

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

Fire Commission Minutes

October 13, 2016

Owensboro, Kentucky

Present:

Joe Baer
Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
David Goldsmith
Mike Haney
Bill Lilly
Greg Lowe
Dr. Melahn
Rich Meyer
James Nickell
Tiger Robinson
Kevin Tyler

Absent:

Dr. Tracy
Mike Dossett
Vicki Herald
Scott Lawson

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (CT). Kevin Tyler motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2016 in Covington, Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson thanked Pam Dickens and Kimberly Clarke for hosting this meeting. Pam Dickens introduced their plant manager Shannon Ross. Shannon Ross said thank you for allowing us to host this meeting. We consider it a privilege.

Ronnie Day said he received a phone call from Glen McCoy who is with Sunset Memorial Gardens. Mr. McCoy said he drove past the firefighter memorial in Frankfort and wanted to know about the memorial site. He called Ronnie to let him know that his company wants to donate a cemetery plot to every firefighter in the state of Kentucky. Glen McCoy said he is an associate pastor in Frankfort

Kentucky and is a family memorial counselor. Mr. McCoy said they meet with the survivors and help finalize the necessary arrangements for the deceased. Mr. McCoy said every firefighter will receive a complimentary burial space. They will receive all the details concerning preplanning and pre-funding. If they choose to pre-fund, we have special savings for them. If a firefighter dies in what the Commission deems line of duty, their families will be refunded 100% of whatever they prepaid for their burial. Mr. McCoy said they have several cemeteries across the state. Dr. Melahn motion to proceed with this and appoint a committee to work with Mr. McCoy. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson appointed Joe Baer, Pam Dickens, Greg Lowe and Dr. Melahn to this committee.

Eligibility Committee

Rich Meyer said the eligibility committee met on September 28th and this morning with several different things going on. Everyone should have received the new state aid equipment list. Bill Lilly motion to approve the new state aid equipment list. Jim Nickell seconded. Greg Dearing asked why don't we put fuel on this list? Marc Rudder said it is an issue of making sure fire truck fuel is going into the fire truck. Our hope is by paying for utilities, departments will have more money for fuel. David Goldsmith asked under monitoring equipment, can we add HCN meters to the list? Rich Meyer said yes. Howdy Kurtsinger said this will go into effect immediately. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said we need a motion to request two years of incentive pay back from Ledbetter Fire Department. Ledbetter had a paid fire chief, who falsified his training hours. Rick Daugherty motion to request two years of incentive pay back from Ledbetter. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said we had 114 thermal imaging camera requests come in. 13 of the requests were not eligible because they received them the prior year. 101 requests were approved.

Rich Meyer said the Fire Commission is going to send a letter to the Judge Executive concerning Canoe Fire Department stating if they don't come into compliance, we may not recognize them at our next Commission meeting.

Rich Meyer said we need an approval for the line of duty death for Terry Culver. Dr. Melahn said the Eligibility Committee met and reviewed the records for the line of duty death for Terry Culver who was the Assistant Chief of Calvert City. On November 12, 2015, Assistant Chief Culver responded to a call and

immediately upon returning from that call, he collapsed while exiting the apparatus. He had immediate CPR. Mr. Culver had irreversible brain damage because of the ventricular defibrillation and passed away nine days later. His passing away was due from heart malfunctioning. Dr. Melahn said we need documentation from his physician that he had no restrictions on being a firefighter. Rich said the recommendation from the committee is to pass this pending the documentation from the doctor stating he had been released to return to work. Kevin Tyler motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said we had an audit done on CPAT and it turned out well. Rick Larkins said the things that the auditor found, we weren't even aware of. We made changes immediately while the auditor was there. Rick said the auditor said it was one of the best audits he has ever done.

Personnel Committee

Greg Dearing said we have a couple of positions open that have been interviewed for. One is in Area 7 and the other is for the Fleet Management Director position. Greg said we are getting ready to hire for the Fleet Management position.

Marc Rudder said KCTCS requires everyone to complete the Violence Against Women (Title 9) training. On Monday, we had approximately 68 part-time staff who hadn't completed the training. Several has completed the training since then, but the KCTCS deadline to complete this is October 16th. Our recommendation is for whoever is on this list of not completing the training on Monday morning (October 17, 2016), that their employment be terminated. Marc said we will have more required training that has to be completed that will be coming up. Greg Dearing motion that we approve any termination effective the close of the business day on October 16, 2016. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

Greg Dearing said the finance committee met on September 28th. Greg said there are minutes in everyone's packets for that meeting that he would like for everyone to read. Greg said we can't continue to educate unless we charge for certain things. We want to take care of our firefighters. Greg said we will discuss these minutes at the December Commission meeting.

Fire Marshal's Office

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

None.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Ronnie Day said the property at Campbellsville has sold. We should close on it in the next few weeks. The gentleman who purchased it is willing to work with Charlie Shaw or the college for the memorial.

New Business

Tiger Robinson said we are looking at some dates in January for the Fire Commission workshop. Ronnie Day said we are looking at January 13, 14 and 15th at the Hyatt in Louisville. Rick Daugherty said at our last workshop meeting, didn't we discuss shortening the meeting down to a day instead of two. Ronnie said we will look at the minutes and go from there.

Ronnie Day said the commission members will be receiving a packet for the new open records law from the attorney general's office that will need to be signed and returned.

Marc Rudder said KCTCS has requested some dates to meet concerning the Northern Kentucky site. Marc said the last report we received said it will be one project with two separate finance sources.

Greg Lowe thanked everyone who sent a letter to the General at Fort Knox concerning the 911 fire truck.

Tiger Robinson said our next Commission meeting will be on December 8th in Danville, Kentucky at 1:00 pm at the Boyle County Fire Department.

Announcements from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm (CT).