**FST Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 07/15/2024**

Attendees:

Steve Berg, Toby Robinson, Travis Myklebust, Bill Deruyter, Mark Mendez, Jamie Hoover, Dustin Mirmontazeri, Nick Terry, Darrin Raskopf, Tim Atwood, Cindy Cook, Matthew Frisbie, Sandi Wiensz, Brad Terry

**Membership Update**; Steve Berg , Membership Extended term following his vote as the Committee Chair. Mark Mendez term expired 6/30/24 will remain until extension/replacement is determined. Jamie Hoover is now District 4 Representative replacing Shannon Tolman. Bill Deruyter, IFCA Representative awaiting to hear from IFCA if Bill will remain as the Rep.

Old Business

* NFA Classes; FY24-25 Class Schedule sent out to IFCA and Council. Nampa August class is full. Selkirk September WUI class, Update 7/26 is filling up. Special Notice from NFA NFPA 1400 Road Map for the Modern Fire Instructor. FST requested to host in Meridian between October 2024 and August 2025. Awaiting Confirmation and dates.
* Forcible Entry Trailer/Prop: Still being assembled/branded. Update 7/26 Irons for East Idaho hub are delivered for East Idaho Trailer.
* HAZMAT Revision; 7/23-7/25 Travis Myklebust, Scott Williams, Bill Steele and Fritz Wiedenhoff are Validating tests and IFSAC Correlation for HAZMAT OPS and Awareness for new 4th Edition. Update 7/26, meetings completed and will be compiled.
* Asset Rotation/Location: Rotation Updated to Council. Rope Rescue Trailers still not in service awaiting soft good replacement, in process. Draeger will move from Downey to Glenns Ferry next week.
* SOG Equivalency Review

New Business

Upcoming; FST Live Fire Training Prop use, facial hair/mask seal policy.

* Connect August Boise Aug 2nd: 0800-11:30 in person at Renaissance High School, Meridian or Zoom. Forum for school fire programs to industry. Meeting the needs of the Idaho Fire Service. Contact FST if you would like to attend.
* Certs Update: Testing/ Training; Testing Certifications are all up to date and sent. Training Certs waiting on 20 Courses for docs. Matt sent out emails. 17 were turned in from last month. Now sending out digital copies with JotForm available.
* FEMA NFPA 1400 Class Meridian sometime between October 2024 and August 2025
* AFG Training Grant Application; Not done. Update 7/26 Deadline has been extended. FST will be trying to put in for a $20,000 training grant. AFG Grant extended to 2030. FST will work on a grant for FY26. Matching funds must be alotted and budgeted for the FST Share up to $70,000.
* **Council Discussion SOG Changes Revision**
  + **Equivalency Review**: Proposed Changes were sent out to Advisory Council 6/25/2024. Main Topic Changes: Old Equivalency required state testing and unspecified training subjects and hours. New Equivalency requires Agency Training Certification. Equivalency intent is to allow a fire fighter to be equivalent to the level they are currently trained/employed and IFSAC Test to the next level. Equivalency is NOT a certification. Discussion was positive for the change, no negative.

Equivalency Topic Not Discussed: Change from Old Equivalency Application and documentation sent to an Advisory Council Member for review to New FST completes the review of the application and documents to approve Equivalency.

Accomodation for Training: New ADA accommodations are available for training, (written or skills), non-physical accommodations, ie language barrier, hearing impaired, etc.

Mentoring: Change from a Mentor Instructor qualification 6 year minimum to New 3 year minimum. Change from being an approved state Level 1 instructor being mentored to an affiliated fire fighter being mentored to allow mentoring for classes prior to becoming an instructor. This will allow future instructors to build instructing topic portfolios during their career and broaden the number of topics with instructors. Mentor Instructors still have input on the abilities of the mentoring instructors. Wording also allows consultant instructors to mentor instructor candidates. SOG still in process of implementing the changes and will be published to reflect the changes before the September Advisory Council Meeting.

* + **SOG Hazardous Materials Revision Update/ Mission Specific Competencies 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6**

**Mission-Specific Competencies from NFPA 1072:**

* 1. **Personal Protective Equipment**
  2. **Mass Decontamination**
  3. **Technical Decontamination**

1. **6.4 Product Control**

Cindy Cook: FST had been including Mission Specific Competencies 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 in the IFSAC HAZMAT Certification for several years and was discussed with prior councils and FST staff. Cindy contacted IFSAC and discovered that 6.2 and 6.6 could be tested with HAZMAT Core Awareness and Operations. 6.3 and 6.4 are required to test separately and should not be included with Core.

HAZMAT Awareness and Operations Core are required as prerequisites for Fire Fighter I. The MSC were included in the requirements for FST HAZMAT prerequisites for Fire Fighter I with Idaho FST IFSAC prerequisites for testing, reciprocity and equivalency. This increased requirement makes attaining prerequisistes more difficult and testing for 6.3/6.4 require specialized resources. Change SOG to testing for Hazardous Materials Operations Core separate from Mission Specific Competencies. Mission Specific Competencies can be tested by request of the agency to add to the testing candidates certification but not required for Fire Fighter I prerequisite. NOTE: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 are changing numbers to 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.6 with the change from 3rd Edition to 4th Edition.

Discussion initiated by Travis Myklebust asking if any members knew why the MSC’s had been included in the requirements. Dustin agreed to have testing for MSC separate but allow agencies to request the MSC’s. Much discussion on how to accomplish the MSC’s with testing. It appears when the MSC’s were implemented that it was not clear what the requirements were at the time. Local AHJ verification may be a route for some MSC’s.

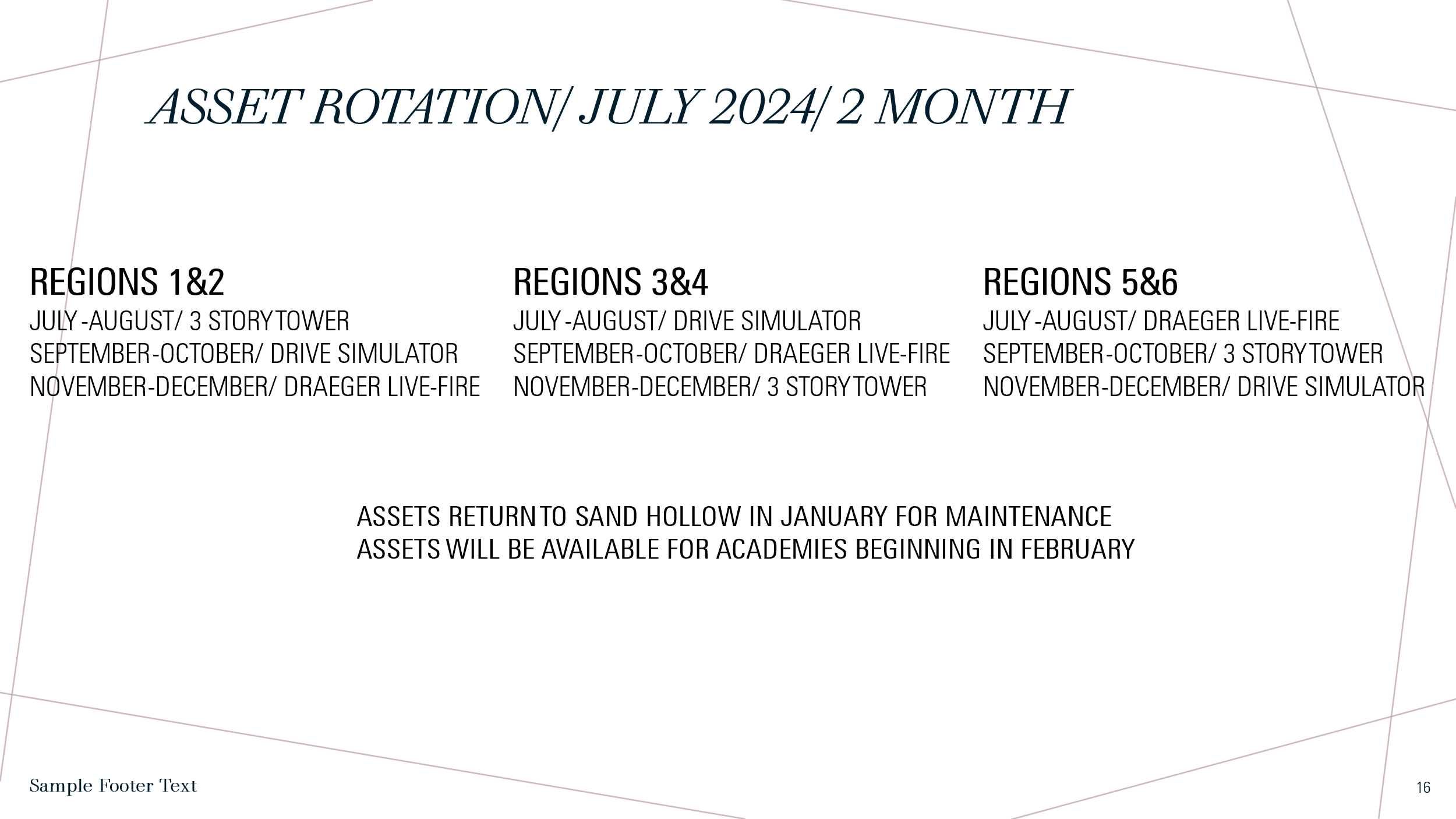
Jamie Hoover asked for clarification on Fire Instructor level requirements. Is Fire Fighter II a prerequisite for Fire Instructor I? SOG states Fire Fighter I is a prerequisite for Fire Instructor.

**Next Advisory Council Meeting: September 9, 2024**

**Note the date change to September 9, 2024 due to holiday on the 2nd.**

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