

# **KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION**

Fire Commission Meeting

Minutes

October 14, 2021

Greenville, Kentucky

## **Present:**

Joe Choate  
Mike Haney  
Dustin Isaacs  
Josh Keats  
Ricky King  
Scott Lawson  
Lonnie Madden  
Michael Mosbey  
Dwane Smeathers  
Lloyd Stone  
Michael Sutt

## **Ex Officio Members Present:**

Joe Baer  
Wendell Followell  
Eric Philpot

## **Absent:**

Dr. Fadi  
Andrew Scott  
Tamela Kerr

## **Absent:**

Cathy Rigney

Ricky King called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (CST). Josh Keats motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2021 in Wilder Kentucky. Lloyd Stone seconded. Motion approved. Ricky King thanked Bruce Roberts, the KFA and everyone who was involved in helping with the Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort.

## **Eligibility Committee**

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility Committee met this morning. Unfortunately, we had to address two Line of Duty deaths. The first LODD was for Robert Orkies

from Zoneton Fire Department. Lloyd Stone motion to approve. Joe Choate seconded. Motion approved.

The second LODD was for Garry Key with Zoneton Fire Department. Lloyd Stone motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said we received a letter from Middle Creek Fire Department. Due to Covid, they were unable to train inhouse. Their training officer had failed to put some members inactive in the training system. They dropped below 50% for their State Aid. Chief Billiter wrote a letter to the Commission explaining what had happened. Dwane Smeathers motion to approve them receiving State Aid with the stipulations that they will be monitored closely by the Fire Commission. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

### **Training Facility Grant Committee**

Lloyd Stone said the Training Facility Grant Committee started off with 51 applications to review. These applications were narrowed down to 31 departments. Lloyd Stone read which fire departments have been approved for a Training Facility grant. They are:

| <b><u>Department Name</u></b>   | <b><u>Amount Awarded</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beattyville Fire Department     | \$20,000.00                  |
| Calloway County Fire Department | \$15,000.00                  |
| Custer Fire Department          | \$75,000.00                  |
| Danville Fire Department        | \$23,000.00                  |
| Eli Fire Department             | \$30,000.00                  |
| Fairdale Fire Department        | \$40,000.00                  |
| Glasgow Fire Department         | \$21,000.00                  |
| Grand Lakes Fire Department     | \$10,000.00                  |
| Hebron Fire Department          | \$40,000.00                  |
| Henderson Fire Department       | \$25,000.00                  |
| Kenton County                   | \$42,000.00                  |
| Lancaster Fire Department       | \$2,000.00                   |
| Laurel County Fire Department   | \$60,000.00                  |
| Madisonville Fire Department    | \$80,000.00                  |
| Maysville Fire Department       | \$45,000.00                  |
| Mercer County FPD               | \$13,500.00                  |
| Middlesboro Fire Department     | \$69,000.00                  |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Morehead Fire Department          | \$22,000.00 |
| Mt. Eden Fire Department          | \$8,900.00  |
| Murray Fire Department            | \$4,000.00  |
| Northeast Nelson Fire Department  | \$10,900.00 |
| Pikeville Fire Department         | \$17,500.00 |
| Red Lick Fire Department          | \$53,000.00 |
| Rousseau Fire Department          | \$40,000.00 |
| Russellville City Fire Department | \$13,000.00 |
| Salt Lick Fire Department         | \$14,000.00 |
| Scott County Fire Department      | \$5,500.00  |
| Shelby Valley Fire Department     | \$10,600.00 |
| Shelbyville Fire Department       | \$95,000.00 |
| Shepherdsville Fire Department    | \$65,000.00 |
| Stamping Ground Fire Department   | \$30,000.00 |

Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved. John Wood said for the members who are Zoom, make sure to have your cameras on when you vote and for the members at the meeting say your name when you vote.

### **Loan Committee**

Joe Choate said the Loan Committee met earlier this morning to discuss a couple of Loan applications. Upton Fire and Rescue is requesting \$45,000.00 for a 2006 Ferrara Rescue Pumper and a 1995 (Refurbished in 2012) Spartan Rescue Pumper. Dustin Isaacs motion to approve. Lloyd Stone seconded. Motion approved.

Moseleyville Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for a 2021 Freightliner Pumper. Dwane Smeathers motion to approve. Lloyd Stone seconded. Motion approved.

### **EMS Committee**

Mike Sutt said the EMS Committee met this morning to discuss the Paramedic shortage in Kentucky. No motions have been made at this time.

### **State Fire Rescue Training**

Marc Rudder said through September 30<sup>th</sup>, SFRT has trained 184 fire departments. The first quarter of FY 2022, they have taught 1,131 classes reaching 13,651

students. Marc Henderson is now the Region 1 Coordinator. Mark Hammond is the Region 2 Coordinator. Pat Crane is the new District 2 Coordinator. Greg Reams from District 12 resigned and is now working for Danville Fire Department. Marc Rudder said with his departure, we will have a part time person in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Mark Hammond, Greg Gray and Chantz McPeek is helping District 12 until that position is filled. Marc Rudder said as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Christy Rodgers was hired as the IFSAC Coordinator. Marc Rudder said SFRT is looking at adding one more FF I and II test this year.

### **Fire Marshal's Office**

Mike Haney said their standards of safety KAR changes are in the second phase. In November, it will go to the Regulation Review Committee. Mike said they have three new hires that will start on November 1, 2021.

### **Kentucky Office of Homeland Security**

Josh Keats said that the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security received \$23,000,000.00 in grant money for different state agencies across the Commonwealth. Josh said they are almost done with the renovations of the Fusion Center.

### **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

Eric Philpot said the next KFA meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> in Elizabethtown.

### **Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's**

None.

### **Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association**

Joe Baer said they are working on Legislation going into the 2022 Session. They are working on getting all Hazardous personnel out of Tier 3 and getting them moved to Tier 2. They are also working on the healthcare stipend for Tier 2 firefighters. Joe Baer said they are working with Buffalo Trace on the upcoming Legislative Chili dinner. It looks like it will be on January 25, 2022.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Larry Potter said we have done a reorganization of the Fire Commission and added some new positions. We did a pay analysis and pay adjustments for employees. Larry thanked KCTCS's Human Resources for helping us with that. Larry said we have a new Deputy Director Bruce Roberts and a new Director of Operations Jeremy Rodgers.

Larry Potter said we had plans at NRPC for construction of classrooms. Unfortunately, the bids came in way over expectation. We will try to rebid sometime next year in January or February. Larry said we are working on a 400-hour pilot program. We just moved the triple wide in Lexington to the Morehead area. Larry Potter said they have been working for several months on the carports to cover our equipment. Larry introduced Pat Crane and John Gentry to the audience. They are the new District Coordinators.

Larry Potter said they are working on a job fair that will probably be held in Frankfort. Larry said they have had three chief's meetings in Paris, Hazard and Princeton. They are planning on having meetings in Northern Kentucky and Prestonsburg.

## **Correspondence**

Bruce Roberts said that he and Chuck Bonta will be meeting with the LRC Staff and Legislators on October 19<sup>th</sup> concerning Financial Disclosures. They still have over 100 fire departments who have not turned in their Financial Disclosure paperwork. They are trying to get these departments to turn in their paperwork before they meet with LRC. For the departments who have not turned in their Financial Disclosure paperwork, LRC will stop all benefits from the Fire Commission that goes to the fire departments. They won't receive State Aid, Incentive Pay, Loans, Worker's Comp coverage, and Training Facility grants.

Jimmy Vancleve asked for an updated list of the departments who have not turned in their paperwork.

**Announcements from the Audience**

Joe Choate said the December Fire Commission meeting will be held in Hart County. Ricky King said the meeting in December will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dwane Smeathers motion to adjourn. Joe Choate seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm (CST).