

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

Fire Commission Minutes

October 15, 2015

Jamestown, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Joe Baer
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
David Goldsmith
Vicki Herald
Scott Lawson
Bill Lilly
Greg Lowe
Dr. William Melahn
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
Bill Swope
Kevin Tyler

Absent:

Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell
Mike Dossett

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm (CT). Ronnie Day conducted the swearing in of new and reappointed board members. Rick Daugherty motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2015 in Paducah, Kentucky. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson introduced the mayor of Jamestown, Nick Shearer to the Commission. Mayor Shearer thanked everyone for being here and thanked them for what they do. Tiger Robinson thanked the staff who helped putting this meeting together.

Personnel Committee

Kevin Tyler motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2015 in Lexington, Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved. Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee has been very busy the last couple of months. Greg said we have hired Marc Rudder as the new SFRT Director, Larrel Alley as the IFSAC Coordinator and Charles Bonta as the Fire Commission auditor. Greg said we have coordinator vacancies in Areas 2, 5, 6 and 13. There is also a field

coordinator's position we will be hiring for in Area 14. There are two industrial coordinator positions that is currently vacant.

Education Committee

David Goldsmith said the Education Committee met on September 24th to discuss a lot of issues. One of the issues is the four hours of methodology required for instructors. Rich Meyer motion for the Commission to pay for one four hour training in every county in Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there was a discussion on the approved curriculums. The list is attached to the minutes. Kevin Tyler motion to approve the curriculum. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer motion to approve the policies and procedures concerning TtT curriculum that was dated September 3, 2015. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there is a form attached to the minutes for getting curriculum approved. Pam Dickens motion to approve this form. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said we approved the policy dated January 10, 2015 for Fire Protection instructor curricular approval. We approved the policy except we took out one paragraph which read "three primary publishers of fire service training curricular in the country research development testing and publish curriculum that meet the job performance requirements of an individual NFPA standards, IFSTA Engineering and Jones and Barlett. Greg Lowe motion to remove this paragraph. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved. Rich Meyer motion to approve this policy. Rick Daugherty seconded. Motion approved.

Eligibility Committee

Kevin Tyler said the Eligibility Committee met on September 24th to discuss several issues. The first issue was with Lancaster Fire Department. Kevin said they conducted a live burn without permission. It is the recommendation of the Eligibility Committee that they go back and retrain on 1403. Pam Dickens motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Kevin Tyler said Clark County Fire Department has a firefighter that was hired without a CPAT card. He worked five hours in 2012. Bruce Roberts said right after the meeting their attorney called our attorney. Bruce said as of yesterday our attorney hasn't heard anything else from their attorney. Our attorney said to wait to do anything until we hear something from them. Bruce said this firefighter is not currently receiving incentive pay.

Bruce Roberts said in the past year we have been dealing with Southeast Bullitt Fire Department on incentive pay. Bruce said we have always had the discussion on whether they are a private business or an actual fire department. It was brought up in the news this past week that 7.4 million dollars is unaccounted for. Michael Kurtsinger said we need to figure out how we are

going to restructure this thing so we are not going to penalize some departments who are actually doing things right.

Training Facility Committee

Bill Lilly said the committee has met several times to review applications and have departments present their presentations. Bill said they had over \$4,000,000.00 in requests and a little over \$1,000,000.00 to present. The following departments will receive a training facility grant:

Lexington Fayette County Urban Government	\$7,750.00
Versailles	\$121,000.00
Frankfort Fire and EMS	\$79,408.00
Northeast Nelson	\$13,275.00
Boyle County	\$45,000.00
Marion County	\$7,750.00
Maysville	\$90,000.00
Lone Oak	\$121,000.00
Garrard County	\$3,000.00
South McCreary	\$86,000.00
Georgetown	\$6,832.00
Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy	\$80,522.00
Nicholasville	\$14,000.00
Montgomery County	\$137,153.00
Meade County	\$121,000.00
Mercer County	\$45,000.00
Breeding Area	\$64,000.00
Shelby County	\$9,510.00

Kevin Tyler motion to approve these requests. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved. David Goldsmith abstained from voting. Bill Lilly abstained from voting for Lexington and Mercer County.

Finance Committee

Greg Dearing said the Finance Committee met yesterday. Greg said we are going to continue to be cautious on how we spend money. The Finance Committee has met several times in order to get educated on how we deal with the money for the Fire Commission and SFRT. Greg said we are looking at replacing old equipment. Bill Swope motion to approve the 2017-2018 biennial budget. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

Fire Marshal's Office

Bill Swope said October is Fire Prevention Month. Bill said the Fire Marshal's Office is partnering with the Red Cross for a smoke detector initiative in the Franklin County Area. Bill Swope said that Milton Fire Department was recently recognized by a national organization for fire prevention activities and efforts.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Chris Crawford said they are going to have their fall meeting on Saturday in Northern Kentucky.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

None.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Bruce Roberts said the thermal imaging camera deadline is today.

New Business

Joe Baer said about a month ago he was called into Representative Riggs' office. He had some questions regarding his legislation that he passed last year on the increase in the minimum height of booster seats. Since this has passed he has found out that DOT is supposed to be over the program for checking them. He is not satisfied with what they are doing and he feels like it should be the fire departments who trains parents to install booster seats. Joe said Representative Riggs wanted him to bring this before the Commission to make that request. Ronnie Day said the transportation department is the one who is responsible for the child booster seats. They have a program that is funded just for this. Ronnie said one of the reasons the fire departments don't want to do this is because of liability issues. Ronnie said he doesn't think KCTCS or Ann Tyler Morgan would let us do this. Kevin Tyler said they wouldn't participate at all in this.

Scott Lawson said it is time consuming and you would have to make sure the car seat hasn't been recalled. Vicki Herald said our department shows the parents how to do it and then they take the car seat out and have them to put it back in. Ronnie Day said the transportation department received millions of dollars several years ago to do this. Michael Kurtsinger said Representative Riggs said all of his departments want to do this and want to count it as training. Michael said he called JD Chaney with League of Cities and he said he would be opposed to it if it is going to be mandatory that the departments have to do it. Greg Dearing motion that the Fire Commission is opposed to installing child restraint seats for all of the obvious reasons and the liability of it. Rich Meyer seconded. David Goldsmith asked do we want to do that since there are departments out there already doing it. Marc Rudder said everyone would have to attend a 40 hour class on this and it could go under special topics in firefighting. Rick Daugherty said this is clearly a department of transportation issue. This should not be a fire department issue. Greg Dearing motion aye to be opposed to this. The rest of the Commission motion nay. The nay's have it.

Marc Rudder said we have been working with KCTCS on instructors who have not completed the title nine training that was originally due on October 1, 2015. Now the date is November 2nd. Tiger Robinson said he feels we need to follow KCTCS guidelines. Greg Dearing motion to purge them out of the system as of November 2nd if they have not completed the title nine training. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Pam Dickens said there are changes that have been made with how chemicals are labeled across the state. The Global Harmonization Standard will take effect by June 2016. New symbols will come up. Fire Departments will need to take a class on this. Ronnie Day said the new books on this won't be out until 2016.

Michael Kurtsinger said last week he received a report from the department of local government and there are approximately 150 fire departments that haven't complied with their paperwork for HB1.

Comments from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm (CT).