

Arizona State Wildfire Qualification Review Committee

MINUTES **April 25, 2011**

1000 – 1530

TUCSON, AZ

MEETING CALLED BY	Susan Burger, AZSF Training Specialist
TYPE OF MEETING	Qualifications Review
ATTENDEES	Jim Downey – AZSF, Darrell Willis – Prescott FD, Al DiBenedetto – Scottsdale FD, Kevin Boness - AZSF, Chris Jessop – Show Low FD, Brian Lauber – AZSF, Stu Rodeffer – Northwest FD, Dugger Hughes – Northwest FD, Al Kingsley – Tubac FD
ABSENT	Bob Arthur –Globe FD, Jayson Coil – Sedona FD, , Mark South – Tubac FD
GUESTS	Scott Brumagin – Arivaca FD, Kathy Brumagin – Arivaca FD, Jim EtsHokin – AZSF Az. Dan Wills – AZSF

ITEM #1 Discussion Items

- **Faller Qualifications:** The Chain Saw Program is in its transitional period. If a red card is issued by Az. Forestry, the documentation for all faller qualifications (S-212, task book, and/or stump analysis) must be submitted to Susan Burger to have the qualification included on the red card. All FALB and FALC qualifications will be reviewed by the committee prior to being included on the red card. The C Certifier qualification is included in the transition plan and is being assessed directly by the Qualification Review Committee until the Chain Saw Program Sub-Committee is operational. The FALB and FALC qualifications now require Committee Approval prior to initiating a task book for those positions as well as to be approved for the qualification when the task book is complete. A red card that includes the FALB or FALC qualification will be issued by Az. Forestry.
- **Faller Expiration Dates** If it has been 3 years or more since completing S-212 or since completing the relevant Faller Task Book/Stump Assessment, then the Faller qualification has expired. Those expired qualifications were not included on the 2011 Red Cards that were issued by Az. Forestry. In reviewing training files, however, it was noted that there are a significant number of Faller Certifications that have expired. The question was brought to the committee to determine if all of these people would need to start over with a new Az. Forestry Faller Task Book or if there would be an alternative provided that would allow them to re-certify. Secondly, the committee was asked to identify a deadline for the re-certification transitional period. After some careful discussion the committee has decided the following:
 - **For FALA qualifications that have expired:** The qualification will be included on the Red Card for 2011. To keep the qualification for 2012, either the S-212 course needs to be completed again or a stump analysis (administered by a qualified FALB or FALC) identifying the person as a FALA must be submitted.
 - **For FALB qualifications that have expired:** The qualification will be included on the Red Card for 2011. To keep the qualification for 2012, a stump analysis (administered by a qualified FALC) identifying the person as FALB must be submitted and approved by the committee.
 - **For FALC qualifications that have expired:** The qualification will be included on the Red Card for 2011. To keep the qualification for 2012, a stump analysis (administered by a qualified C Certifier) identifying the person as FALC must be submitted and approved by the committee.
 - **December 31st 2011:** If the Stump Analysis for the expired qualification is not completed by December 31st, 2011 the person will be required to initiate a new task book for the qualification they are seeking per the Chain Saw Program.
- **Annual Refresher and 3 Year Recertification/Training.** The Committee discussed a variety of ideas, options and considerations regarding the Annual Refresher and the 3 Year Recertification & Training requirements that are included in the Chain Saw Program. The refresher training schedule and curricula has not been set. Implementation for the Recertification and Training that is required every 3 years is also not established. The Qualification Review Committee is requesting that the Chain Saw Program Development Committee re-convene to develop and propose a plan for establishing these necessary components of the Chain Saw Program. The members of the previous committee as identified in the April 1, 2008 Minutes are: Kevin Boness as Lead with Mark Shiery, Bob Arthur, Jim EtsHokin, Chris Jessop, Stu Rodeffer, Jayson Coil, and Duane Steinbrink. If the original members of the Chain Saw Program Development Committee are no longer available new committee members will be identified as needed.
- **LIAISON OFFICER Trainee:** The Training Specialist is receiving an influx of requests for LOFR(t). The Committee will review and approve or decline requests for LOFR(t). Some conversation was had discussing potential pre-requisite requirements for LOFR(t) but no changes will be implemented at this time.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Instate Faller Certifications per documentation received. • Chain Saw Program Development Committee to re-convene to identify the Annual Refresher and 3 Year Recertification & Training requirements. 	Susan Burger Kevin Boness	Ongoing Update Committee 9/26/11

ITEM #2 File Reviews

CONCLUSIONS

- **ARCHER, Jeffrey – Groom Creek FD:** Initiate FOBS & DOZB task book; FALB Qualification – Approved.
- **BAILEY, Kevin – Tempe FD:** Initiate PIO2 task book – Approved.
- **BAKER, Jordan – Sedona FD:** Completed ENGB task book – Request Denied. Committee approved to initiate new ENGB Task Book to give Jordan time to fulfill requirements for fireline hours and number of evaluations. The Committee also reiterates that they strongly recommend for Jordan to complete the S-234, S-260, and S-270 courses.
- **BARR, Jesse – Northwest FD:** Initiate CRWB task book – Approved.
- **BARRERAS, Joe – Az. DOC:** Completed CRWB task book – Approved.
- **BOEHM, Steven – Summit FD:** Completed FALB task book – Approved.
- **BRADLEY, Drew – Pinewood FD:** Complete FALB task book, Initiate CRWB, ENGB, FIRB task books – Approved. Committee notes that S-230 must be complete prior to completing task book.
- **BRUGLIO, Phil – Az. Forestry Phx:** Initiate CRWB task book – Approved pending submission of complete documentation.
- **BRUMAGIN, Scott – Arivaca FD:** Complete ENGB task book – Approved.
- **DiBENEDETTO, Al – Scottsdale FD:** Initiate SOFR task book – Approved.
- **DODDS, Kevin – Phoenix FD:** Recertify as ENGB; FALB – Committee requests Official letter from Rural Metro to verify experience then ENGB approved pending currency assignment with a “fully successful” task book evaluation from a wildland incident. Approved to Initiate FALB task book.
- **DUNBAR, Carissa – Prescott FD:** Initiate TIME task book – Approved.
- **ESTELLE, Steve – Az. Forestry Tus:** Completed ICT4 task book – Approved pending fire experience logs documenting required hours.
- **EVANS, Heath – Northwest FD:** Initiate DOCL task book – Approved.
- **FAGENBUSH, Chris – Casa Grande FD:** Initiate MEDL task book – Approved.
- **FISHER, Justin – Springerville FD:** Complete ENGB task book – Approved pending an off district wildland assignment with a “fully successful” task book evaluation completed by someone who has not already completed one of Justin’s task book evaluations.
- **GAYNOR, Kenneth – Az. Forestry Tus:** Transfer File – Review ASGS, DIVS, ICT3, TFLD, RXB2, STCR, STDZ, STEN, CRWB, DOZB, ENGB – Approved.
- **GEORGE, Chris – Avra Valley FD:** Recertify for ENGB – Approved pending assignment with “fully successful” task book evaluation from a wildland incident.
- **GODLESKI, Mike – Sun City FD:** Initiate FOBS task book – Approved.
- **GRAVES, Tim – Northwest FD:** Initiate FACL task book – Approved.
- **GREEN, Aaron – Az. Forestry Flagstaff:** Complete CRWB task book, Initiate FIRB task book, Initiate FOBS task book, Continue w/ FALB task book – Approved pending receipt of all required documentation.
- **HERNANDEZ, Joseph – Groom Creek FD:** Initiate ENGB task book – Approved.
- **HOPF, Greg – Camp Verde FD:** Complete ENGB & FIRB task books – Request Denied. Committee recommends for Greg to continue working on his task book, complete the required fireline hours, and the required amount and depth of wildland assignments.
- **HUNT, Jeff – Beaver Dam Littlefield FD:** Request ENGB qualification – Request Denied. The Committee requests that Jeff submit a “fully successful” evaluation from an ENGB task book (along w/ cover sheet and certification page) that is obtained on a wildland incident. In addition Jeff will need to submit a fire experience log to document his wildland experience. After the documentation has been received the committee will review his file to assess the ENGB qualification.
- **JOHNS, Martin – Summit FD:** Complete STEN task book – Approved.
- **KERN, Zeb – Phoenix FD:** Recertify CRWB & FALB; Initiate ENGB task book – Committee does not see relevance for CRWB qualification as Phoenix Fire has no Crews. Approved to Initiate ENGB task book. Approved to Initiate FALB task book.
- **LaFALCE, Tony – Casa Grande FD:** Initiate MEDL task book - Approved

- **LECHER, Chris – Hellsgate FD:** Initiate MEDL task book – Approved.
- **MAJCHRZAK, Jamie – Scottsdale FD:** Complete ENGB task book – Committee requests Official letter from Rural Metro to verify experience then ENGB approved pending currency assignment with a “fully successful” task book evaluation from a wildland incident.
- **MILLS, David – Tusayan FD:** Previous transfer file – Review for DIVS, FALC, FELB, FIRB, ICT3, ICT4, RXB1,RXB2, SOPL, STCR, STEN, TFLD, (Note – ENGB already approved by committee 8/24/2010) – Approved.
- **OJEDA, Pat – Sedona FD:** Complete ENGB task book – Approved. Committee strongly recommends that Pat complete S-234.
- **OWEN, Andrew – Pinewood FD:** Complete FALB task book; Initiate CRWB task book – Approved.
- **PARKS, Mike – Daisy Mountain FD:** Initiate FOBS & STEN task books – Approved.
- **PENDLEY, Tom – Peoria FD:** Initiate SOFR task book – Request Denied. Tom has not met pre-requisite requirements.
- **PHILLIPS, Scott – Glendale FD:** Initiate MEDL task book – Approved.
- **PISANO, Carlos – Montezuma Rimrock:** Initiate MEDL task book – Approved.
- **REIDHEAD, Kevin – Show Low FD:** Initiate ENGB task book – Committee Approved ENGB qualification pending a currency assignment on a wildland incident with a “fully successful” task book evaluation. Initiate ENGB task book and submit cover sheet immediately. Kevin can submit the certification page and evaluation when complete with his currency assignment.
- **RICE, Scott – Northwest FD:** Complete ENGB task book & Initiate MEDL task book – Approved pending documentation.
- **ROBINSON, Brian – Northwest FD:** Complete STCR & ICT4 task books; Initiate TFLD task book – STCR & ICT4 Approved. Brian can request to initiate TFLD after completing the required fireline hours.
- **ROSE, Cody – Chino Valley FD:** Complete ENGB task book – Request Denied. Fireline hours do not meet requirement. Committee suggests that Cody re-submit his file after completing additional assignments.
- **ROSS, William – ADEM:** Initiate PIO2 task book – Approved. Committee strongly recommends for William to complete the Basic Wildland Firefighter (I-100, S-130, S-190, L-180) classes.
- **SACHARA, Mark – Ponderosa FD:** Approve FALB qualification – Approved.
- **SCHLOSS, Derrick – Northwest FD:** Initiate FIRB & ICT4 task book – Approved.
- **SCHMIDT, Dana – Az. Forestry:** Initiate LOFR task book – Approved.
- **SMITH, Justin – Az. Forestry Flg:** Transfer File – Review for DOZB, ENGB(t), FALC; Initiate CRWB task book – Approved.
- **WALDORF, Mike – Golder Ranch FD:** Initiate ENGB task book – Approved.
- **WHITE, JUDITH – Az. Forestry:** Transfer File – Review for TIME – Approved.
- **WILLS, Dan – Az Forestry:** Complete COML; Initiate COMC task book – Approved.
- **WISNER, John – Hellsgate FD:** Initiate MEDL task book - Approved

	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Update IQS/ROSS/Red Cards accordingly	Susan Burger	May 17 th , 2011

CONCLUSIONS	<p>All Files and Requests that were submitted by the March 15th deadline were reviewed during this meeting as well as nearly ½ of the requests that were submitted after the deadline. The remaining requests for qualifications will be reviewed by the committee via email reviews throughout the summer beginning May 30th. The files will be processed in the order that they were received. Approximately 5 files are addressed per email review and each email review generally takes 10-14 days depending on fire activity. There are currently 15 people on the wait list for email reviews.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The deadline for your request to be included on the agenda for the September 26th review meeting is Friday, August 19th.</p>	
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NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Date: September 26th 2011.

Place: Az. Forestry State Office

Time: 1000-1530