

Minutes of the Feb 2009 VSFSI Meeting  
Virginia Beach Fire Chiefs Expo  
Friday February 20, 2009  
13:00

VSFSI Officers Present:

Mike Glass – President

Mike Armstrong – Virginia Fire Services Board Member representing VSFSI

Others attending

Don Hansen – VDFP

Tommy Fuqua – Immediate Past VFSB Member for VSFSI

Tom Zirkle

Sign in Sheet passed around.

Report from VDFP (Don Hansen):

- There will not be a 2009 or 2010 Instructor College.
- Train the trainers will be conducted as needed per division.
- Changes to Train the Trainer process –new instructors must obtain the class, then obtain the T-T-T, then must be mentored by a senior instructor of the course (shadowed).
- Instructor Upgrade being changed to Instructor orientation,. This class will be conducted by a Fire Programs division chief.
- The new VDFP State Instructor Manual will be available online (March 2009). Vafire.com.
- July 2009, all VDFP programs will implement a time limit for written testing.
- Probably will not have Training Mini Grants until after 2011 due to lack of funding.
- Burn Building Grants -issues – Montgomery and Franklin Counties.
- Stakeholder Committees developed and presented new minimum training standards for Firefighters, Driver/Operators, and Officers. See web site for details.
- MayDay Awareness train-the-trainer is now online

**Presidents report:**

Mike Glass – Reported that the Instructor Society is looking at supporting the Va Fire Officers Academy by funding two students – one volunteer and one career fire officer at \$200 each.

**Secretary/Treasures Report** – Current balance is \$1455.00

**Comments from the public:** None.

**New business:** Revised (recommendations) Bylaws and Constitution on VSFSI web site. Advised everyone to read over revisions and make comments in the next 30 days. After 30 days, revisions will be voted on by all current members via email to VSFSI officers (60 days).

Trying to become recognized as a State Chapter of the ISFSI. This requires that 25 members sign up for the ISFSI to become a state chapter. Decided that any member who signs up for International SFSI will get three years members to VSFSI free.

**Old Business:** Still trying to develop a mission statement for the organization. Will involve supporting statewide training and education opportunities.

Checking account set up in Roanoke with new Sec – Treasurer Bill Meador.  
Bill has the W-9.  
Bill and mike Glass working on tax exempt status (paperwork).

Will be revising goals of the organization.

**Adjournment – 14:00**