

**KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION**

Fire Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 14, 2022

Elizabethtown, Kentucky

**Present:**

Chris Black  
Wayne Briscoe  
Joe Choate  
Mike Haney  
Tamela Kerr  
Ricky King  
Scott Lawson  
Lonnie Madden  
Dwane Smeathers  
Mike Sutt

**Absent:**

Dr. Fadi  
Dustin Isaacs  
Josh Keats  
Andrew Scott

**Ex Officio Members**

**Present:**

Eric Philpot  
Cathy Rigney

**Absent:**

Dr. Paul Czarapata  
Joe Baer

Ricky King called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm (EST). Scott Lawson motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2022, in Owensboro Kentucky. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved. Ricky King thanked John Gentry and Dale Dobson for hosting this meeting in Elizabethtown.

## **Loan Committee**

Joe Choate said the Loan Committee met on April 7, 2022, in Paris Kentucky. Knottsville Fire Department is requesting \$56,625.00 for SCBA's. Dwane Smeathers motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Plano Fire Department is requesting \$55,784.48 for a 2022 Dodge Ram with accessories. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Jeremy Rodgers said they will work with John Wood on the KAR changes for the loan program and will bring the changes back to the Commission at the June meeting.

## **Eligibility Committee**

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility Committee met earlier this afternoon to look at a LODD for Deputy Chief Brian Morgan from the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Protection District. Deputy Chief Morgan passed away from a cardiac issue in 2020. Scott Lawson motion to approve the LODD benefits for Brian Morgan. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

## **State Fire Rescue Training**

Marc Rudder said that we are three fourths of the way through FY 2022, and we have taught 4,731 classes. We have had a student count of 63,452 students for this Fiscal Year. Currently we have trained 70% of the fire departments in Kentucky. Marc Rudder said we do offer 21 hours of instructor led training for each department. Marc said the next IFSAC Firefighter I and II testing sessions will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Louisville at the District 6 Office. On June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Firefighter I and II testing sessions will be offered at the District 7 Office in Burlington.

## **Fire Marshal's Office**

Mike Haney said the Fire Marshal's Office sent out emails to the fire departments concerning an amendment to the Standards of Safety. Mike said he also sent it to the Secretary of the KFA. Mike said the Fire Marshal's Office is looking at hiring four additional deputies after July 1, 2022.

## **Kentucky Office of Homeland Security**

None.

## **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

Eric Philpot said they had a meeting at the Memorial in Frankfort. They are going to try to work on the expansion of the memorial in phases. Phase I will be on the memorial itself. The KFA signed a contract with Keith Monuments. They are the same company who built the memorial twenty years ago. Keith Monuments plans to have the expansion done by this year's memorial in October. Eric said next year we will look at expanding the seating area. They are still selling coins for the memorial. They will have other fund-raising items coming up soon. Eric Philpot said that registration for State Fire School will open on April 18, 2022. The KFA conference will be held in Corbin Kentucky from August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the conference is now open. Eric said that Greg Schultz suffered a massive stroke on Monday night. Chris Black said they did surgery on him. The surgery went well. He is showing some signs of improvement. If anyone would like they can send a card to him. Eric said the next KFA meeting will be at State Fire School.

## **Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs**

Cathy Rigney said that she did receive the email and they are in the process of sending it out.

## **Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association**

Ricky King said he talked to Joe Baer, and he is tied in Frankfort today.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Bruce Roberts said tonight is the last night of the legislative session. Bruce said we were able to get some bills passed. There were over 1,200 bills that had been filed. Bruce discussed SB 27, SB 189, HB 372, and HB 1. Bruce said that HB 777 will affect KBEMS. When this bill goes into effect, they will be moved from KCTCS to State Government.

Larry Potter thanked Bruce Roberts for all his hard work this Legislative session. Larry said the Fire Commission has been really busy. They have been to thirteen chiefs' meetings across the state. Larry Potter said that Wendell Followell is no longer on the Fire Commission Board. Dr. Paul Czarapata will take his place on the board. Larry said they are continuing to look at properties across the state. Larry said we have some positions open that are being advertised right now. Mike Sutt asked about the employment contracts. Larry said he has met with Dr. Czarapata once and will be meeting again with him next week. Some of this stuff is on his list to take to him.

### **Correspondence**

Shelby Dodge from the Kentucky State Fair spoke to the Fire Commission Board about the upcoming events at the state fair.

### **Announcements from the Audience**

None.

Ricky King said the next Commission meeting is on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm (EST) at the Fire Commission Office in Paris.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm (EST).