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Quarterly Meeting In Person & Remote Attendance February 11, 2026

General Minutes

Attendance:

MacKenzie Burnette
Mike Chorney
Jonathan Lane
Michael Tatum
Amy Flieg
Jason Councilman
Brian Booe
Chadwick Allen
David Dillon
Jacob Burleson

Karl Heugerich
Kevin P
Paul Buchanan
James Meyers
Natasha Byrd
Stan Smith
Robert McSorley
Terry Smith
George Gay
Martin Hicks

Richard Waters
Joanna Gaskins
Jason Easter
Jonathan Juhl
Doug Morrow
Lewis G
Jesse Watts
Chris Stowe
Brian Kelly

See supplement for additional.

Meeting called to order @ 1313

Welcome- Tim Henshaw

Invocation- Tony Smart

Previous Minutes- Brittany Lingle
Motion Passed

Treasurer Report- Thomas Raper
Motion Passed

Old Business:

By Laws- expansion of regional directors
Brought to the general membership in November
Motion passed

Committee Reports:

David Rittlinger- OSFM
Fully staffed throughout all trades
Bill- privatizing inspections

Charlie Johnson- OSFM

1. **OSFM Updates** – bottom of homepage – Press Releases, Newsletters, Events – Calendar
 - a. **NEW** Quarterly Newsletter - The North Carolina Fire Marshal Journal
2. **BCC Updates** –

- a. Still waiting on General Assembly to confirm Building Code Council and Residential Code Council appointments – the code effective date cannot be established until the Residential Code Council appointments have been confirmed. Website link for information about 2024 codes effective date: [Codes - Current and Past | OSFM](#)
3. **NCFMA CE – 2024 NC Fire Code Update Classes**
 - a. February 12, Chatham County EOC -112 Innovation Way Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
 - b. March 12, - Morehead City, NC 28557 (Specific location TBD)
 - c. April 16, Kernersville Fire Station 42, 1180 NC Highway 66 South, Kernersville, NC 27284
 - d. May 21, Charlotte, NC (Specific location TBD)
 - e. Other class possibly in Wake County area - TBD?
 4. **Fire Code Revision Committee** – Met on January 6th – Update from Jimmy Meyers
 5. **Legislative Updates:**
 - a. The North Carolina General Assembly's short session starts on April 24, 2024, and is scheduled to run through July 31, 2025.
 6. **FM 101: [Fire Marshal 101 | OSFM](#)**
 - a. February 19-22, 2026, Tri-County CC, 21 Campus Cir., Murphy NC 28906
 - b. March 31st & April 2,7,9th, Pinehurst / Southern Pines, 405 Magnolia Rd. Pinehurst, NC 28374
 - c. May 11-14, 2026, Smithfield FD, 111 S. 4th, St. Smithfield, NC 27577
 - d. July 20-23, 2026, Winterville / Greenville Pitt Community College, 2593 Railroad St. Winterville, NC 28590
 - e. August 24-27, 2026, State Emergency Training Ctr. – Albemarle, 44301 Airport Rd. – Suite 2 New London, NC 28127
 - f. September 14-17, 2026, Laurinburg Fire Dept., 17501 Aberdeen Rd. Laurinburg, NC 28352
 - g. October 12-15, 2026, N. Wilkesboro, 1328 S. Collegiate Drive Wilkesboro, NC 28697
 - h. November 2-5, 2026, Brunswick Community College, Bolivia, Odell Williamson Auditorium 150 College Rd., NE Bolivia, NC 28422
 - i. November 12-15, 2026, Cleveland Community College, Shelby, NC, Cleveland Community College Weekend Fire School
 - j. December 1,3,8,10 2026, Charlotte Fire Department Academy, 500 Dalton Ave. Charlotte, NC 28206
 7. **COQB**
 - a. Suspension of new rules 0737-0741, directed legal and staff to develop rules to roll back to previous rules until January 1, 2027
 - b. Plans were to start teaching courses for 2024 codes in January 2026. With the suspension of new rules and uncertainty on code effective date, new code courses will also be delayed until January 1, 2027
 - c. The OSFM.Quest@ncdoi.gov is the central repository for receiving any questions/comments/issues concerning Quest testing or PSI until our contract runs out with PSI.
 8. **Fire Standard Course Committee:**
 - a. Still working to complete Fire Levels I-III
 9. **2026 Fire Prevention School** – March 16-20, 2026, Carolina Beach
 10. **ICC**
 - a. Fire Service Membership Council - Next meeting on February 19th at 1:30 pm [Fire Service Membership Council - ICC](#)
 11. **Foster Home Fire Inspection Form Changes**
 - a. New form DSS -1515 was implemented on January 15th
 - b. DSS memo, new forms (PDF and form fillable) were distributed to membership on January 17th
 12. **NASFM**
 - a. Guidance Document Regarding Fire Inspections and Consumer Fireworks – PDF available at [National Association of State Fire Marshals - Resources](#)
 - b. NASFM Homelessness & Migrant Issues Best Practices – Free online course available at [National Association of State Fire Marshals - Programs & Training](#)

2025 fire fatality 158

Cert program- Educator program release July 2026



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Instructor Jan 2027
July 2027- D/O
Hazmat- already rolled out

FIT- at AB Tech- Moved to June 2026
Hazmat tech course- Wilmington- date TBD

IFMA- Brian Kelly
Annual report- coming out but will look different
NFPA needs assessment- for the US Fire service
Openings on codes and standards committees- let Brian know
CFSI- congressional fire service institute upcoming

NFPA- Kelly Ransdell and staff
None

IAAI- John Bull
None

Educators- Leigh Kish
Accredited- start now- need to go through an assessment
Conference- 1st week in March
Conference next week for CRR

FMI- Kevin Stancil
Survey feedback- applying for 2026
Sept 21-25 dates for this year
3 tracks- investigation, code enforcement, educators
New Facebook Page
FMI specific merchandise
Bringing dinner back to hotel
Registration opens June 1 9am- room included in registration- note that on registration.

CFI- None

Cert Board- Chris Wells
Clean up procedural and personnel issues
Form committee- try to champion a certificate

Legislative- Chris Wells
May 20 Legislative day
Privatization
Single exit stairwells

Code Officials for a Safer NC- Chris Wells
Newly formed- formerly known as COCO

Fire Rescue Commission- Henshaw
Certs needs to be revised

Qualification- Jeff Tracey

No report- assign a board rep to attend all meetings

Education- Tony Smart

Record number of participants- let's do better this year

Technology- Bobby

Nothing to report

Fire Code Revision- Charlie Johnson

Things that need change- get them together and ready to present so that when code comes into effect, it can be voted on.

Construction document for fire safe construction site- part of 2024- adopted NFPA 241- document created- for site safety director for job site- required daily fire inspections by contractor- app available to complete forms.

241 Document- add to website- also downloadable

New Business:

Fire Code Revision Committee Appointment- vacancy filled by John Pinder- Beaufort

Bylaws- Tim Henshaw- changes- highlighted in yellow

90 days to review

Regional Appointments- Tim Henshaw

Appointed 3 new members as of today

Their spots will come up for election in the fall

Committee Outreach

15 committees needing more attendance/participation

Building up committee- what is their purpose?

SOGs and GOGs coming for committees

Items from the floor: None

2nd largest chapter for IFMA- we now have over 1100+ members

IAAI largest there too

Thanks to/from Rockingham County

Motion to adjourn 1453

Motion Passed