

State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council

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The Council is composed of 11 voting members from:

- Iowa Firemen's Association (2 Members)
- Iowa Fire Chiefs' Association (2 Members)
- Iowa Association of Professional Fire Fighters (1 Member)
- Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs (2 Members)
- Iowa Fire Fighters Group (1 Member)
- Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (1 Member)
- General Public (2 Members)

(The labor commissioner, or the labor commissioner's designee, shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the Council.)

History of SFSERC

- **Established in 2001**
- **Joint Council – Gone**
- **Initial Primary Emphasis**
Minimum Training Standard
- **Representative Council**
Council Action Forms - CAF

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Responsibilities of Council as established by State Code Section 100B

100B.2 Duties of Council

1. Advise and confer with the State Fire Marshal in matters relating to fire protection services, including, but not limited to training.
2. Cooperate with and assist agencies concerning fire emergency services matters and may, at the request of the State Fire Marshal for the or the Chair, hold public hearings for the purpose of seeking resolution of, or making recommendation on, fire services issues.
3. Develop, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, the policies of the Fire Service Training Bureau of the division of fire protection.
4. Develop and submit to the State Fire Marshal for adoption rules establishing minimum training standards for fire service training that will be applicable statewide, periodically review these standards and offer rules as deemed appropriate.
5. Provide a recommendation to the State Fire Marshal that will facilitate the delivery of basic level fire fighter training at the local level.
6. Provide recommendations to the State Fire for a fee schedule for training and consultation services as necessary for the administration of this chapter.
7. Prepare annual performance reviews of training administrators for submittal to the State Fire Marshal.
8. Hear testimony from the labor commissioner, or designee, on inspections and investigations involving occupational safety and health standards for fire fighters and conducted by the office of the labor commissioner.

100B.5

9. Prepare an annual budget for the council and the Fire Service Training Bureau.

100B.6

10. Assist in operation of a Fire Service Training Bureau for instruction the general public and fire protection personnel throughout the state, providing service to methods of maintain and improving fire education consistent with

Past Council Votes

- **A Plan for the Development of:**
 - Comprehensive State Fire Service Training Facility
 - Regional Fire Service Training Centers
 - Mobile Fire Service Training Units
- **The “Facilities Plan”**

3 Tiered Facilities Plan

1. **Regional Training Centers**
2. **Mobile Training Apparatus**
3. **State of Iowa Facility**
Fire Service Training Bureau

Each tier has an integral part in the delivery of training to Iowa’s firefighters

Regional Training Centers

- **2005/6 Historic Year for Progress**
- **Provides training close to departments**
- **Provides basic and intermediate level training**
- **Provides high demand training (i.e. FF1 & FF2)**
- **Provides small to medium group size training**

Mobile Training Apparatus

- Provides introductory or basic training in required skills
- Delivers training to the fire department's door
- Provides hands on training
- Introduces hazardous environment training in a controllable situation

State of Iowa Facility

- Provides training using resources not economically viable to replicate in all regions
- Provides advanced level training
 - Advanced suppression skills including:
 - Survivability Training
 - Smoke Divers
 - Rapid Intervention Teams
 - Decision Making Scenarios
 - Large scale incident response
 - Cross Jurisdictional response
 - Inter agency response

State of Iowa Facility (Cont'd)

- Provides low demand yet necessary training in specialty areas:
 - Arson Investigation
 - Confined space
 - High Angle Rescue
 - Trench Rescue

Fire Service Training Bureau

Fire Service Training Bureau

Provides resources for:

- State and Local Agencies
- Community Colleges
- National Fire Academy
- Regional Training Centers

And must respond to the changing matrix providing new opportunities

State and Local Agencies

Recently provided training to or for:

- Department of Transportation
- Department of Public Safety, including the State Patrol
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division
- Department of Inspection and Appeals
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- Department of Corrections

Community Colleges

Partners with community colleges:

- Firefighter I and Firefighter 2
- Supports regional fire schools

National Fire Academy

Is the State's point of contact for all federal firefighter programs including:

- Support for Nine (9) Direct Deliveries (NFA Short Courses – 12 to 16 hours)
- Support for One (1) Regional Delivery (NFA 1 or 2 week course)
- Support of State Fire Training Systems – annual training grant = \$28,000

Regional Training Centers

- The changing matrix providing new opportunities:
 - Support & approval for new and innovative classes
 - Curriculum development
 - Consistency
 - Accuracy
- Certification Programs

Regional Training Centers (cont'd)

- Delivery of courses and trainers
- Data Collection
- Present Law calls for collection and disbursement of class revenue

Requests & Recommendations

- Administrative:
 - Change the collection of training revenue
 - Clarify what if any role the legislature wants the Council to provide
 - Obtain cost estimates for capital expenditures related to the construction of regional training centers, the State of Iowa Training Center, and Mobile Training Apparatus

Requests & Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Capital Projects:
 - Continue the momentum funding the capital costs for construction of regional training centers
 - Fund the construction of a State Training Center
 - Fund the acquisition of mobile training apparatus
- General Fund:
 - Adequately fund the annual budget of FSTB
