

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

Fire Commission Minutes

June 14, 2018

Lexington, Kentucky

**Present:**

Joe Baer  
Teresa Rochetti-Cantrell  
Rick Daugherty  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
David Goldsmith  
Bill Lilly  
Rich Meyer  
Jim Nickell  
Vikki Parman (Proxy for Wendell Followell)  
Kevin Tyler

**Absent:**

Daron Britain  
Mike Dossett  
Mike Haney  
Patrick Lucas  
Dr. Melahn

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Kevin Tyler motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2018 in Lexington Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said we are going to start a new fiscal year on July 1, 2018. Greg Dearing asked each chairperson to reach out to their committee members and make sure that they have the information that they need to participate with their committees. Greg said we always have a short meeting at the KFA conference. Make sure that you get your committee meetings out of the way before then. The conference is going to be in Louisville this year. Our next Commission meeting will be on July 29, 2018.

**Loan Committee**

Jim Nickell said the loan committee met this morning to consider one loan. Ruddles Mill Shawhan Fire Department is requesting \$26,010.00 for six air packs. David Goldsmith motion to approve. Rick Daugherty seconded. Motion approved.

### **Eligibility Committee**

Kevin Tyler said we have four items to discuss. Kevin said we have some disputed documents with Bronston Fire Department. The recommendation of the committee is to send a letter to the chief and let him know the auditors findings so they can come before the committee to discuss their case.

Kevin Tyler said we have some disputed documentation for Poplar Springs Fire Department. The recommendation of the committee is to send a letter to the chief and other members involved to let them know the auditors findings so they can come before the committee to discuss their case.

Kevin Tyler said Bruce Roberts is working with our attorney on the new changes concerning the incentive program and the KAR's.

Kevin Tyler said we were scheduled to have two IFSAC appeals this morning. One of the appeals was withdrawn. The second appeal was contacted numerous times to come before the committee and they did not show up for the meetings. Kevin Tyler said it is the recommendation of the committee to deny his appeal. He will have to take the IFSAC test again.

Kevin Tyler said we are working on a draft SOP to tweak our incident investigations from the auditors. We met this morning to work on the language changes. We will draw up a draft and submit at our next meeting to the Eligibility Committee.

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

None.

### **Emergency Management**

None.

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

None.

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

Greg Bayer said he is going to be the incoming president of Fire Chief's Association. He said he looks forward to working with everyone. Greg said their leadership conference is coming up on August 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green. Greg said they will be sending out a survey soon to see what the chief's legislative priorities are.

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

Joe Baer said we met with Senator McConnell at the Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. We focused on the firefighter cancer registry. It looks like this will be a go. If you see Senator McConnell or Senator Paul thank them for their support.

### **KBEMS**

None.

### **Old Business**

Ronnie Day said we have been going through a state audit, which lasted 2½ years. Ronnie said they released the findings to him on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We had 48 hours to respond to the audit. There were six recommendations. There was no misuse or inappropriate spending. Two of the recommendations had already been corrected. Another one was in the process of being corrected. One of the recommendations was the rate of the insurance surcharge, which had been set in 1982. The rate had not been raised until about seven years ago and it went to 1.8%. Ronnie said we have never been involved in setting a rate on anything. We are trying to set up a meeting with the department of revenue to determine how that rate was actually set up. Ronnie said another thing they mentioned was the Combat Challenge. They said it was not training and education of firefighters. We argued that it was training and education of firefighters along with moral builders and recruitment and retention. Bruce Roberts said we have approximately 60 letters of support for the Combat Challenge. They did not add them to the report because the letters were not received before the date of the Combat Challenge.

Ronnie Day said they recommended that we look for other funding for the Emmetsburg trip for LODD's. Vikki Parman said they had to dig hard to find anything to write up. Greg Dearing thanked the staff here in the office for their hard work on this. Ronnie said they said that our paperwork was second to none. Ronnie said we received a bill from them of \$39,600.00. Rich Meyer motion to pay the state auditor bill of \$39,600.00. Joe Baer seconded. Motion approved.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Correspondence**

Greg Dearing said the Combat Challenge will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Lexington Kentucky. Bruce Roberts said nothing is on direct bill. This is the last Combat Challenge we will be doing unless something changes down the road. Ronnie said we will take letters of support for Combat Challenge. Bruce said they had three letters from doctors supporting this. Bruce said that before we started the Combat Challenge, Kentucky had nine heart attacks among firefighters. Since we have been doing this, he thinks we have had two heart attacks. Rich Meyer asked is that the final decision from the auditor's office? Ronnie said they recommended that we find other funding for the Combat Challenge. Vikki Parman said they did not say you could not have one. Vikki said she would encourage you to find other sources of revenue to possible achieve the same goals. We may want to change the name of the event too. Maybe a fitness expo.

The KFA conference is July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> in Louisville at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. If you are planning to attend please let Ronnie know as soon as possible.

### **Comments from the Audience**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.