

**Statutes Governing the  
Fire Services Training School and Advisory Council**

**20-31-101. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Board" means the board of regents provided for in Article X, section 9, subsection (2), of the 1972 Montana constitution and 2-15-1505.

(2) "Council" means the fire services training advisory council provided for in 2-15-1519.

(3) "Director" means the director of the fire services training school provided for in 2-15-1518.

**20-31-102. Fire services training school -- creation -- supervision by board of regents.** There is a fire services training school. The fire services training school is allocated to the board of regents for purposes of planning and coordination. The budget request for the fire services training school shall be submitted through the board of regents. The general supervision of the school is vested in the board of regents.

**20-31-103. Purpose of school.** The purpose of the fire services training school is to:

- (1) provide fire service personnel with professional training;
- (2) identify new methods of fire prevention and suppression and disseminate information about them;
- (3) provide a resource center for use by local fire services;
- (4) provide testing and certification for personnel and apparatus; and
- (5) coordinate fire services training in the state.

**20-31-104. Coordination with other agencies.** (1) The fire services training school shall coordinate its programs and cooperate with state and local fire services to the maximum possible extent in accordance with the policy of the board of regents.

(2) The fire services training school may make its resources available, upon request of a local fire protection entity, for assistance in local emergencies.

**20-31-201. Director responsible to board.** The director is responsible to the board for carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

**20-31-202. Duties of director.** The director shall appoint a staff and execute policies and programs established by the board of regents for the fire services training school. The director is responsible for the direction of staff and operation of the school.

**20-31-301. Organization -- procedural rules -- compensation of members.** (1) The members of the fire services advisory council shall elect a presiding officer, a vice presiding officer, and other officers considered advisable by the council. The terms of the officers must be established by the council.

(2) The council shall adopt rules governing its procedures, subject to approval of the board of regents.

(3) Members of the council must receive compensation under 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

**20-31-302. Duties.** The fire services training advisory council shall advise the board and director of the fire services training school on planning, coordination, governance, management, and control of the fire services training school to promote the purposes of the school.

**20-31-401. Acceptance of gifts and grants -- contractual agreements.** The board of regents may accept gifts, donations, and grants of property and services on behalf of the fire services training school. The board may enter into contractual agreements necessary to facilitate achievement of the purposes of the school.

**20-31-402. Cost recovery fee.** The board of regents may establish a cost recovery fee for training of commercially employed firefighters, and such fees shall be deposited to the general fund.