

KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION
Fire Commission Meeting
Minutes
December 16, 2021
Paris, Kentucky

Present:

Joe Choate
Mike Haney
Ricky King
Scott Lawson
Lonnie Madden
Michael Mosbey
Andrew Scott
Dwane Smeathers
Lloyd Stone
Michael Sutt

Absent:

Dr. Fadi
Dustin Isaacs
Josiah Keats
Tamela Kerr

Ex Officio Members

Present:

Cathy Rigney

Absent:

Wendell Followell
Joe Baer
Eric Philpot

Ricky King called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (EST). Andrew Scott motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2021 in Greenville Kentucky. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Ricky King thanked everyone for their help in Western Kentucky. He appreciates everything that everyone is doing to help and continuing to do.

Health and Wellness Committee

Michael Mosbey said the Health and Wellness Committee met this morning. Michael said there is \$400,000.00 left in the Health and Wellness budget. We discussed using this money to award AEDs for the fire departments across the State of Kentucky. The committee is favorable of this. We would like to bring this back to the Fire Commission meeting in February.

Loan Committee

Whitesville Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for 15 SCBA's, 20 masks and a charging station for the battery packs. Dwane Smeathers motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Education Committee

None.

Eligibility Committee

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility Committee met this morning to discuss three LODD's. The first LODD was for Ernest Rudder with Bush Fire Department. Andrew Scott motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

The second LODD was for William Thompson with Mercer County Fire Protection District. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved.

The third LODD was for Joseph Wright with Nichols Fire Department. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said there is 161 applications that met the approval for the Thermal Imaging Cameras. Scott Lawson motion to approve these applications. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said Fire Commission Office has been looking at changing the training requirements from 150 hours to 115 hours and from 400 hours to 300 hours. Dwane said all Commission members should receive an email showing the changes. The new training requirements will coincide with IFSAC. Jeremy

Rodgers said if you have any questions on the draft proposal, please contact him or Marc Rudder.

Dwane Smeathers said there are 66 fire departments who are non-compliant with their Financial Disclosure information. Jeremy Rodgers said these departments will receive Worker's Compensation benefits, but they will not receive State Aid, grants, or any other benefits until they become compliant. After they become compliant, they will be eligible for these benefits. Michael Mosbey motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

EMS Committee

Michael Sutt said the EMS Committee met in Paris on November 11, 2021 to discuss the EMS grant funding and the paramedic shortage. Mike said we are trying to come up with a proposal to bring back to the Commission.

State Fire Rescue Training

Marc Rudder said through November 2021, SFRT has trained 43% of the fire departments. We hope to see those numbers keep going up. Marc said we will be receiving a Hazmat Technician Training prop in January 2022.

Fire Marshal's Office

Mike Haney said they are mostly working in the Hazardous materials sector and in the areas affected by the tornado. Mike said their building code officials are doing building assessments right now. We are proud of the work that they are doing. Mike said the State Fire Marshal's Office hired a deputy for the far western part of the state.

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Rick Bobo said that the South Carolina Firefighter's Association contacted us, and they offered to donate a pumper to Fulton Fire Department. Rick said we want to say thank you to the South Carolina Firefighter's Association.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

Nathan Mulvey said we have been working with some of the Area Districts in Western Kentucky to figure out what their needs are. Nathan said we are working with the Fire Commission Office through the State EOC trying to provide resources to the Districts that were affected directly. We are working on a revolving schedule with the Fire Commission to provide assistance as needed.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Ricky King said he talked to Joe Baer yesterday and they are down in Mayfield right now. Jeremy said he has been in contact with Joe multiple times, and they have been on the ground there since early in the week.

KBEMS

Jeremy said that Director Poynter and Deputy Director O'Neil are in Mayfield.

Old Business

Ricky King said if you are planning on running for Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary, you need to submit a letter by the end of today's meeting. Jeremy Rodgers said he has received letters from Ricky King for Chairman, Andrew Scott for Vice-Chairman and Lonnie Madden for Secretary.

New Business

Ricky King said the 2022 meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
February 25, 2022	1:00 pm (CST)	Owensboro, KY
April 14, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY
June 2, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY
August 4, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Corbin, KY
October 6, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY
December 1, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY

Larry Potter said these are tentative set times. Scott Lawson said he wants to make sure that we give the volunteer departments an opportunity to be at the meetings. Joe Choate motion to approve these dates. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved.

Ricky King said we need to talk about the Fire Commission workshop. Bruce Roberts said we have not set a date yet. By law, we must have a workshop at least once a year. Bruce said we thought about having the Workshop in Lexington or Georgetown. Larry Potter said we will probably look at some dates in January. We may look at doing a Friday night and the next day on Saturday. Ricky King said we will look at the dates of January 28th and 29th.

Larry Potter said we were looking forward to being in Hart County for today's Commission meeting. Larry thanked the Coordinators for everything that they are doing. Larry Potter said they have attended five fire chief's meetings across the state so far. We are already working on our schedule for next year for the chief's meetings that we will be attending. Larry said they are working on the classroom at NRPC. It went over cost, and they are going to have rebid on the classroom.

Jeremy Rodgers said the instructor regulation passed through LRC and we are waiting on them to put on the final approval on the agenda and then it should be complete.

Announcements from the Audience

None.

Dwane Smeathers motion to adjourn. Lloyd Stone seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm (EST).