

**KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION**

Virtual Fire Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 22, 2021

Paris, Kentucky

**Present:**

Dr. Fadi  
Joe Choate  
Dustin Isaacs  
Josh Keats  
Ricky King  
Scott Lawson  
Lonnie Madden  
Michael Mosbey  
Andrew Scott  
Dwane Smeathers  
Lloyd Stone  
Michael Sutt

**Absent:**

Mike Haney  
Tamela Kerr

**Ex Officio Members Present:**

Joe Baer  
John Beatsch  
Wendell Followell  
Cathy Rigney

Ricky King called the meeting to order 1:00 pm. Lonnie Madden motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2021. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved.

### **Loan Committee**

Joe Choate said the Loan committee met this morning to discuss a loan request. Eubank Fire Department is requesting \$30,748.50 for black topping. Dustin Isaac motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

### **Eligibility Committee**

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility Committee met this morning. Westwood Fire Department and Watts-Caney Fire Department is requesting incentive pay. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Michael Sutt seconded. Motion approved.

### **State Fire Rescue Training**

Marc Rudder said through March 2021, SFRT has been really busy. They have delivered classes to approximately 66% of the fire departments for a total of 516 departments. They have taught 3,881 classes. That is down 29% for FY 2020. Marc said their student count is down about 23% for FY 2020. Marc said there are a couple of Firefighter I and II tests left for this fiscal year.

Marc Rudder said we are starting to see some retirements within SFRT. Teresa Adamisin resigned on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Rusty Todd is retiring on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Marc said that Charlie Lott is planning on retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

None.

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

Josh Keats said the Governor tasked them with leading the unemployment insurance fraud taskforce. They are working with federal agencies across the nation. They are in the process of renovating their fusion center. Josh said they are monitoring the Derby preparations. They have some grant opportunities coming up.

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

John Beatsch said they are planning on having their convention in August. The Fire Commission meeting at the convention will be on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs**

Cathy Rigney said they will be having their Leadership Conference on August 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green Kentucky.

## **Kentucky Professional Firefighters**

Joe Baer said they are finalizing the details of their upcoming Biennial Convention coming up in Frankfort from May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **New Business**

Wendell Followell said Dr. Paul Czarapata is the new President of KCTCS. Larry Potter said the Training Facility Grants will be going out in the mail tomorrow. Larry welcomed Cathy Rigney to the Fire Commission Board. Larry Potter said they have been busy with CPAT. They are still working on NRPC. Larry said they are planning on going to different Areas this summer.

Bruce said the EMS grants have been awarded. The PPE grants have been awarded except for three departments. They are waiting on Sub W-9's to be sent back to the Fire Commission for these departments. Bruce said they are finishing up on the Public Education checks. They have approximately 40 departments who have not received their checks yet. They should be going out next week. Bruce said that he must have the cancelled checks for the PPE and EMS grants back by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Correspondence**

Dale Dobson and Jeff King spoke about Grain Safety and Grain Rescue. They are working on a State-of-the-Art Grain Rescue Training Facility. Jeff King said the Grain Rescue Training Facility will cost approximately \$250,000.00.

Dwane Smeathers motion to adjourn. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.