

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1519

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8 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
9 the Incident Command Site Task Force; providing for
10 membership; providing for appointment of cochairs;
11 providing for travel reimbursement; providing for
12 administrative support; providing for duties;
13 requiring certain report; providing for certain
14 persons to develop a unified command protocol
15 training program for firefighters; specifying
16 training content and procedures; creating the
17 Firefighter Training Revolving Fund; providing for
18 revenues; providing for use of fund; providing for
19 expenditures; establishing the John Destry Horton
20 Oklahoma Firefighter of the Year Award; establishing
21 the Janez Case Oklahoma Emergency Medical Technician
22 of the Year Award; providing for codification;
23 providing an effective date; and declaring an
24 emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 325.2 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, to continue until September 1,
2008, the "Incident Command Site Task Force".

1 B. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members:

2 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

3 a. one member from the Oklahoma Office of Homeland

4 Security,

5 b. one member from the Oklahoma State Firefighters

6 Association, and

7 c. one member who is a rural fire coordinator with

8 incident command experience;

9 2. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the

10 Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

11 a. one member who is a firefighter with the rank of

12 officer from a rural area, and

13 b. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

14 3. Two members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore

15 of the State Senate as follows:

16 a. one member who is a firefighter with the rank of

17 officer from an urban area, and

18 b. one member of the State Senate;

19 4. The State Fire Marshal, or a designee;

20 5. The State Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and

21 Technology Education, or a designee;

22 6. The Director of Oklahoma State University Fire Service

23 Training, or a designee;

1 7. The Chair of the Oklahoma Council on Firefighter Training,
2 or a designee;

3 8. The Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
4 Food, and Forestry, or a designee;

5 9. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency
6 Management, or a designee;

7 10. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or a designee; and

8 11. The Director of the International Fire Service Training
9 Association, or a designee.

10 C. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives and the appointed member from the State Senate shall
12 serve as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the
13 first meeting of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force
14 shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a
15 vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as
16 necessary.

17 D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
18 2007.

19 E. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
20 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
21 for the Task Force.

22 F. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
23 by their respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred
24 in the performance of duties pursuant to the provisions of the State

1 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force
2 shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the
3 performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section
4 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 G. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not
6 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
7 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided
8 by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to be supplemented, if
9 necessary, by the state agencies involved in the Task Force.

10 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations of
11 appropriate incident command systems including, but not limited to,
12 unified command for managing multidiscipline and multijurisdictional
13 fire incidents occurring in this state. Recommendations shall be
14 consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

15 I. The Task Force shall publish a report of findings and
16 recommendations by September 1, 2008, including recommendations for
17 any resulting legislation.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 325.3 of Title 74, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training in
22 conjunction with the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall
23 develop a program to educate firefighters on a unified command
24 protocol for fire incidents occurring in this state. This program

1 shall be offered statewide by Oklahoma State University Fire Service
2 Training. Methods of training may include, but are not limited to:

- 3 1. Live classroom sessions with approved instructors;
- 4 2. Live exercises and drills with approved instructors;
- 5 3. Interactive television;
- 6 4. Independent study; and
- 7 5. Web-based methods.

8 B. The training program shall be in compliance with the
9 National Incident Management System (NIMS) and shall include
10 provisions consistent with the National Fire Protection Association
11 training courses.

12 C. The program shall have curriculum and training materials
13 that are consistently utilized by all training providers at all
14 training locations.

15 D. Subject to funding, these programs shall be offered at
16 facilities approved by Oklahoma State University Fire Service
17 Training and shall include, but not be limited to, other
18 institutions of higher education, Oklahoma Department of Career and
19 Technology Education facilities, local fire departments and other
20 qualified entities.

21 E. All firefighter training records for this state shall be
22 maintained by Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training and
23 shall be made available to the Oklahoma Council on Fire Training as
24 requested.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 325.4 of Title 74, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
5 for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to be designated the
6 "Firefighter Training Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
8 consist of monies received by the Office of the State Fire Marshal
9 from the General Revenue Fund or any source pursuant to the
10 provisions of any law or agreement. All monies accruing to the
11 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and
12 expended by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for payment of the
13 firefighter training programs through Oklahoma State University Fire
14 Service Training. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
15 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
16 prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval
17 and payment.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 325.5 of Title 74, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 There is hereby established the "John Destry Horton Oklahoma
22 Firefighter of the Year Award". The award shall be presented
23 annually to a distinguished firefighter for that year. The award
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1 shall be presented by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma upon
2 recommendation from The Oklahoma State Firefighters Association.

3 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 325.7 of Title 74, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby established the "Janez Case Oklahoma Emergency
7 Medical Technician of the Year Award". The award shall be presented
8 annually to a distinguished member of emergency medical services
9 personnel for that year. The award shall be presented by the
10 Governor of the State of Oklahoma upon recommendation from the
11 Oklahoma Emergency Technician Association.

12 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

13 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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