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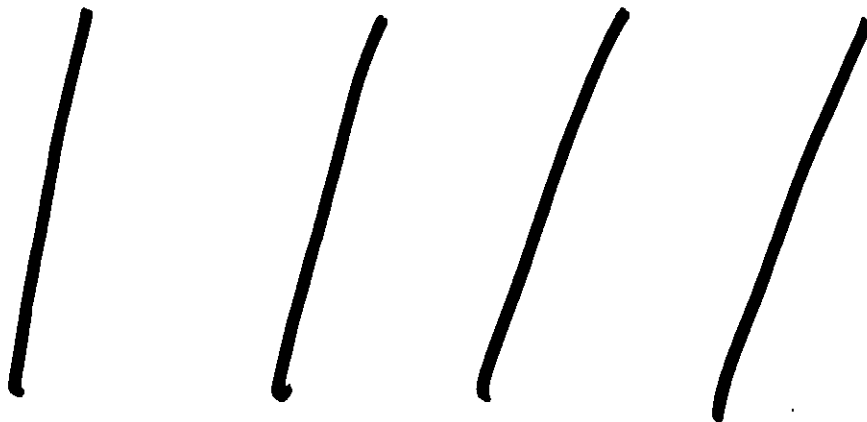
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2007 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1111

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1111

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 11, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 974

Committee Clerk Signature

Morgan Runkle

Minutes:

Rep. Haas: At this time we will open hearing on HB 1111.

Rep. Brandenburg: *I represent a district that has a number of volunteer fire fighters. This bill will allow for a structure of a volunteer firefighter commission. That way they can take care of their own things. There are people in these rural departments that don't have coverage when it comes to insurance. In my own area there was a volunteer fighter that ended up in a fire and died. It was ruled that it was a heart attack and non-related. His family got no benefits. We are trying to figure out how we could work something out for the people who are injured or that die. Looking at this bill with the fire commission this may be one of the answers. I really think there is a way to take care of this. If we have two different animals – full time fire fighters, and the volunteer fire fighters. The volunteer fire fighters are people who work for nothing. A lot of them start at 50, 60, and even 70 years old. There aren't many people who can do this job. We have high school kids that are part of the volunteer fire department. They go out on the run and help. They just can't drag these heavy hoses around. There are a number of people that are going to speak for this bill.*

Rep. Boehning: How many people are going to be on the board and who are they going to be?

Rep. Brandenburg: I think you better have the people here speak for that, I'm not real sure.

Rep. Weiler: My question is do they have a makeup for this commission?

Rep. Brandenburg: These questions can be answered by the people that are here.

Rep. Weiler: It's still not in the bill for what the makeup's supposed to be.

Rep. Brandenburg: These bills are rough right now. We are putting the bills together and making changes.

Rep. Froseth: It seems to me that two sessions ago the IBL committee allowed volunteer fire departments to include those personal in their city coverage

Rep. Brandenburg: I think that there are some things that some cities have dealing with arranging that. I think there is a problem that needs to be taken care of. Making this committee would deal with that. I think the people that are here to testify can give better answers that I can.

Rep. Kasper: Is this bill replacing something that is currently there? Is this going to be a new commission? Is this going to give the volunteer fire fighters to join this new commission instead of an old one? What actually are we not happy with and why are we doing this?

Rep. Brandenburg: There is some unhappiness out there between the full time people and the volunteers. People here can explain their side of the story and give reasons as to why they want this bill to pass.

Rep. Amerman: We tried hard last session to provide insurance to the volunteer fire fighters. Like you, that is all I have in my district. What I would like to know about is the budget. Are you saying that the DOT would come to the state and get the budget, and go through the same process?

Rep. Brandenburg: Actually this morning I was at a committee requesting appropriations of certain amounts. There are things in the making.

Daryl Graff: Testimony Attached (2)

Rep. Dahl: Certainly this was a very sad incident that happened to the Raber family. Do you feel that your interests are so different that you can't work out any sort of agreement with any of the other organizations? Your differences are so irreconcilable that you have to form a different committee?

Daryl Graff: I think it is quite clear when something as dramatic as a line of duty death occurs in the fire service and these people are more concerned about their own agenda rather than that poor family sitting there along, trying to fight for benefits. That paints a pretty clear picture to me.

Rep. Meier: How much funding are you looking for?

Daryl Graff: I think if there was \$10,000 a year program, it would allow for the distribution of the volunteer voice newspaper that talks about tactics, techniques, and legislative activity. I'm thinking about \$10,000 would be beneficial. I've been working so close with the Raber family with this. I fixed my whole heart into their despair. No family should have to suffer alone. I place my whole heart into this. I've got \$6,000 of my own money on postage. If there was some type of state help to keep in touch with the volunteer fire fighters, and in all fairness and honesty, I think this newspaper could show the minutes of board meetings with other organizations. I would just love to work with the other organizations. Past history has showed it is not very likely at this point.

Rep. Kasper: I don't disagree that the volunteers need to be taken care of better than what they are. When you showed your map, you had volunteer firefighters all over the state of ND, which are serving local counties, local cities, and so on. The members of those associations

are from those local communities. Have you tried to go to your local city or county to ask them to fund your organization?

Daryl Graff: We do have a constitute of bi-laws drawn out. It does provide for a \$50 a year annual membership dues, which will assist to some degree in the operation of the Fire Commission. It's going to be about \$4,000 to bring back the equipment from the east coast for free distribution to these departments. We haven't approached them yet. We want to see what we can do here.

Rep. Kasper: \$50 almost seems to be a ridiculous amount to be asking for. Your volunteers are helping to save the lives and the property of those people in your local area. For you to only ask for a \$50 support? I think you should be looking at \$500 or \$1000 or more from those local cities.

Daryl Graff: If you saw the budgets of these little communities out there, you should know the answer. An example is the town of Lehr, ND has an operating budget of about \$3,200. That pays for insurance, lights, and fuel for the trucks. Then they have to have a fund raiser to make sure they have enough to make it until next year. That's why it's \$50. In addition to that the ND firefighters association has a \$25 for their membership.

Rep. Wolf: In your resume you state you were a CEO, what were you the CEO of?

Daryl Graff: I was CEO of Papsid and Associates in Fargo, ND until 2001.

Rep. Wolf: Are you using a business postal meter, or a personal one?

Daryl Graff: I am using a personal postage meter. I started buying a lot of stamps so I just went and got a meter instead.

Rep. Wolf: What are you the chairman of?

Daryl Graff: The Resolve Marine group out of Fort Lauderdale, FL as their fire chief. I have a bunch of ND people that serve. We go to ship fires world wide. The ND work ethic far

outweighs the people they can employ on the coast. We have a group of people put together that respond to fires worldwide.

Rep. Wolf: Are you the chairman of this commission?

Daryl Graff: No I am not, I am the founder.

Rep. Amerman: The first two sections of the bill show some of the makeup of the fire commission. Is there a reason that you put everything under these two sections with your bi-laws and bills?

Daryl Graff: We did not put that in there. The whole packet went to the legislative council and they wrote that quite different from what we had intended. It was intended to ask for state support and recognition for this organization, primarily to assist the volunteer fire fighters.

Rep. Schneider: Is there another purpose for this organization other than the 10,000?

Daryl Graff: Yes, when it comes to various aspects of the operation of the commission, if we were a state agency we can obtain surplus equipment. We would have access to other stuff if we were an agency. It would give us the edge to get in there and make some good things happen.

Rep. Froseth: Are you presently registered as a registered commission with the secretary of state?

Daryl Graff: Yes we are.

Rep. Froseth: So you are organized. You have your officers listed with the state?

Rodney Aman: *I am the chief of Richardton, rural fire district. I am here today to tell you some stuff when you talk about running out of money before. Last month we cashed an emergency CD. Last year we used our money up for fire fighting. This morning we were at a meeting and came down and lobbied. This is the first time that there has been open hearings for firemen to get money for insurance and money for mutual aid. The first guy that came to oppose it was*

the fire association. Why? We're on the same team. That is why we started the commission up. We need something that volunteers can voice. I've been a volunteer for 25 years. I have never gone to court where we've never had backup. When George Rabor died we were by ourselves. Me and my guys were out there that day. It was a bad fire, it was hot. We didn't know he died until the night we got in when a nurse stopped by and said who perished today? We later found out. I have to go testify in court and fight for benefits. Who's going to fight for me if I have a heart attack tomorrow. Are you guys there for me? You all wear dressed up suits with name tags on that say Fire Association. That day at court you never showed up. All of the mutual aid department were in court testifying for them girls. Now again, we have fire calls where it's a bad fire and the landlord sues. We get calls from lawyers who want us to come in. Where is the fire association? They never help us out. It's always there for fire schools in the spring. It's the chief's association who looks at you like we are the small town guys. I'm here to represent the small town fire department. Our town is 700 people. We just built a brand new ethanol plant. That's a headache. All the training we have to go through now and all the hazardous material and stuff is enough to keep our commission going. I'm disgusted with the Fire association. They are not helping us out. I have nothing against paid professionals. We had 4,000 acres of burnt prairie last year. It's tough. I'm just here top say we need this commission. You have to have a voice from a smaller community. When my guys find out that there is no benefits they don't want to go. They can't afford to get hurt. Who is going to do it? We need some help.

Rep. Haas: Are there questions?

Rep, Kasper: This is the second or third time I've heard you say we need benefits. Let's say you had the \$10,000. Where is the rest of your money going to come from because that is not enough to have benefits.

Rodney Aman: We started different HB. They are trying two different things. One is a bill for mutual aid. The second one is when we came in and tried getting help.

Rep. Brandenburg: \$10,000 wont be enough to run this commission. It is a higher appropriation to deal with insurance and all that.

Rep. Kasper: These volunteer fire fighters are local to the counties and cities and townships. That is where they are fighting and doing their work. Doesn't it make sense for the funding request start at that level?

Rep. Brandenburg: The bills that are for firefighting, all those bills are used to buy equipment. Trucks, fuel, etc. In the town of Edgeley, we put a pole in the center of Main Street where we keep track of our money. We just don't have enough money to go around. Firefighter and the ambulance work together. We know that if you rolled your car you would want a good ambulance service to be there.

Bruce Schreiner: Testimony Attached (2).

Rep. Grande: Is every fire district in the sate a member?

Bruce Schreiner: Yes. Every fire protection in the state. It goes to the training programs and library. Whatever our office has is available.

Rep. Grande: Are there any special benefits you receive from being a member?

Bruce Schreiner: No.

Rep. Grande: What seems to be the major issue with Mr. Rabor?

Bruce Schreiner: I'm not sure what happened with Work Force Safety with that one. We were not invited to testify on behalf of anybody. I can say that WFS had a limited coverage for those type of events. We pay for a volunteer fire fighter, less then \$3 a year, which includes part of tax. We pay about \$1,400 a year for our staff. In addition to that they need annual physicals which add \$900. Because of that it is almost impossible for them to be covered.

Rep. Grande: On the discussion of the needs of equipment and the costs of trying to get equipment into the rural area, is it hard?

Bruce Schreiner: No, our main goal is to provide adequate training in the state of ND.

Rep. Haas: Would it be possible for your organization to assume a greater role and take a more active part in trying to find in finding equipment.

Bruce Schreiner: I would guess that would be a possibility.

Rep. Amerman: There is no state funding that goes to your organization?

Bruce Schreiner: We do not receive any funding from state or federal programs. I should back up and say as far as benefits from being a Fire Association member. I do get benefits for our involvement with the national organization. It does give us access to national things.

Rep. Amerman: You are at a budget that you turn into the office. The commission would be a new budget? Say you could get together what would you think about sharing of the two budgets?

Bruce Schreiner: We provide the training and those things. On the insurance side of it, we do not have any of that in our budget. It should probably be done through some other legislative issue. Our dollars are strictly used for running our office and training.

Rep. Wolf: Do you represent all fire fighters?

Bruce Schreiner: yes we represent all of them in state of ND.

Rep. Wolf: What this looks like to me is just disgruntled members trying to form their own? Your training is cheap.

Bruce Schreiner: I'm not exactly sure what it is about. From reading the bill it just seems that is what is being done.

Rep. Dahl: Because there are different types of fire fighters, at some point interests must diverge. Do you have ways to handle these conflicts.

Bruce Schreiner: I'm guessing there has to be, but how do you handle any other conflict.

Rep. Froseth: The fire insurance reserve fund is a portion of everyone's fire insurance policy. Does that just go into a fund for each individual fire department.

Bruce Schreiner: I do not believe so.

Rep. Froseth: How is that money distributed to the different fire departments across the state?

Bruce Schreiner: There is a formula set up by the state that is based on both population and property values. There is certain lines of insurance passed for premium. It is based on that formula. Depending on your property values for your district, that determines what you get.

Rep. Kasper: How many fire departments in ND are full time paid departments?

Bruce Schreiner: as far as I know there are four. Fargo, Grand forks, Minot, and Bismarck.

Rep. Kasper: All those volunteers including yourself have no benefits under workers comp?

Bruce Schreiner: We do have coverage under workers comp. Where the problem comes in is if you actually die because of a heart attack or stroke. In order to have coverage they have to deem the incident was twice your Norman stress level.

Rep. Kasper: So let's make this clear. Every volunteer fighter in ND is covered by workers compensation right now. The question is, is if it's a health related death like a heart attack, because it was or was not a result of fighting a fire.

Bruce Schreiner: Yes

Rep Grande: If a full time firefighter has a stroke are they covered?

Captain Rick Reeb: I was one of the initial authors of the legislation that pertains to full time paid fire fighters. When we were hired we were given a very comprehensive medical physical. Because we were deemed healthy, after that time was presumed to have been caused in the line of duty. What it did was it switched the burden of proof from us to work force safety.

Volunteer fighter's burden of proof lies with them to prove that the heart attack was caused by the job.

Rep. Haas: So if the volunteer fighters had a stroke or heart attack, if they can prove to work force safety that is was caused by fighting a fire.

Rick Reeb: if they can prove without a reasonable doubt, they are eligible for that money. You still have the coverage but the burden of proof shifts.

Rep. Amerman: You stated the career fire fighters because of the physical things they can show, a heart attack to them is presumed caused by the job. If the volunteer has a heart attack and die, he has to prove that it was caused by the job.

Jim Moe: Testimony Attached (Magazine).

Rick Graba: Testimony Attached

Rep. Karls: So the professional fire fighters do have their own organization.

Rick Graba: We are represented under the IFM local and we have our own state organizations. We have approximately over 250 members.

Rep. Haas: Your members are all members of the ND fire fighters association right?

Rick Graba: Yes we are. According to state law all fire fighters are under that.

Raymond Lambert: Testimony Attached.

Rep. Haas: Is there any other testimony in opposition to HB 1111.

Daryl Graff: Testimony Attached

Rep. Haas: We are going to close hearing on HB 1111.

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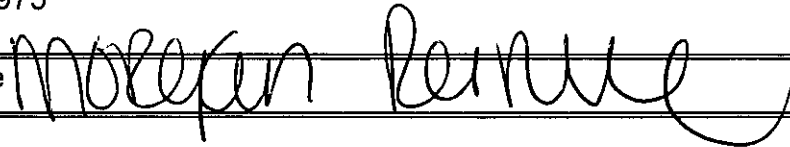
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 12, 2007

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Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Rep. Haas: As long as we just finished HB 1111 I would like to ask you if any of you feel that you need any more information prior to us acting on this bill.

Rep. Kasper: I make a motion for a do not pass.

Rep. Dahl: I second that

Rep. Haas: Is there any discussion?

Rep. Amerman: I would like to talk to Rep. Brandenburg before we act. I would feel more comfortable on doing this before we act.

Rep. Haas: Will Rep. Kasper and Rep. Dahl withdraw their motions?

Rep. Kasper: I withdraw my motion

Rep. Dahl: I withdraw mine also.

Rep. Haas: It is going to be my intent tomorrow to act on this bill. So think about that if there is any additional things you want before that. Let me know.

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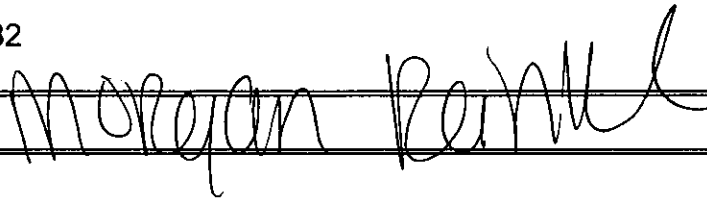
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Hearing Date: January 12, 2007

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Minutes:

Rep. Haas: Let's also look at HB 1111, on the North Dakota Fire Commission. Rep. Amerman, were you able to get an answer on your question.

Rep. Amerman: Yes

Rep. Weiler: If it's ok I would like to know what Rep. Amerman's discussion was about.

Rep. Froseth: Rep. Brandenburg said they are working with a bill in the senate to try to get some sort of a resolve as far as life insurance and health benefits.

Rep. Haas: Is there any more comments or discussions before we take action on this bill? If not, the chair will entertain a motion.

Rep. Kasper: I recommend a do not pass.

Rep. Boehning: Second

Rep. Haas: Is there any additional discussion on HB 1111, for a do not pass motion?

Committee Clerk takes roll.

Rep. Haas: The motion passes 13-0-0.

Rep. Boehning: I would like to carry this bill.

Date: 1-12-07
Roll Call Vote #:

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By KASPER Seconded By Dahl

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman			Rep. Bill Amerman		
Rep. Bette Grande V.P			Rep. Louise Potter		
Rep. Randy Boehning			Rep. Jasper Schneider		
Rep. Stacey Dahl			Rep. Lisa Wolf		
Rep. Glen Froseth					
Rep. Karen Karls					
Rep. Jim Kasper					
Rep. Lisa Meier					
Rep. Dave Weiler					

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2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1111

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Kasper Seconded By Rep. Boehning

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman	X	
Rep. Bette Grande V.P	X		Rep. Louise Potter	X	
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

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Floor Assignment Rep. Boehning

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 12, 2007 11:09 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1111: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1111 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1111

On July 31, 2004, long time Hebron Firefighter George Raber died in the line of duty while fighting a fire near Hebron. Much to the surprise of the Family and the Fire Departments throughout North Dakota, the Rabers had no Workers Comp benefits to cover any costs including ambulance, doctor or emergency room care or funeral expenses.

With over two years of work on this issue, and the need for a legislative voice for the Volunteer Fire Service of North Dakota, The North Dakota Fire Commission was organized.

This new organization already has over 55 Volunteer Fire Departments represented throughout North Dakota and has proposed three House Bills and is a firm supporter of another Fire related bill.

For years the fire service relied upon the North Dakota Firefighters Association for their legislative voice. The NFDA was the flagship, but they silently, without notification of the members, decided to turn legislative activities over to the North Dakota Fire Chiefs Association all fire departments are members of NDFA, but ND Fire Chiefs is optional, with separate membership dues, and they not all North Dakota Fire Chiefs are members.

The Fire Chiefs Association has some volunteer fire department members as officers, but is actually controlled by the Chiefs of the four major Fire Departments in North Dakota. Although they are represented today by their President, Chief Moe, who is an excellent Spokesman and Fire Chief, the overall agenda is not always in line with the needs of the little departments doing their best in rural North Dakota. An example, is when some Chiefs association directors were approached regarding workers comp benefits for the Raber family, the reply was we don't want to rock the boat and lose what we already have. This tells you who they are looking out for. The metropolitan Chiefs agenda is different than the little towns in North Dakota

The North Dakota Firefighters Association was no help to the Rabers either. A line of duty death commands the respect that a fallen soldier commands, as they both died for their country. Not only did the Firefighters Association not even send a card or flowers, they failed to back the family while the family battled with workers comp for burial benefits. Perhaps the reason there was not support from them to the family, is workers comp funded some training programs through the Firefighters Association.

These intolerable actions or lack thereof by the alleged legislative voices for the fire departments clearly show there are little departments that need a voice that will bring some justice to them for their unselfish acts every day in North Dakota.

The Fire Commission, in addition to serving as a Voice for member Volunteer Emergency Responders, has recently obtained a large quantity of used fire equipment, including fire trucks, that will be distributed to some of North Dakotas financially strapped volunteer Fire Departments that could otherwise not afford decent, updated equipment. The Fire Service at the East Coast is heavily funded, and items some Fire Departments consider old, is like "gold" to the poorer Fire Departments of North Dakota. The Fire Commission is a non-profit North Dakota Corporation and is asking the State assist in the operation of this Volunteer organization. House Bill 1111 provides for the duties of the Fire Commission and provides some funding for the Fire Commission.

You will likely receive all kinds of negative responses to this bill, but the question they all need to answer is:

"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN A BROTHER FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FAMLY WAS STRUGGELING FOR BENEFITS"

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Over 35 years professional skills in the fire – rescue industry
Certified Fire Fighting Instructor
Inventor / Patent Holder of various fire fighting products
Developed marketing plans for fire training and products
Experienced public speaker / superior communication skills
Designer of fire apparatus and appliances

FIREFIGHTING/RESCUE INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE:

North Dakota Career & Tech. Education 2004 -Present
Minnesota Certification Level IV (highest), 1990 – Present
North Dakota Firefighters Association, 1989 - Present
North Dakota State Rescue Instructor, 1980 – 2001
North Dakota Vocational Technology System, 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

North Dakota Fire Commission Founder / Member	2005 - Present
Resolve Fire & Hazard, Inc. – Resolve Marine Group Fire Response Director (Fire Chief)	2004 – Present
Fire Service Academy of ND Founder, Chief	2004 – Present
Lehr Volunteer Fire Department Training Officer	2003 – Present
Grafire / Darrell Graf Fire Service Consultant, Bismarck, ND Consultant services	2003 – Present
F.I.N.D., Inc. Medina, ND Fire Chief, founder Fire Service Academy of ND Title & address change of PEMNA FIRE STRIKE FORCE INC. Same duties as listed.	2003 - Present
B G Fire, Inc., Elgin, ND Product Development, Testing, Engineer	2003 – 2005

GRAFIRE, LTD., Fargo, ND 2002 – 2003
Product Development
CEO/President

PEMNA FIRE STRIKE FORCE, INC., Fargo, ND
501-C3 non profit fire educational organization
Fire Chief 1988- 2003
Volunteer Team for major fires/water movement
Live Burn Training

PEMNA, Fargo, ND 1981 –2001
Founder
Create and manage organizations budget
Perform extensive training at various fire schools
Created and developed new and innovative fire appliances
Generate advertising and promotional events
Design and manufacture fire trucks for national distribution
Create and publish Fire Pump Training Video class

FARGO LAW FIRMS, Fargo, ND 1984-1987
Conduct accident reconstruction for personal injury cases
Interview witnesses in civil and criminal cases

MEDINA AMBULANCE SERVICE, Medina, ND 1973-1986
Chief of Service (paid) 1985 - 1986

MEDINA FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT Medina, ND
Chief Engineer (volunteer) 1985 – 1987
Chief of Dept. (volunteer) 1984
Training Officer (volunteer) 1977 – 1983
Firefighter (volunteer) 1969 – 1977

CONTINENTAL CONT. CORP. Medina, ND 1980 - 1984
President, CEO – Federal Law Enforcement Contract

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT, Medina, ND 1982 -1983
Chief of Police

TAPPEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, Tappen, ND 1980 - 1983
Chief of Police

GACKLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Gackle, ND 1980 – 1982
Chief of Police

GRAF OIL CO, INC. Medina, ND 1977 – 1983
Vice President - Manager/Driver/Salesman

ASHLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Ashley, ND 1976 – 1977
Chief of Police

WEST COAST FIRE SERVICES, Nekoma, ND 1974 – 1976
Firefighter for the Army Nuclear Missile Facility
IAFF member – Local I-18 elected Union Steward
Top Secret Clearance U.S. Dept of Defense

EDUCATION

FIRE PROTECTION COURSE – BISMARCK STATE
COLLEGE - 2003 (4.0)

FIRE/RESCUE CLASSES IN:
ND, SD, OH, KS, TN. PA. WI, TX, MN, 1969 - Present

FIRE PUMP MECHANICS TRAINING 1989 – 1992

ND STATE RESCUE TRAINER CLASS 1980

US DEPT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT 1977

N D LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 1976

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN 1973

GRADE / HIGH SCHOOL – Medina, ND 1961 – 1973

HONORS / ACHIEVMENTS

National Registry - Who's Who (CEO) 2002
Author, "Problems, Solutions and Food for Thought for the
Fire Service" 1999
Co-Author of book "It's All About POWER!" 1999
Best of Show, ND Inventors Congress, 1987
Outstanding Service Award, Medina Fire Department 1982
Firefighter of the Year, Medina Fire Department 1979
Outstanding Young Law Officer, Ashley, ND 1977

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