

GFSTC Rules Committee

Minutes

February 18th, 2010

Room 102

GPSTC

Present:

Chief Eddie Buckholts
Chief Thad Dixon
Mr. Don Freyer
Capt. Skip Heflin
Chief James Lifsey
Chief Jon Marsh
Chief Web Marshall

Chief Ike McConnel
Lt. Damon Wisdom
Chief JD Mosby
Mr. James Crawley
Chief Jackie Gibbs
Capt. Russell Knick

Agenda:

Recertification

Director Lyn Pardue brought the meeting to order. He briefly discussed current budget situations. He also opened the floor to questions about past business or operations. None asked.

The meeting was turned over to Chief Web Marshall to discuss recertification.

Mr. James Crawley from the Inspectors Association spoke to recommend new recertification requirements for Inspectors. They are recommending that state certification requirements be brought inline with national certification requirements.

- Report hours every 3 years
- 72 hours of approved continuing education
- Core competencies

A letter from the Inspectors Association was brought in support of the proposal.

The current recertification requirements were discussed and debated with questions surrounding a 2 year reporting period versus the 3 year recommendation.

Break

After break, Chief Marshall turns meeting to Director Pardue who reminds the group to help guide the agency towards new rules

Mr. Don Freyer recommends that the term “recertification” be removed and replaced with “Continued Certification”

Seconded by Chief Thad Dixon

No discussion

Unanimous vote of approval

Motion by Chief Thad Dixon

Name “Recertification” be set aside for those that are “Decertified”

2nd by Chief Ike McConnell

No discussion

Motion passed unanimously

Chief Eddie Buckholts made a motion for the following:

- Biannual reporting

- Annual skills (Core Comps)

- All disciplines intertwined in reporting standard

“24 hours is 24 hours”

2nd by Chief Ike McConnell

Discussion: Need to define a way to specify what hours count towards which discipline

Core Comps for Investigator, Inspector, and Educator have yet to be defined

Lunch taken before vote

Biannual reporting of continued certification hours

Accepted hours totally credited for each level

Discipline specific core comps apply annually

Vote taken: Motion passed 6 to 1

Core Comps for Investigator, Inspector and Educator

Task book objectives

Motion by Thad Dixon

Task Books developed, validated and revised by validation committees of each respective Georgia Association.

2nd by Chief Eddie Buckholts

Passed unanimously

Continuing Ed for Volunteer Firefighters

Motion by Chief Buckholts

Volunteer Firefighters in Georgia will meet continuing annual training as defined by Rules

2nd from the room

Passed unanimously

Next meeting 03/18/2010 at GPSTC