examination.

Commissioner Hilbert said all right.

Mr. Morrisette said is that an accurate reflection, Denice?

Ms. Fortin said yes.

Commissioner Hilbert said that sounds very satisfactory.

Mr. O'Hurley said we get a tremendous amount of calls, well, put me on the list.

Commissioner Hilbert said sure.

Mr. O'Hurley said we can't do it that way. We need that letter. When they go on the roster, we need the reexamination application.

Commissioner Hilbert said but the letter is only a week or so out.

Mr. Morrisette said yeah.

Commissioner Hilbert said perhaps.

Mr. Morrisette said I would say, you know, barring any problems.

Commissioner Hilbert said that's certainly acceptable.

Mr. Morrisette said - staff illnesses or -- or other anomalies that occur.

Commissioner Hilbert said that doesn't seem unreasonable.

Mr. Morrisette said yes.

Chairman Carozza said anything further? Thank you. Number 5, any comments from the public?

Moving to item 5.) Comments from the public - Mr. Morrisette said Barry, come up and give us an update on the Juvenile Fire-Setter.

Mr. Rickert said thank you. I have a couple of updates for you. First, on the Juvenile Fire-Setter Prevention Program, for the past year I've been meeting with the Department of Children and Families specifically Ann Adams, the Program Director, to address juvenile fire-setting in the State of Connecticut. We've been addressing it for years, but we haven't had a real coordinated effort. She's been working very hard on a collaboration basis to bring in all the stakeholders -- the fire department, the police department, our judicial system, caregivers -- to have a coordinated effort to address the issue of juvenile fire-setting. We are going to be presenting to the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association, rolling out a program to them, on April 21st, which is the second day of their conference, so you'll be seeing some real progress in addressing this issue. We have a lot of stakeholders. There's been very positive feedback so far, and we hope to roll out a model program on how to assess children with that problem and how we address it. I do have a couple other updates, like the Fire Code is in the process of being looked at. We do that every couple of years, and we have a committee set up inside the Office of the State Fire Marshal to see what we want to go to and how we're going to address that, along with our Haz-Mat Codes, which are in some cases go back to the '90's. So they're ancient, and they're going to be updating them and putting them out by the end of the year, hopefully, to the legislature and to become effective probably January 1st of 2013. So we're about a year and a half out to get it all said and done, but we are working on it very diligently. Sprinklers in one- and two-family homes there's an International Residential Code, 2009 Edition, which is actually the building side of the house. It has residential sprinklers for one- and two-family homes. There was a move to take that out of that particular document. Now there's a move to put it back in. So Director Ross has set up a workshop, had a number of stakeholders come into the office and talk about the pros and cons of residential sprinklers. So we are very positive about that. We'll see what happens, and we'll keep you updated. We also have special effects legislation. It's in the legislature right now. I think it's a Senate bill. I don't know what that was, but it is addressing some of the things we weren't addressing in special effects from our office; so that's good. We have some new personnel. Sergeant Grasso has joined us, and Detective Patrick Dragon has joined us in the office for investigation purposes. We also have a new dog coming in, Ritz, a two-year-old golden lab who'll be replacing Presley, who's

going to be retiring. On a sad note, we had eleven fatal fires so far this year compared to 32 for all of last year, so we are about 30 percent ahead if you go by the dates of what we had last year for fatal fires. So that's significant, but we are actively investigating them, assisting the fire marshals in the field whenever they call us. Any questions?

Commissioner Nelson said thank you.

Chairman Carozza said thank you very much. We appreciate that.

Moving to item 6.) Matters to be raised by Commissioners or staff - Commissioner Brady said I'm going to be unable to attend the Hall of Fame dinner, but I'd like to extend my congratulations to Peter and Charlie, and their selection is well-deserved.

Chairman Carozza said thank you.

Commissioner Brady said thank you for your good works in the Fire Service.

Chairman Carozza said thank you very much.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said I would like to echo the same thing, as I won't be able to attend.

Commissioner Hilbert said I'm unable to attend also.

Mr. Morrissette said I do have tickets if anybody would like one.

Commissioner Hilbert said I have tickets; I just can't go.

Chairman Carozza said thank you all. I appreciate it. Any other -- Commissioner Nicol?

Commissioner Nicol said I just want to say I will be attending the dinner, and I'm sure you're going to keep your remarks short.

Chairman Carozza said very short. Thank you. Anything further? Commissioner Kowalski?

Vice Chairman Kowalski said one last item, and that is, we will be going down to the Congressional Fire Service Institute meetings and dinner this year again; albeit a small group, but we'll try to meet all the Congressional folks down there in Washington from Connecticut, Jeff. Thank you. So if there's any input that you'd like us to transmit down there, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Chairman Carozza said okay. Jeff?

Mr. Morrissette said yes. We did have some information in our staff report regarding moving forward with the construction project here at the Academy. We do expect to

have a preconstruction meeting probably within the next two to three weeks with DPW and the general contractor PDS. We've already shared with them our master schedule of events and activities here at the Academy, although we did indicate that we'd be working around them rather than them having to work around us. We feel it's that important. We do have a small construction project with essentially resurfacing our tower stairs, which is long overdue. Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan has graciously come forward, and they're going to help support that project with up to \$8,000 in financial support; so that is very much appreciated. As was mentioned, I do have tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner on April 6th, and, as a reminder, Fire Service Day at the Capitol is April 28th. If any of your organizations would like to staff a table, please let Yvonne know as she'll be coordinating that again this year. Also, I would ask if any organizations have funding to purchase give-away items for that event, be it pencils, pens, or other items; you know, something unique is what the people down there like. And please make sure that the membership of your various organizations begins contacting their legislative delegation and invite them to participate and actually schedule meetings with them that day, and hopefully that day is not two days too late in terms of influencing the consolidation proposals. Also, next month we will have a staff recognition for 20 years of service. And the Governor's staff meeting, I may have mentioned a couple of months ago his staff meetings do conflict with this Commission's meetings, so next month I believe it conflicts with our meeting. The Governor's meetings are scheduled at eleven o'clock. I know Peter has asked me to try to attend those when possible, so, again, consideration. I don't know if we want to try to schedule our meeting early, as we did last month? His last meeting happened to be last week, so it did not conflict with ours. We did also procure a high-speed color printer. It's in the process of being networked for use by all our staff, and the operational expense to use this is a fraction of the cost of a typical color printer that somebody would have in their particular office. So we'll be looking at establishing a policy for larger jobs going to that specific unit, which is located down in our classroom wing in the old AV storage room. Also, I don't think Rich mentioned it, but I know at the end of the last Education Committee Meeting, the issue of mission delineation was raised again by at least one Regional Fire School. We've attempted to contact that person. He did call back yesterday afternoon when I was out of the office, but myself and Director of Training and Deputy Director will be in touch with him today just to see what those particular issues are. You know, I think what we're trying to show the legislature is we do not duplicate services. We work very hard not to duplicate efforts, be it on a federal level, a state level, regional level, or local level. That's the whole purpose of mission delineation. It's not about control or who's got what. It's really so we are not expending monies on like services so funding is spent more effectively. So we're looking at efficiencies. We as an agency try to address efficiencies long before the Governor or General Assembly tells us to do so. So, again, a little bit concerned about that, but there was a methodology and a strategy that was put into place a long time ago. The Regional Schools did agree to it, albeit maybe with some concern, but we'll continue discussions on that because that could be an issue moving forward.

Barry had brought up residential sprinklers. In speaking with a colleague just a couple of weeks ago from Arizona he mentioned some proposals in that state's legislature to repeal their residential sprinkler statutes. They were in the forefront 20, 25 years ago in that

regard. In addition to that, the fireworks industry has a significant proposal of essentially "anything goes" type of legislation, as well. So state's are looking anywhere they can derive revenue from, regardless of how safe or insane it may be, they're going to look at it. So just some information to share in that regard.

Chairman Carozza said thank you. Any questions? Any discussion?

Commissioner Brady said do we need a motion, or do you want to discuss moving the meeting next month?

Chairman Carozza said yes. Any objection to moving the meeting to nine o'clock?

[None.] Anything further?

Vice Chairman Kowalski said yes.

Chairman Carozza said Commissioner Kowalski.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said I'm not sure if we can cover it under this or if there's a motion, but I'd like to -- after reading Ed's paper pertaining to the certification exam policy, I agree with it a hundred percent and support the document as written; and I think it's a good move at the end to let them know as soon as possible and send out a letter. That's an excellent move so that they can't come back on us and say, well, the reason why I couldn't do it was because I didn't get the letter in time. So I think this answers the questions, it services our customer, and it does the job. Thank you, Ed.

Mr. O'Hurley said thanks to Denice.

Vice Chairman Kowalski said thank you, Denice.

Chairman Carozza said anything further? If not, Motion to Adjourn?

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kowalski and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brady to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.]

Chairman Carozza adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Dated:

April 26, 2011  
C. M. Stankye, Jr.  
Charles M. Stankye, Jr., Secretary