

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

Fire Commission Minutes

April 25, 2018

Lexington, Kentucky

**Present:**

Daron Britain  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
Mike Haney  
William Lilly  
Patrick Lucas  
Rich Meyer  
Jim Nickell  
Vicki Parman (Proxy for Wendell Followell)  
Kevin Tyler

**Absent:**

Joe Baer  
Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell  
Rick Daugherty  
Mike Dossett  
David Goldsmith  
Dr. Melahn

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Jim Nickell motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2018 in Owensboro Kentucky. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved. Greg Dearing and Ronnie Day presented a plaque to Vicki Herald for all of her hard work when she was on the Fire Commission Board.

Greg Dearing thanked Michael Kurtsinger, Joe Baer, Chris Bartley, Ronnie Day, Bruce Roberts and Steve Rath for all of their hard work this legislative session. Greg said they went to Washington for the Fire Caucus to talk to the legislators and congressmen. Greg said the group that got to meet with Senator McConnell, convinced him to get the cancer registry legislation moving. Greg said we may need your support on this legislation.

## **Loan Committee**

Jim Nickell said the loan committee met this morning to discuss two items. Grayson Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for extrication tools, lighting, hose & nozzle, ice suits and other equipment. The committee approved this loan. White Mills Fire Department requested an extension of a loan that is pending. The truck they purchased will not be here until May. The committee extended their loan until July 1, 2018. Pam Dickens motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

## **Eligibility Committee**

Kevin Tyler said the eligibility committee met this morning to discuss three items. Scott County Fire Department is requesting incentive pay for a firefighter who was not entered into the system in a timely manner. They requested incentive pay back to September 23, 2017. The Fire Commission did not receive this documentation until January 22, 2018. It is the recommendation of the committee to deny this request. Pam Dickens motion to deny this request retroactive incentive pay. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said that Anderson County Fire Protection District and Harrison County Fire Department is requesting incentive pay. The committee recommends approving this request. Pam Dickens motion to approve. Patrick Lucas seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said they have a request to add gear totes to the state aid list. The gear totes will be used to transport firefighting gear and equipment. Pam Dickens motion to approve. Mike Haney seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said we have two line of duty deaths that need to be approved. Timothy Groft and Jeffrey Kampschaefer both met the requirements for line of duty death. Jeremy Rodgers said he has their letters from Dr. Melahn. Jim Nickell motion to approve. Daron Britain seconded. Motion approved.

## **Education Committee**

Kevin Tyler said the education committee met this morning with Casey Hall. Casey has developed a form to approve subject matter experts. The committee voted to give Casey the authority to review and process any subject matter expert requests. Bill Lilly motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said the committee met with Casey Hall this morning to discuss the degree program and to add some categories and codes to the training. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the new codes. Pam Dickens motion to approve. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Casey Hall said they were approached by a group at the University of Louisville concerning their Autism Awareness training program. Casey said KBEMS and several other agencies have already approved it. Casey said he reviewed the program and is good with moving forward with this class.

### **Health and Wellness Committee**

Greg Dearing said he chaired the health and wellness committee this morning. Greg said the Fire Commission has purchased 20 extractors and located them across the state.

Bruce Roberts said after July 1, 2018, we will not be purchasing any more fitness equipment. In the last two weeks, we have picked up about 15 pieces of equipment. They are all stored at the CPAT building in Winchester. Bruce said they are going to clean them up and give this equipment to other departments who need them. Bruce said some of the equipment they picked up was in bad shape.

Bruce said the Combat Challenge will be held in Lexington on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be our 9<sup>th</sup> year hosting this. This has already been approved by KCTCS. Kevin Tyler motion to approve the expenditure of \$27,000.00 for Combat Challenge. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

### **Training Facility Committee**

Bill Lilly asked Marc Rudder when do we expect to start receiving the surplus SCBA equipment. Marc Rudder said it will more than likely be after July.

### **Finance Committee**

Greg Dearing said the Finance Committee met this morning. Brenda Goddard said the committee approved the budget for the Fire Commission and SFRT for FY 2019. Brenda said we will be dipping into our reserves to fund FY 2019. Rich Meyer motion to approve the budget for FY 2019 for the Fire Commission and SFRT. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

## **Fire Marshal's Office**

Mike Haney said they are working on their MOA for the sprinkler systems. They are also working with local education on active shooter situations.

## **Emergency Management**

None.

## **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

None.

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

None.

## **Kentucky Professional Firefighter's**

None.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **Old Business**

Ronnie Day said we discussed at our last finance committee meeting about the surplus air packs and that we are going to make them available to the fire departments. Our attorney has worked on this request and made a couple of changes to it. Ronnie said we took out the NFPA compliant gear question. We did not want something on here that might hinder a department from receiving these air packs. Ronnie said if everyone is okay with this, we will get this information mailed out to the departments. This information will be mailed back to Bruce in the office. Bruce will work with the Training Facility committee to make the determination of who will receive these packs. There will be an MOA or MOU we will use when we surplus this equipment. Marc Rudder said we have approximately 300 air packs to surplus. Daron Britain asked do all of the Areas have plenty of air packs. Ronnie said yes, we purchased close to 400 new air packs. Patrick Lucas asked are we going to pass out the bottles that have almost

ran out of the 15-year cycle. Ronnie said legal said we should not give them out if their date is almost expired. We could be held accountable. Greg Dearing asked when the cutoff date is. Ronnie said he will discuss this with Angela Evans and Chris Brumett. Jim Nickell motion to approve the needs assessment form for the Scott Air packs. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

### **New Business**

Tiger Robinson said the freightliner did sale this past week. It sold for \$58,000.00.

### **Correspondence**

Ronnie Day said State Fire School will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> in Lexington. The Hilton Hotel has already sold out of rooms. If any Commission members are planning to stay please let Ronnie or Ericka know as soon as possible. Ronnie said if you need a room for Combat Challenge please contact Bruce Roberts.

Ronnie said our next Commission meeting will be held here on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.