

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

Minutes

October 2, 2014

Owensboro, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Dr. Box
Teresa Rochetti- Cantrell
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
David Goldsmith
Vicki Herald
Scott Lawson
William Lilly
Greg Lowe
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
David Stump
William Swope
Kevin Tyler

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Jim Nickell motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2014 in Elizabethtown Kentucky. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson thanked Pam Dickens and Kimberly Clark for the wonderful meal and their hospitality.

E&E Committee

David Goldsmith said we have had two meetings since our last Commission meeting. The committee met on August 27, 2014 and then again this morning. David Goldsmith said Chad Campbell from Grand Lakes Fire Department met with us this morning to discuss some questionable reporting of training hours. The committee's recommendation is to have Chad attend a Methodology class in order

to keep his instructor number. The recommendation is to put Chad Campbell on probation until he attends that class. Once he attends the class he will be reinstated as an instructor. Eric Bach motion to put Chad Campbell on probation until he completes the methodology class. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there was questionable training at Russellville Fire Department. It was brought to the attention of the auditors that the firefighters was doing some training that did not follow 1403 guidelines. However after investigation it was found that there was no live fire training. The department was there to standby. There was no action taken on this.

David Goldsmith said it was brought to our attention that South Owen Fire Department is not responding to fires. The committee recommends sending them a letter stating that the Fire Commission does not recognize them as a fire department. Jim Nickell motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Benham Fire Department was holding their state aid money to purchase equipment. They were not showing any receipts. After an investigation, Bruce Roberts found receipts to cover all the state aid money they had been saving. There was no action taken on this.

David Goldsmith said the committee looked at the letter regarding allowable training this morning. On number 9 the words self-study was struck out of the letter, but everything was approved. Scott Lawson motion to send the allowable training letter out to all of the fire departments. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said we did not take an action on the line of duty information for Robert Webster because we have not received information from our medical director.

David Goldsmith said there is a new KAR being worked on to clean up the instructor requirements. Scott Lawson motion to approve 739 KAR. Greg Lowe seconded. Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell asked about the renewal process. Jeremy Rodgers said it is in the there. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Harrison County wants to use their state aid to purchase group life insurance. We are still looking at this at this point in time. No action was taken by the committee today.

Finance Committee

David Stump said the finance committee did not meet today. David said he talked to Brenda Goddard and the three month figures appear to be in line. David asked Pat Thompson to get with him and Brenda concerning the area coordinator budgets. David asked Pat to give a report at the December Commission meeting on the coordinators budgets. David Stump asked the board members to be courteous enough to let the Fire Commission know if you need or don't need a hotel room so we don't get stuck with extra room costs.

Health and Wellness Committee

Bruce Roberts said the deadline for equipment is October 15, 2014. Bruce said we have approximately 400 applications. Bruce said the departments who hasn't received equipment before will be first to get it. The rest of equipment will be postdated on the applications. If a department has three pieces of equipment and another department only has one or two, they will receive it first. Bruce said he thinks we will give out around 130 pieces of equipment. Greg Dearing asked what equipment are we giving out this year. Bruce Roberts said treadmills. Bruce said we have repossessed some equipment to award.

Legislative Working Group

Michael Kurtsinger said at the Fire Commission workshop we appointed a legislative working group. We met today. Michael said we would like to support the resolutions from the KFA, and the KPF. Michael Kurtsinger said we would also like to delete the ID Program. The ID program is costing us money to do. We haven't issued a lot of ID's since the program began. Michael Kurtsinger said we feel like we should have the Fire Commission to send a letter to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Justice Cabinet regarding the use of yellow lights. Jim Nickell motion to send a letter to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Police. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved. Ronnie Day said we are getting phone calls weekly about vehicles running with red lights on them. Ronnie said he addressed this issue with the transportation cabinet two years ago and they didn't want to talk about it. Ronnie asked has anyone been told they can't shut a roadway down. Every one of us have been told that. Ronnie said if you have a situation out on the road, shut the road down. If you have an issue, Ronnie said to call him.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope said there agencies in the room that are interested in starting an inspection program. The Fire Marshal's Office will be assisting with that. William Swope said Monday starts the Fire Prevention Season. We hope different organizations will become engaged and work with the communities and help them spread the word about fire prevention.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

Pat Hardesty said we would like to continue our relationship with the Fire Commission and SFRT. They do a lot of great work for us. Pat Hardesty said he thinks this benefits both sides. There is more federal money out there that is available for training through the Hazardous Materials grant program. Hopefully we can continue generating the support to get the extra money for those programs.

Kentucky Firefighters Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

None.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Tiger Robinson said Michael Kurtsinger is going to be the chairman of the Legislative Working Group. Pam Dickens, Greg Dearing and Ronnie Day is on the committee. Anyone else who is interested in being on the committee needs to see Michael Kurtsinger.

Tiger Robinson said Greg Lowe is going to chair the Fleet Maintenance Committee. If anyone wants to be on this committee please see Greg.

Eric Bach is going to be the chairman of the State Aid committee. Greg Lowe will be on this committee. If anyone wants to be on this committee please see Eric.

New Business

Scott Lawson thanked David Goldsmith and Mike Wallingford for their support with Tony Grider's family and Campbellsville Fire Department. Scott Lawson said he thinks Jefferson County Fire School had the biggest group so far at this past fire school.

David Stump said Marc Henderson was at the Fire Commission workshop and did his presentation for the National Responder Preparedness Center. We discussed about the 25 acres that is undeveloped at Wendell Ford Training Center. We discussed having a consultant come to look at it and develop that piece of land. David Stump said he would like for the board to authorize up to \$50,000.00 to spend on a consultant to look at these 25 acres of land to see what we can do. William Lilly motion to approve. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said we discussed the issue of electronic record keeping at the Fire Commission Workshop. Greg said he is entering a motion today that the Fire Commission start a study program and work with the colleges to electronically transferring our records into the future. Jim Nickell motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson said the tentative date for the 2015 workshop is January 9, 10 and 11th in Lexington Kentucky.

Ronnie Day said the State Fallen Firefighter Memorial is October 8th in Frankfort Kentucky. The memorial will start at 11:00 a.m. The red helmet courage ride will

start approximately 10:30 a.m. This year there will be four names that will be added to the wall.

Ronnie Day said the flower fund is running low right now. Anyone who would like to make a donation please see Therese Cheney.

Tiger Robinson said we will be leaving Thursday with the families to go to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Pat Thompson said the AFG grants are targeted to come out the first week of November. We have scheduled workshops on this. The application hasn't changed a lot.

Ronnie Day said the Public Safety Officer's benefit program takes too long. There was a firefighter who had a heart attack inside a structure fire three years ago and they still haven't received a definite answer on what is going to happen. Ronnie said he emailed PSOB on this to find out the status. They told Ronnie it is under legal review and they can't give us a time frame on it. Ronnie asked everyone to contact their congressman concerning this.

Dr. Box said Dr. McCall is retiring on January 15, 2015. Dr. Box motion for the Fire Commission to send a letter of congratulations to Dr. McCall for his years of service to the State of Kentucky and to KCTCS. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said there will be two Combat Challenges next year offered in Kentucky. They want to do one in Lexington and one in Louisville. They want to promote it as a Kentucky Challenge. Bruce said it will be strictly relay teams. David Goldsmith is going to put a committee together for this.

Comments from the Audience

David Stump asked is the next Commission meeting going to be at NRPC. Ronnie Day said yes on December 4th at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time).

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.