

**COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION, PERSONNEL,
STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

Fire Commission Minutes

July 29, 2018

Louisville, Kentucky

Present:

Joe Baer
Daron Britain
Teresa Rochetti-Cantrell
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
David Goldsmith
Bill Lilly
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Kevin Tyler

Absent:

Pam Dickens
Mike Dossett
Wendell Followell
Mike Haney
Patrick Lucas
Dr. Melahn

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Joe Baer motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2018 in Lexington, Kentucky. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing thanked President Joe Bowman and the KFA for hosting this meeting and for everything they have done for the Commission. Joe Bowman thanked everyone for being here.

Loan Committee

Jim Nickell said the loan committee met this morning to discuss two loan applications. Taylorsville/ Spencer County Fire Protection District is requesting \$75,000.00 for exhaust removal systems for three stations. David Goldsmith motion to approve. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

McLean County Southern District (Sacramento) is requesting \$62,000.00 for a 2005 International pumper/tanker. Kevin Tyler motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Jim Nickell said the loan committee discussed increasing the loan amount from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The Fire Commission staff is going to do some research on this and report back to the loan committee.

Eligibility Committee

Kevin Tyler said the eligibility committee met on July 25, 2018 to review the investigation on Bronston Fire Department for falsifying documents. The committee recommended that the hours that were undocumented be removed from the training system for 2016 and 2017. Kevin Tyler said that Jerry Karriker's name appeared on the documents as the instructor. It is the recommendation of the committee to contact Jerry Karriker and give him 30 days to respond. If he does not respond within 30 days, his instructor number will be suspended and he will have to retake the methodology class. Bill Lilly motion to approve. Rick Daugherty seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said that after we took the undocumented hours out of the system for Bronston Fire Department for 2016, their percentage was 14%. For 2017, they were at 36% after taking out the undocumented hours. Bruce said they have a loan with us. In 2016, they received a partial state aid check. They have not received their 2017 state aid check yet. Bruce said we will hold their 2017 state aid check because they did not meet the training. We will send them a letter requesting reimbursement of their state aid check for 2016. Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell motion to remove the undocumented hours from the training system and request reimbursement for the 2016 state aid money and to hold their future state aid check for 2017. Daron Britain seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said Popular Springs had falsification of training records. It is the recommendation of this committee to pull the undocumented training records from the training system. Bruce Roberts said this will not drop them below the 50% for either 2016 or 2017. David Goldsmith motion to remove the undocumented hours from the training system. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said the eligibility committee recommends suspending the instructor number for Freddie Cook who was with Poplar Springs Fire Department. During the investigation, it was discovered that there were pre-signed training rosters

without the firefighters names on them left at the department. Kevin said it is the recommendation to suspend Mr. Cook's instructor number for six months and he will need to complete a methodology class. Rick Daugherty motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said Anderson County Fire Department conducted a live burn without notifying SFRT or the Commission. It is the recommendation of the committee to suspend Chief Krogman's instructor number pending his completion of the 1403 class again and then his number will be reinstated. David Goldsmith motion to approve. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said it is the recommendation of the eligibility committee to add security cameras to the state aid equipment list. Rick Daugherty motion to approve. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said we received a letter from Dr. Melahn concerning James Donnelly who passed away on February 14, 2018 from liver cancer. Dr. Melahn reviewed his records and said that he does qualify for the line of duty death benefits. Bruce said he is with Bowling Green Fire Department. Jim Nickell motion to approve. Joe Baer seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said the eligibility committee has been working with Jeremy Rodgers and Bruce Roberts on an incident appeal complaint investigative guideline. We would like to add video for FF I and II testing. Kevin said when we have appeals it will make it easier if we can see exactly what is going on. David Goldsmith motion to approve the incident appeal complaint investigative guidelines. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

Joe Baer said the finance committee met on July 9, 2018 in Lexington, Kentucky to discuss the current budget and the current finances. According to Brenda Goddard and Ronnie Day, everything is looking good. We did take action on three different issues. We have two dually trucks on order. Tiger Robinson notified us that another dually truck went down. Joe said the finance committee took action and ordered another new dually, a new Tahoe, which goes to Ronnie, and Ronnie's current Tahoe will go to Marc Rudder and a new Taurus, which will replace Bruce Robert's current vehicle. Joe Baer motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Joe Baer said the finance committee discussed a new facility for SFRT Area 1. Where they are right now is inadequate. They have located a piece of property that KCTCS owns. The finance committee moved to sign a one-year lease with KCTCS and release bids for another piece of property that would be more suitable. We requested through KCTCS that the lease be less expensive. Joe Baer motion to approve this lease for one year. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Joe Baer said Brenda Goddard brought up the issue of charging taxes for the firefighter ID cards. Brenda recommended at the finance committee meeting of eliminating the firefighter ID cards. The finance committee agrees with her. Joe Baer motion to eliminate the firefighter ID card program. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said the Fire Commission has changed SCBA's. We are in the process of picking up the old air packs at the Area offices. We sent out applications and asked the fire departments to respond and let us know if they were in need of the SCBA's. The deadline is over. As of Friday, we have 100 applications with air packs 16 years or older. Sixty-nine applications had mixed years between 2003 and up. We have 40 applications that have all new air packs from 2013 until now. Bruce said we are going to look first at the 100 applications with the older air packs. Bruce said we are storing these air packs at the CPAT building in Winchester. We will contact the fire departments and have them pick up the air packs. We are not making any deliveries.

Bruce said the bid process for the extractors was messed up the first time because one of the bids was lost in the mail. They appealed it. The bid process was opened up a second time. It was awarded this past Thursday. We have ordered ten extractors. The extractors is going to Area 10, 13, Georgetown, Williamstown, Winchester, Shelby County, Mayfield, Glasgow, Thruston Philpot and one other location. Bruce said he has received the MOA's back from these departments. Bruce said once these extractors have been installed, he will come back to the Commission and request permission for more extractors.

Fire Marshal's Office

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Joe Baer thanked Joe Bowman and the KFA for their hospitality.

Old Business

Bill Birkle said all of the frame is up for the building at SFRT Area 7. Total completion of the building should be done by November.

Correspondence

Ronnie Day said Hazard Fire School is August 24th through the 26th. The Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be on October 3, 2018 in Frankfort, Kentucky. The National Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be in Emmetsburg on October 4th through the 9th. Ronnie Day said our next Commission meeting is scheduled October 11, 2018 in Lexington Kentucky. That meeting may be moved to Ashland Kentucky.

Announcements from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.