

Fire Policy Committee Minutes
August 23, 2023

The Fire Policy Committee (FPC) of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) held a regular meeting on August 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at the Oregon Public Safety Academy located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Members:

James Oeder, Chair, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
Ryan Gillespie (Designee Andy Ponce), Portland Fire & Rescue
Darren Bucich, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Rose Douglass, Oregon Fire Training Association
Tim Holschbach, Forest Protection Agencies
Vacant, Oregon Fire District Director's Association
Vacant, Non-Management Firefighter
Andre Lindauer, Public Member
Gert Zoutendijk, Oregon Fire Marshals Association

Absent Members:

Mariana Ruiz-Temple (Designee Claire McGrew), Oregon State Fire Marshal
Jim Adams, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
TaiLese Swanson, Community College Fire Programs

DPSST Staff:

Phil Castle, Director
Brian Henson, Deputy Director
Julie Olsen, Fire Program Manager
Michael Anderson, Facilities & Fleet Manager
Kayla Ballrot, Fire Certification Supervisor
Brooke Bell-Urbe, Fire Certification Specialist
Julia Budlong, Fire Program Support Specialist



1. **Introductions**

Introductions of members and staff were presented.

2. ***Minutes**

Approve the May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

- *Tim Holschbach moved that the committee approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 FPC meeting. Gert Zoutendijk seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.*

3. ***Lawrie, Andrew DPSST #42329**

Presented by Brooke Bell-Urbe

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) received an application for certification for Andrew Lawrie on May 30, 2023. During their routine background and criminal history check on applications for certification, DPSST staff found that Lawrie had a criminal conviction in his history. On April 19, 2023, Lawrie plead guilty to and was convicted of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 164.354, a Class A misdemeanor in the state of Oregon. This conviction carries a sentence of which not more than one year of imprisonment may be imposed.

Due to the misdemeanor conviction which occurred in the last five years and the underlying conduct that involves property damage, this case requires review by the FPC.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Gert Zoutendijk moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Andre Lindauer	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously
The FPC found that the time since the incident occurred, that the crime was committed against a code enforcement officer, and failure to respond to officer attempts to contact him in a timely matter to be considered as aggravating circumstances .			
The FPC found that Lawrie completing his community service prior to sentencing, having no prior criminal record, and effort and dedication to his fire department to be considered as mitigating circumstances .			
After considering the totality of the case Andre Lindauer moved to recommend a vote of <i>Action</i> to the Board for Lawrie’s application for certifications.	Rose Douglass	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously

4. *Durocher, Scott H. DPSST #42128

Presented by Brooke Bell-Urbe

DPSST received an application for certification for Scott Durocher on February 28, 2023. During their routine background and criminal history check on applications for certification, DPSST staff found that Durocher had a criminal court case in process. DPSST staff tracked the court case while waiting to receive fingerprints from Durocher. On March 13, 2023, Durocher plead guilty to and was convicted of Harassment, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.065(4), a Class A misdemeanor in the state of Oregon. This conviction carries a sentence of which not more than one year of imprisonment may be imposed.

Due to the misdemeanor conviction which occurred in the last five years, and the underlying conduct that involves violence against a person, this case requires review by the FPC.

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Gert Zoutendijk moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Andy Ponce	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously
The FPC found that Durocher being actively employed as a Fire Fighter at the time of the incident, committing the crime while minors were present, and the potential pattern of violent behavior to be considered as aggravating circumstances .			
The FPC found the letter from his fire department as a mitigating circumstance			
After considering the totality of the case Andre Lindauer moved to recommend a vote of <i>Action</i> to the Board for Durocher's application for certifications.	Gert Zoutendijk	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously

5. *Brotherton, Dakota F. DPSST #42387

Presented by Brooke Bell-Urbe

DPSST received an application for certification for Dakota Brotherton on May 9, 2023. During their routine background and criminal history check on applications for certification, DPSST staff found that Brotherton had a criminal conviction in his history. On February 2, 2023, Brotherton plead guilty to and was convicted of Harassment, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.065(3), a Class B misdemeanor in the state of Oregon. This conviction carries a sentence of which not more than one year of imprisonment may be imposed.

Due to the misdemeanor conviction which occurred in the last five years and the underlying conduct that involves violence against a person, this case requires review by the Fire Policy Committee (FPC).

Vote/Consensus	Second	Vote	Outcome
Rose Douglass moved that the FPC adopt the staff report as the record upon which its recommendations are based.	Gert Zoutendijk	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously
The FPC found that Brotherton being actively employed as a Fire Fighter at the time of the incident, his pattern of behavior, and his threats to be considered as aggravating circumstances .			
The majority of the FPC found that his honesty and cooperation with Law Enforcement to be considered as mitigating circumstances .			
After considering the totality of the case Gert Zoutendijk moved to recommend a vote of <i>Action</i> to the Board for Brotherton’s application for certifications.	Andy Ponce	7 ayes	Motion passes unanimously

6. *Firefighter Brandon Norbury – Gresham Fire Department, Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Wall Nomination

Presented by Brooke Bell-Uribe

On February 3, 2023, after participating in routine hose evolution training, Brandon Norbury of Gresham Fire Department suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed on the training ground. Despite life-saving efforts of other fire department members, Brandon Norbury was pronounced dead after being rushed to Portland Adventist Hospital.

- *Andre Lindauer moved that the committee approve adding Brandon Norbury to the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Wall. Gert Zoutendijk seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.*

7. Agency Updates

Kayla Ballrot presents:

- District Liaison Officer (DLO) Conference is being planned. More information to come.

- Winter Fire School registration is expected to open next month.

Julie Olsen presents:

- Four individuals are currently in background for the vacant District Fire Training Coordinators and Fire Trainer positions.
- A reminder that the only Fire Program props that can be utilized without DPSST staff are:
 - Forcible Entry
 - Ventilation
 - Mayday
- Please follow the proper check-in and check-out procedures for each prop and we ask to have a minimum of 10-15 individuals attend each training session.
- A Fire Training Program staff is working on becoming an ICS-300 and ICS-400 instructor.
- The Fire Program is continuing to offer National Fire Academy (NFA) courses throughout the state.
- The Fire Program would like to reassure we are doing all we can to ensure fire trainings will have the space to occur on campus even with the implementation of increased Basic Police classes.

Phil Castle Presents:

- Thank you to the FPC Members for their dedication and service.
- DPSST is exploring options to maintain space on campus for fire trainings.
- DPSST is launching the Strategic Plan in September.

8. Next Fire Policy Committee Meeting – November 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:07 a.m.