British Columbia Fire Training Officers Association Zone 1a
Minutes of the Meeting Held
November 6, 2024

The meeting was held at the Qualicum Beach Fire Department.

Present:

Eric Golob – Qualicum Beach FD
Dan Golob - President
Markus McRurie -Ucluelet FD
Tom Cooper – OFC
Chis Knudsen – Lantzville FD
Willow Bloomquist – Dashwood FD
Derek Cyr – Sproat Lake FD
Terry Hoffart -Ships Point FD
Mark Taylor– Bow Horn Bay
Evan Bryn-Jones- Coombs-Hilliers FD
Mike Tisdale – Parksville FD
Danny Wyatt- Courtenay FD
Friso McKenzie- QBFD

Meeting called to order and chaired by Eric Golob at 13:00 hours.

Presentation:

Dan Golob – President
We have hired the Portage Group out of Victoria to work with the executive to develop the association's strategic plan for the next 5 years. The consultants will be reaching out to random members of the association for interviews along with a membership survey polling the members on their expectations of the association and the executive. The executive will be holding an F2F meeting with the consultant in February to discuss the previous objectives and develop our next 5 years' objectives based on the preliminary findings from the membership.

The executive will be meeting in two weeks in Richmond to host our annual F2F to discuss the 2025 goals and objectives along with association business and our 50th anniversary conference. 1st VP Ulle is working on the conference content, and we project registration to be available in January. The host city will be Penticton.

I am working with the JIBC to facilitate their live fire trailer to be operational and deployed within the province for 2025 through some potential sponsorship. I will keep everyone posted with that development.

We are also working with the JI to bring back regional weekend training. We have a potential weekend slated for spring and fall session and as that starts to develop we will share that information as well. If there is interest within zone 1a please let me know and we can further that conversation.

We are monitoring the FCABC Live Fire Facility initiative and will be looking at participating with that is it progresses.

These are a few of the items that are keeping the executive busy at this moment.

## Old Business

- EMA procedures and scope of practice update
- Any feedback from the 2024 BCFTOA Conference

## New Business:

- VIERA FR course has been sold to Columbia Learning Group
    - There has been difficulty communicating with Columbia Learning regarding the course
- Members have been asking who is doing NFPA Road Course training for departments in the zone
    - Fire Pro appears to be the only provider on the Island
- Fire Safety Act Changes, FSA Tom Cooper in attendance to answer any questions
    - Fire inspector and investigator course will be open soon, access online through OFC
- Upcoming training in the area with open seats?
    - S.T.A.R.T Nov. 16 in Comox - rshelton@comox.ca
    - Nozzle Forward in Qualicum Beach June 2025 – fmckenzie@qualicumbeach.com
    - Fortis BC Training – Craig Sheldon – 250-751-8317 – craig.sheldon@fortisbc.ca
- VIERA Challenges
    - Difficult time getting officer courses on the Island
    - Courses book up before dates are stated
    - Lack of instructor for courses
    - Lack of communication with departments regarding upcoming training

## Roundtable

DFD- All good, looking for in person ESM 1 in person course
BHBFD- Red cross FR has been good. No other needs for training
LFD- New ladder truck may be looking for training
SLFD- Troubles with recruitment, no training needs
QBFD- Nozzle Forward for 2025
SPFD- No needs

UFD- Officer training, dates are difficult with VIERA
PFD- No needs
CHVFD- No needs
CFD- No needs
EFD – Looking for officers courses in the district

Meeting was adjourned: 13:39hrs

Minutes taken by: Eric Golob from Qualicum Beach Fire Department

Next Meeting: Feb 26, 2025 @ Qualicum Beach Fire Department