

September 11-12, 2019

**ITEM #184-2401-R0919**

**Request for authorization to appoint members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the appointment of members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council, in accordance with Montana Code Annotated, 2-15-1519 and reappoints current members whose terms expire in 2019 to serve an additional term.

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**EXPLANATION**

Montana Code Annotated, 2-15-1519, requires that the Board of Regents appoint a Fire Services Advisory Council to work with the Director of the Fire Services Training School. This item will meet the conditions set forth in said statute.

This request is for the appointment of Mathew J. Hoppel to a four-year term beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

**NOMINEE SUMMARY: Mathew J. Hoppel**

Mathew has been a part of Emergency Services for approximately 27 years, serving in many capacities including Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Response, Emergency Services Dispatch, and the Fire Service. The last 22 years have been with the Billings Fire Department in Billings, Montana. He has served in a training officer role in all areas of Emergency Service that he has been a part of. He is very active as a member of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the organization. Prior to becoming Assistant Chief, Mathew served as the department's Chief of Training for five years. This position was responsible for the overall training operations of the fire department focusing on curriculum development and delivery, as well as oversight of a budget that supported all training operations. He was responsible for the delivery of training for his department, as well as surrounding mutual aid partners.

Also, requested is the reappointment of current FSTS Advisory Council members to serve another term – from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2023:

Chris Hindoien  
Dan Clark  
Robert Brunelle  
Jason Revisky

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None