

State Wildfire Qualifications Review Committee

MINUTES

April 28, 2010

0930 - 1500

PHOENIX, AZ

MEETING CALLED BY	Susan Burger, ASFD Training Specialist
TYPE OF MEETING	Qualifications Review
ATTENDEES	Scott Hunt -ASFD, Jim Downey - ASFD Kevin Boness - ASFD, Brian Lauber – ASFD, Al Kingsley – Tubac FD, Dugger Hughes – Northwest, Bob Arthur – Globe FD, Darrell Willis – Prescott FD, Al DiBenedetto – Scottsdale FD, Chris Jessop – Show Low FD
ABSENT	Mark South – Tubac FD, Stuart Rodeffer – Northwest FD, Jayson Coil – Sedona FD
GUESTS	Mark Sachara – Ponderosa FD, Robert Evans – Tusayan FD

ITEM #1 Discussion Items		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Committee Membership (Policy 25)</u> – Scott suggested the language in Article 3.1 regarding committee membership is somewhat vague and needs to be clarified. The committee approved having Scott and Susan revise that section. Article 3.2 states that fire department representatives will serve a 2 year term. It was proposed that the term of service be extended from 2 years to 3 years. The proposal was accepted. Each fire department representative will now serve a 3 year term. • <u>Initiating Task Books</u> – Proposal was discussed: If a person has previously been approved by the committee to open a task book that is in a combined position task book (i.e. ENGB in the Single Resource Boss task book) then committee review would not be necessary to open additional task books during the fire season provided the additional position is included in the combined task book (FIRB in the Single Resource Boss task book) that has already been approved. It was determined that because the By-Laws currently allow for email reviews during the fire season and the State Forester has the authority to grant emergency certification, the current practice of reviewing the initiation of all new task books remain unaltered. It was suggested that people could request to initiate multiple task books if they wish to work on qualifications concurrently. • <u>All-Risk Incidents</u> – Question was posed: Could the hours spent on an All-Risk incident be considered as valid fireline experience when considering a candidates certification status? The committee acknowledged that while hours spent on an All-Risk incident are valuable they are not the same as fireline hours and red cards are intended to reflect Wildland Fire Qualifications. Rather than establish a set amount or percentage of allowable All-Risk incident hours, the committee opted to make this determination on a case by case basis when individuals submit All-Risk hours for consideration. • <u>Faller Certification</u>: - Vicki Christiansen relayed the message, through Scott Hunt, that she will sign the Faller Certification Proposal. Until the State Faller Certification plan is fully implemented each department should continue with their current practice for certifying their Fallers. • <u>Purpose and Powers (Policy 25)</u> – 2.1.b reads that the committee will provide oversight for the certifications of those participating at the level of ICT3. The committee has been reviewing for certifications at the level of ICT4 and above. Policy 25 will be revised to reflect current practice. • <u>PMS 310-1</u>: - Lengthy discussion concerning the following statements in the 310-1: “Once qualified as a Strike Team Leader, any additional Single Resource Boss qualifications will allow agencies to qualify the individual in the corresponding Strike Team Leader position.” (p.22) and “If a TFLD meets the prerequisite experience and qualifications of a STL, the appropriate STL qualification may be granted by the certifying official.” (p.23). The Committee has agreed to manage these requests on a case by case basis. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Make the recommended changes to Policy #25	Scott Hunt	ASAP

ITEM #2	Reviews
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BEAUDOIN, Gene - State Forestry:</u> Completed FACL task book - approved. • <u>BEERY, Robb - Hellsgate FD:</u> Initiate FBAN/LTAN task book – approved. • <u>BELL, Troy - Heber-Overgaard FD:</u> Initiate ICT4 task book - approved • <u>BENNETT, Jason - Prescott FD:</u> Initiate TFLD & FELB task book – approved. • <u>BENTLY, Todd – Groom Creek FD:</u> Initiate DMOB & RESL task book – approved. • <u>BLUE, Brandon – Highlands FD:</u> Initiate CRWB task book – approved; Initiate ICT4 task book – Committee requesting complete required 80 hours as qualified ENGB to include assignments as stated in the State Minimum Experience Guidelines. • <u>BYRD, Mike – Buckskin FD:</u> Request ENGB Qualification based on Experience; approved to initiate ENGB task book. • <u>DECK, Duane – Summit FD:</u> Completed ENGB task book - approved • <u>DEVENNEY, Eric James - Pinewood FD:</u> Completed CRWB task book – approved; Initiate ENGB & FIRB task books approved; Initiate ICT4 task book – Committee requesting complete required 80 hours as qualified ENGB to include assignments as stated in the State Minimum Experience Guidelines. • <u>DILLAHUNTY, Tina – Summit FD:</u> Request initiate COST task book; approved. • <u>EARLS, Brian – Wickenburg FD:</u> Time expired on current ENGB task book request to initiate new ENGB task book – approved. • <u>ERICKSON, Shelby – Highlands FD:</u> Approve STEN & STCR based on 310-1 Note re: TFLD qualification – approved. Initiate DIVS task book - approved • <u>EVANS, Robert – Tusayan FD:</u> Completed ENGB task book – approved. • <u>FOLLETT, David – Crown King FD:</u> New File; requesting Committee to review file and declare qualifications – Committee needs additional information (task books/requested qualifications) then will review file. • <u>FOREMAN, Dirch – Highlands FD:</u> Approve STCR based on 310-1 Note re: TFLD qualification – approved. • <u>HENNINGSEN, Kirby – Highlands FD:</u> Has been inactive as ENGB outside of district for a season, quals still current, request recertification for ENGB - approved. • <u>HILTON, Jon – Camp Verde FD:</u> Initiate ENGB task book – approved. • <u>LAWSON, Aaron – Prescott FD:</u> Approve STCR based on 310-1 Note re: TFLD qualification – approved. Initiate FIRB & DOZB task book – approved. • <u>LOPEZ, Thomas – Show Low FD:</u> Complete ENGB task book – Committee requests continue to work on ENGB task book as additional hours are needed to satisfy State Minimum Experience Guidelines. Current ENGB task book expired – Committee approved initiate new ENGB task book. Initiate ICT4 task book – approved. • <u>McGAUGHEY, Tim – Chandler FD:</u> Re-certify ENGB task book, qualification is current – approved. • <u>McMURTRIE, Steve – Fry FD:</u> New File – Committee approved ATVO, CRWB, ENGB, FALB, FFT1, FFT2, FIRB, HECM, ICT4, ICT5 Qualifications per IQCS master record. • <u>MILLER, Andrew – Casa Grande FD:</u> Complete ENGB task book – approved. • <u>MORK, Austin – Prescott FD:</u> Initiate CRWB & DOZB task books – Committee approved contingent on fire experience logs demonstrating requesting (1) additional training to meet the required hours as stated in the State Minimum Experience Guidelines. • <u>POND, Jim – Highlands FD:</u> Initiate FOBS task book - approved. • <u>PRATT, Leonard – Pima County:</u> Initiate DOCL task book – approved. • <u>RUSSELL, Russ – Houston Mesa FD:</u> Request ENGB based on experience - Committee approved contingent upon fire experience logs and Training Certificate for S-290. Committee strongly recommends S-234 within the next year. • <u>SACHARA, Mark – Ponderosa FD:</u> Initiate SECM & SOFR task books – approved. Request INVF qualification – Committee relegates that qualification to departments determination. • <u>SAVAGE, Bryan – Lakeside FD:</u> Request TFLD using experience and crosswalk - Committee requests additional documentation (fire experience logs) then will review.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SMITH, Paul – Department of Corrections:</u> Initiate CRWB task book – approved. • <u>STOUT, Jim – Casa Grande FD:</u> Initiate FIRB task book – approved. • <u>TEMEROWSKI, Ed - Wickenburg FD:</u> Current ENGB task book will expire 5/19/2010 request to initiate new ENGB task book – approved. • <u>WILLIS, Darrell – Prescott FD:</u> Approve OPBD based on experience - approved. • <u>YEOH, Andy - Tucson FD:</u> Initiate DOCL task book - approved. 	
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Update ROSS/Red Cards accordingly	Susan Burger	ASAP
ITEM #3	Next Meeting Date – October 6th 0930-1500	
CONCLUSIONS		