

**North American Fire Training Directors**  
 Serving State, Provincial and Territorial, Fire Training & Education Systems  
**2005 ~ ANNUAL FALL MEETING ~ TENNESSEE**  
**September 14-16, 2005**

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<b>September 14, 2005</b>		
The Meeting was called to order @ 9:00 a.m., Salon A & B, Double Tree Hotel, Murfreesboro, TN on September 14, 2005.	David Hedrick, Fire Program Director, Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy.	Director Hedrick welcomed all attendees and directed attention to life safety information for the conference facility. Announcement was made that Commissioner Paula A. Flowers, Department of Commerce & Insurance was sick and would not be able to attend the conference. She extended her welcome to the Association and regrets.	
<b>AGENDA TOPIC</b>			
Posting of Colors Ceremony	Murfreesboro Fire Department's Honor Guard Posting of Colors.	Colors were posted and one minute of silence was observed.	
<b>Welcome by Tennessee Officials &amp; NAFTD President</b>			
Welcome from TN department of Commerce & Insurance and the Division of Fire Prevention	Assistant Commissioner Turner, Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention	Spoke on the responsibility to our community for fire training and how important this is. Community involvement has a tremendous impact on fire safety issues.	
Welcome by the Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy	Executive Director Hawks; Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy	Welcomed the group to Tennessee and expressed his sincere thanks for their support to the organization's mission.	
Welcome by TN Fire Service Training Program	David Hedrick, Fire Program Director, Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy.	Thanked NAFTD members, vendors and guest speakers for their attendance and participation in the conference. Thanked Academy staff members for participation and assistance in coordination and support of the conference. Reviewed conference schedule with attendees. Spoke on the responsibilities of providing the training resources and leadership to prepare fire service personnel in their mission, and the honor to be involved with the NAFTD that represents the leaders of fire service training in the United States and Canada.	
President's Response and Welcome	Adam Piskura, President NAFTD, Director Connecticut Fire Academy	Welcomed everyone to the NAFTD conference in Tennessee. Spoke very highly of the hospitality in Tennessee, that there was none other like it. This being his last year as President, he spoke of how he enjoyed his tenure as President. He suggested that his incumbent should receive some sort of compensation. Long hours, frequent phone calls, correspondence and sometimes extended travel is required of the NAFTD President. He did mention that it was all worth the outcome and he had thoroughly enjoyed his tenure. He thanked all NAFTD members for their support. Discussed his tenure as a	

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		very enjoyable experience.	
Self Introductions of State Directors and Attendees		Attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represented.	
<b>Guest Speakers:</b>			
Guest Speaker:	Chief Shane Ray; Vice President International Society of Fire Service Instructors	Spoke on the benefits to the fire service that the International Society of Fire Service Instructors provides. Discussion of possible relationships and joint training and safety initiative between ISFSI & NAFTD.	
Guest Speaker:	F. Pat Marlatt; Associate Director Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute F. Pat Marlatt; Associate Director Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (continued)	Discussion on issues of Firefighter 1 certification. Statewide requirements and mandates are different across the Nation. The needs are various across the nation depending on operational and environmental issues as well. (ie; Grain elevator fires vs. high-rise fires; subways etc.) Discussion was made on NFPA creating a fire fighter training certification less than Firefighter 1 standard.	Vote was taken; All agreed not to support the development of a training standard less than Firefighter 1.
		Safety Officer program was discussed regarding specific hazards in particular communities. Vote on support of development of the Safety Officer Program.	Motion was made by Steve Willis, Maine Fire Training Academy; Seconded by Gary Wilson, Missouri Fire Training Academy. Vote was taken; 4 in favor and 15 opposed.
<b>Break for Lunch at 12:20 p.m. Group Photo Taken Outside</b>			
Guest Speaker:	Chief Larry Curl; U.S. Fire Corps	The Fire Corps is a locally driven community based organization. Voluntary citizen advocates in a non-operational role. (ie: Administrative Functions, Fund Raising, Data Entry, Book-keeping, Public Relations)	
<b>Reports of Committees:</b>			
Elections	Rick Mason, Committee Chair; Director New Hampshire	Elections Committee Discussions. Covered the Elections Committee Report (in binder). Newly elected officers: President, Gary Wilson; Missouri and Vice President, Ed Roper; South Carolina. Vote to accept election results and destroy ballots.	Motion made by Steve Willis from Maine and seconded by Dick Jaehne. Vote all in favor. Motion carried.
Secretary	Rick Mason, Committee Chair; Director New Hampshire	Report of the Secretary is included in conference binders.	
Legislative	Steven T. Edwards, Director; Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, University of Maryland.	Discussion on presentation and actions with federal agencies and elected officials related to state fire training needs and initiatives. Discussion of continuing issues related to ODP training and state fire training agencies.	Motion was made to endorse interim Director Dave Paulson for full appointment as United States FEMA Director. Dick Jaehne seconded the motion and motion was

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			approved.
Finance	Randal Novak, NAFTD Treasurer, Director Iowa Fire Service Training	Finance report for Association. NAFTD applied for and was granted "nonprofit" status in the state of Iowa. NAFTD was granted the 501© 3 Status with the IRS. Filed informational tax return. Randy has copy of it and will post it on the website.	
Membership	Randal Novak, NAFTD Treasurer, Director Iowa Fire Service Training	Membership report; US ~ 37 paid Members and Canada 5 paid members.	
Endorsement Committee	Randal Novak, NAFTD Treasurer, Director Iowa Fire Service Training	FACA has approved our committee date and will be set for the next review (60 day notice). The current members are Gary Wilson, Randy Novak, Russ Strickland Jerry Schroeder.	
Website Hosting	Randal Novak, NAFTD Treasurer, Director Iowa Fire Service Training	Statistics on website; the last page is current NAFTD member website with permissions to link to sites. Virginia is #1 site that is hit.	
Reports of Organizational Activities	National Credentialing Initiative	Some states do not have credentialing. Meetings will soon start with groups to determine who does credentialing.	
Survey Data Project	Rick Mason, Director New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training	Thanks to all that returned the information – Rick Mason will also post the results from the data project.	
<b>Reports from Associated Organizations</b>			
	Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Inc.	Presentation/slide show	
	IFSTA – Fire Protection Publications	Presentation/slide show	
	Thomas/Delmar Learning	Presentation/discussions	
<b>NAFTD Business &amp; Discussion Items</b>			
Proposals for 2006 and 2007 Annual Meeting Host Sites	Adam Piskura, President NAFTD, Director Connecticut Fire Academy	Proposed New York as next site for the NAFTD Conference in 2006. New Hampshire will host the 2007 NAFTD Conference.	Motion was made by Steven Edwards and seconded by Dick Jaehne; Motion was carried and passed.
NAFTD Presidential Terms	Adam Piskura, President NAFTD, Director Connecticut Fire Academy	NAFTD Presidential Terms 2 years to 4 years. There was discussion and issues regarding the presidential term for NAFTD. No firm decision was made during this meeting.	
<b>Banquet &amp; Installation of Officers:</b>			
Banquet Welcome & Opening	David Hedrick, Fire Program Director, Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy.	Introduction of guests and Banquet Program for the evening. Banquet/Supper Invocation provided by Chaplain	

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		Charles Vance, Retired Deputy Chief of Nashville FD and Chaplain of the TN Fire Chiefs & Firemens Association.	
Presentations to NAFTD Officers & State Host	Adam Piskura, President NAFTD, Director Connecticut Fire Academy	President Piskura presented mementos of appreciation to officers of the association and to the state host Academy. He expressed his thanks to them for their support and the support of the membership of the Association.	
Installation of NAFTD Officers	Adam Piskura, President NAFTD, Director Connecticut Fire Academy and Randal Novak, NAFTD Treasurer, Director Iowa Fire Service Training	Newly elected officer of the NAFTD were installed: Gary Wilson, Director of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training as President; Ed Roper, Superintendent of South Carolina Fire Academy as Vice-President.  President Wilson spoke on his vision and goals for the Association in his term in office.	
Entertainment	McLary Brothers Bluegrass Band	Tennessee bluegrass music provided the closing entertainment for the evening.	
<b>Thursday September 15, 2005</b>			
Transportation to Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy	Bus Transportation		
Welcome to Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy	Director Hedrick & Staff	Welcome, life safety considerations and schedule for the day. Introduction of TFACA Staff members.	
Fire Team Tennessee	Chief Shane Ray & Project Manager Vickie Prichett	Presentation/slide show on new fire prevention and life safety initiative that is being done in Tennessee through Fire Team Tennessee Project.	
Briefing & Tour of the TN Fire & Codes Academy	Director Hedrick & Fire Supervisors Jerry Crews & Ron Kimberlin	Briefing & Tour of the TN Academy buildings and training grounds was conducted.	
<b>Lunch at the TFACA</b>			
NAFTD Business Meeting (continued)	Gary Wilson, NAFTD President, Director of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training and Adam Piskura, Past President, Director Connecticut Fire Academy	Discussion on 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives from the Life Safety Summit and their application to training and the goals of the organization.	
Transportation to Lynchburg, TN	Bus Transportation		
Tour of Jack Daniels Distillery and Fire Protection Program	Chief Mark Neal Fire Brigade Chief Jack Daniels, and Safety Manager Jeff Skillern	Tour of the Jack Daniels Distillery and Fire Station and equipment. In-depth discussion on specialized plant fire protection issues and training.	
Transportation back to Conference Hotel	Bus Transportation	Closing of the 2005 Annual NAFTD Conference in Tennessee.	

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Adam Piskura	Connecticut Fire Academy	Director
Richard Jaehne	Illinois Fire Service Institute	Director
Richard Mason	New Hampshire Division of Training	Director
Steve Willis	Maine Fire Training	Administrator
Edward Roper	South Carolina Fire Academy	Superintendent
Ralph Brown	OSU - Fire Service Training	Director
Michael Kernan	Delaware State Fire School	Director
Thomas Jaros	South Dakota State Fire Marshal - Fire Service Training	Deputy State Fire Marshal
Randy Novak	Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau	Bureau Chief
Jerry Laughlin	Alabama Fire College	Asst. Exec. Director
Steven Edwards	Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute	Director
Gary Wilson	Missouri State Training	Director
Joe Hanson	Nebraska State Fire Marshal - Training Division	Training Manager
Jeff Maxfield	Utah Fire & Rescue Academy	Director
Lynne Lofquist	Ontario Fire Marshal's Office	Sr. Section Manger
Andrew Dickinson	New York State Fire Prevention & Control	Chief-Fire services
John Cunningham	Nova Scotia Firefighters School	Operations Manager
James Schneider	Indiana DHS	Fire Training Mgr.
Bradley Thatcher	Indiana DHS	Director
James Hawke	Nevada State Fire Marshal	Superintendent
Lois Hartman	North Dakota FF Assoc.	Executive Director
David Hedrick	Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy	Director