**COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION, PERSONNEL,**

**STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

Fire Commission Minutes

February 20, 2015

Owensboro, Kentucky

**Present:**

Eric Bach

Teresa Rochetti- Cantrell

Rick Daugherty

Greg Dearing

Pamela Dickens

David Goldsmith

Vicki Herald

Scott Lawson

Greg Lowe

Rich Meyer

Tiger Robinson

David Stump

William Swope

Kevin Tyler

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Tiger Robinson thanked Green River for hosting this meeting. Ronnie Day said he has the three letters that were submitted to him at the last Commission meeting. Eric Bach submitted his letter for secretary. Greg Dearing submitted his letter for vice chairman. Tiger Robinson submitted his letter for chairman. Michael Kurtsinger said since there was no opposition, Eric Bach, Greg Dearing and Tiger Robinson have been elected into these positions. Scott Lawson motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2014 meeting in Greenville, Kentucky. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

**Personnel Committee**

Greg Dearing said the personnel committee met this morning. We have posted for four positions with SFRT. The personnel committee will be really busy during the month of March.

Greg Dearing said at the request of the SFRT Director, we terminated 19 SFRT instructor positions. These instructors have not complied with KCTCS regulations on sexual harassment training and IT training.

Greg Dearing said the administrative staff at the office in Lexington has all been reclassified. Tiger Robinson thanked all of the staff for what they do.

Tiger Robinson said hopefully sometime this upcoming week we will have the contract signed for Area 14 in Jamestown. Tiger Robinson said the Jamestown Fire Department has an office and a classroom that they are willing to let us use as soon as we hire a coordinator for Area 14.

Greg Dearing motion to send letters out to the instructors who we will be terminated from SFRT. Rick Daugherty seconded. Motion approved.

**Finance Committee**

David Stump said the finance committee did not meet this morning due to lack of a quorum. We will set up a meeting in March.

**Loan Committee**

Eric Bach said the loan committee met this morning to review seven loans. Grab Fire Department is requesting $30,000.00 for a 2015 Silverado truck with a tank and pump. Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department is requesting $75,000.00 for a 2012 F750 Ford tanker with pump. West McCracken Fire District is requesting $75,000.00 for 30 SCBA’s and miscellaneous equipment. Fisty Dwarf Fire and Rescue is requesting $22,500.00 for a 2007 Kenworth cab and chassis. Red Bush Fire Department is requesting $46,500.00 for a 2008 Ford Rescue truck with a skid unit. Evarts Fire Department is requesting $54,000.00 for a 1995 Saulsberry Gladiator fire truck. The committee agreed to approve this loan upon the contingency that they send us an MOA. Upton Fire and Rescue is requesting $24,848.68 for a Blackhawk Air Compressor. Greg Dearing motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

**E&E Committee**

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met this morning. Elsmere Fire Department was scheduled to meet with us, but have requested that we move it to the April meeting which will be in Northern Kentucky. The E&E committee is requesting that a motion be made to move the meeting with Elsmere to the Northern Kentucky meeting in April. Rich Meyer motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the committee met this morning with James Thompson who completed yellow sheets and passed them out prior to the classes being taught. Mr. Thompson admitted his mistake. The committee recommended that he go back through a methodology class. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there was an issue with Burlington Fire Department on incentive pay for a new firefighter. This firefighter’s job description did not meet incentive pay requirements, however after an investigation it was determined that this firefighter would be eligible, but his job description did not state everything. The Commission did receive a new job description on this firefighter. Rich Meyer motion to approve this firefighter’s incentive pay. Pam Dickens’ seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Walton Fire Department had a firefighter who was hired on 12-27-12, but hadn’t worked any for that year. The requirement for incentive pay is if someone becomes a paid firefighter after 2012 they have to have a CPAT card. This firefighter was hired full time in 2014, but does not have a CPAT card. The committee recommends sending a letter to the chief stating that firefighter and the department is in violation of requirements for CPAT. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Greg Lowe seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Casey Hall gave a report on the curriculum updates on the Fire Commission required classes.

David Goldsmith said there was an article on junior firefighters for Norton Branch Fire Department. The article that was found showed the department to be in violation of the junior firefighter program. The E&E committee would like for the Commission to make a motion to send a letter to Norton Branch Fire Department advising them that they are in violation of the junior firefighter requirements.

David Goldsmith said we are going to try to meet before the next Commission meeting to come up with some recommendations on what happens if departments do violate the junior firefighter program. Rick Daugherty motion to send Norton Branch Fire Department a letter. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Louisville Airport Authority had one firefighter that was five hours short of his hundred hours. The auditors have talked to the chief about this. Kevin Tyler motion to ask for the incentive pay back for this firefighter for 2014. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the chief of Leitchfield Fire Department was short 59 hours for incentive pay for 2014. After the auditor’s investigation, we discovered that the chief should not have been receiving incentive pay. David Goldsmith said he had been receiving incentive pay since July 1, 2013. Scott Lawson motion to request incentive pay back from July 1, 2013 until the present date. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there are 109 thermal imaging cameras grants that have been approved and awarded.

Greg Lowe motion to approve the death benefits for Charles Goff with McQuady Fire Department. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

**Health and Wellness Committee**

Rick Daugherty said the Health and Wellness Committee met this morning to discuss how many treadmills are going to be purchased through the fitness grant. We received specs from Scheller’s. Each treadmill will cost approximately $2,000.00. Based upon the budget we are going to purchase approximately 130 treadmills.

Rick said the first Combat Challenge will be May 30th and 31st in Lexington, Kentucky. The second Combat Challenge will be August 21st and 22nd in Louisville, Kentucky. Rick said we are working on setting up a Combat Challenge workshop 30 days prior to the challenges taking place.

David Goldsmith said they had a team that competed the weekend before Valentine’s Day on the American lung cancer fight air climb. It was held in Louisville. Our team came in second place. Then the next weekend they went to Brunswick Georgia to participate in a run for cancer research. This year they took

first place in this. There was a $1,000.00 cash prize that they donated back to the hospital for cancer research.

**Training Facility Committee**

Greg Lowe said the training facility committee met this morning to consider two pieces of old business. One was a training facility grant awarded to Louisville Fire Department for repairs to their training tower. We gave them a deadline on spending that money. They have done so and returned several thousand dollars to us.

Greg Lowe said the second item was requested from Brindle Ridge Fire Department. They were having problems securing a piece of land to construct a training facility on. We gave them sixty days to get that property. They have failed to do so, therefore we have removed their request for any further consideration. Greg Lowe motion to request the $35,000.00 we advanced to Brindle Ridge back and return to the training facility committee. Greg Dearing seconded. Ronnie Day said let’s give them 30 days to return the money. Motion approved.

**Legislative Committee**

Michael Kurtsinger said as of yesterday there were 209 senate bills, 472 house bills, and over 300 resolutions. Michael Kurtsinger said HB 308 is a bill to increase incentive pay and state aid. HB 156 is the cancer presumption bill. It will only recognize six cancers. Michael Kurtsinger said HB 159 will extend the Kentucky line of duty death benefits to the families of EMS responders.

**Fire Marshal’s Office**

William Swope invited everyone to attend the conference in April or May of 2015.

**Homeland Security**

None.

**Emergency Management**

None.

**Kentucky Firefighter’s Association**

None.

**Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs**

None.

**Kentucky Professional Firefighter’s Association**

None.

**KBEMS**

Michael Poynter said we have been working with the community parent medicine project for about 18 months now. We are hoping to have this program out in the field hopefully by May or June of 2015. This will boost the EMS profession in a new area of expertise.

Michael Poynter said we are starting to receive more data information on every run that is made.

Michael Poynter said they are putting a large focus on providing our EMS leaders better training. On April 2nd and 3rd, KBEMS will be hosting their second annual leadership conference in Hopkinsville.

**Old Business**

Greg Dearing said we had discussed at the Commission meeting in October about the Fire Commission going paperless in the office. Greg said they have met with KCTCS Systems Office on going paperless. KCTCS has a company called Vebridge who will be scanning our documents to electronic files. The cost of this will be $80,000.00 to $85,000.00. Greg Dearing motion to set this money aside. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved. David Stump said he talked Brenda Goddard and the money is there. Pam Dickens said one thing to consider is there are companies like ours that buy recycled fiber and the company having everything shredded could get $100.00 a ton which would help pay for the shredding. Motion approved.

Michael Kurtsinger passed out a letter from our attorney on Southeast Bullitt Fire Department. Our attorney is waiting on information from the department of local government concerning this.

Rich Meyer motion to change the date of the April Commission meeting from April 15th to April 22nd at Edgewood Senior Citizen Center. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said Monday morning the Secretary of Transportation issued a letter telling them to remove all red lights from all state transportation vehicles.

Ronnie Day said State Fire School is June 3rd through the 7th at Heritage Hall in Lexington. We are adding the Big Blue Stair Climb at the Hilton downtown.

Ronnie said there will no longer be a flower fund for the Fire Commission.

**New Business**

Greg Dearing motion that we will write a letter for any fire department in good standing to help support them when they are trying get a state or federal grant. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence**

Ronnie Day said the National Fire Caucus is April 15th through the 17th in Washington. If you are planning on going and haven’t contacted Therese yet, please do so immediately.

David McCrady passed out information on the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

Ronnie Day said if anyone is planning on staying at State Fire School or at the Combat Challenge please let Therese know immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m. (central time).