

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

Minutes

October 24, 2012

Grayson, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Greg Dearing
David Goldsmith
Walter Lage
Scott Lawson
William Lilly
Greg Lowe
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
Fred Siegelman
David Stump

Greg Lowe called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Greg Lowe introduced Christine Briggs to the commission. Jim Nickell motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2011 in Lexington, Kentucky. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Greg Lowe said we need to make an amendment to the agenda. We will be viewing a video as a tribute to Bryant Stiles.

Greg Lowe thanked Duane Suttles, Chief Felty and Grayson Fire Department for hosting this meeting.

Finance Committee

Walter Lage said the finance committee met today to review the quarterly financials and everything appears to be appropriate for the quarter. Walter said in the finance meeting on September 13th, they looked at several different items. Walter said two flashover trailers were ordered in October. Walter said the finance committee is planning on meeting in the middle of November to discuss SFRT budgets.

Walter Lage said KCTCS has requested we participate in the blackboard services program. Students can call in to Blackboard Services and get registered, student information, their list of classes, etc. Walter said at the meeting in September we approved funding this, but since then we have received more information. Walter said

today the finance committee voted to table this until we get additional information regarding students and the charge per student before we commit to this.

Loan Committee

Eric Bach said the loan committee met this morning. Eric said in the meeting they forgot to approve the minutes from the last loan committee meeting. Greg Dearing motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2012 in Lexington, Kentucky. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

Erich Bach said Russellville Fire Department is requesting \$64,357.00 for a 2013 Ford F-350 4x4 brush truck. Eric Bach motion to approve. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

Training Facility Committee

Tiger Robinson said the training facility committee met today. Ashland Fire Department returned a check for \$60,000.00. They were unable to meet their obligations per 739 KAR 2:030 and returned the check to the Fire Commission.

Tiger Robinson said they voted to send out the 2012 training facility grant applications. Tiger said they have a total of \$560,000.00 to spend this year. Those applications should go out in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Bruce Roberts said we now have a new CPAT building that is located in Winchester at exit 94 off of I-64.

E&E Committee

Tiger Robinson said he chaired the E&E committee meeting today. We are now looking at the IFSAC I and II certifications and how many training hours they will count for. A committee has been appointed to look at this and online training. Duane Suttles, Jeremy Rodgers, Bill Birkle, Marc Rudder, Scott Lawson and Bruce Roberts will serve on this committee.

Tiger Robinson said applications will be mailed out on thermal imaging cameras soon. There is a GSA price including forestry. The average price on four cameras is \$6400.00. Tiger said the committee recommends to the Commission that we will pay half of that cost which is \$3200.00 on the purchase of a camera. Tiger Robinson motion to approve. Greg Dearing seconded. Greg Lowe said just to be clear a department can purchase any camera they want, but we will only pay \$3200.00 of the cost. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson said that Bruce Roberts also reported that he has ran the 2012 batch reports and there are several departments who are at zero percent right now. Tiger said we are going to send a letter out notifying them that they are deficient in training at this time. Tiger Robinson said if there training is not in by December 31, 2012 there will

extensions. Greg Lowe said let it be known that we are not going to waiver on that deadline.

Personnel Committee

Greg Dearing said the personnel committee met today. No action was taken today. Greg introduced Christine Briggs to the Commission. Greg Lowe said that he is adding Eric Bach to the personnel committee.

Director Reports

Michael Kurtsinger said the pension task force has been meeting since our last Commission meeting. Michael said they hired a research group from Washington D.C. to supply them with information. The next meeting is on October 29th. They will be making a recommendation to the full committee. They will meet again in November to discuss their plan and by December they will vote on it. There are two or three different options out there right now.

Executive Director

Ronnie Day said we are working with Homeland Security of a couple of additional grants that will be coming out. Ronnie said the Fire Commission meets almost weekly with the Forestry service. Christine Briggs will begin training with forestry within the next couple of weeks.

Ronnie Day said they met yesterday concerning state fire school. Some classes will be dropped and new classes added.

Ronnie Day said the Emergency Response Commission has a meeting on November 14th. They should have a plan with the EPA about doing the billing for the hazmat response teams. Ronnie Day said they are working with the FBI on developing a radiation task force.

Ronnie Day said he spoke at Wendell Ford training center for the Kentucky Fire Council. A lot of forestry people were there from other states. Ronnie said the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife has three million dollars in training funds they would like to share with us.

Ronnie Day said the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wendell Ford Training Center will be held on December 4th.

Ronnie said this is the second time in thirteen years that they haven't added a name to the State Fallen Firefighter Memorial wall. Ronnie said we had four families that were recognized at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial this year. One family attended the memorial. Ronnie Day said the mid-atlantic conference will be held next year in Pennsylvania. The following year the conference will be held in Kentucky.

Ronnie Day said that Fire Pro will be conducting a train the trainer on the training simulator. The training simulator will be housed in Morehead for IFSAC training. Ronnie said they are looking at another simulator for training.

Ronnie said we are looking at relocating to another location. Ronnie said they are looking at different locations in Lexington, Frankfort and Versailles. KBEMS will be relocating with us.

State Fire Rescue Training Report

Ronnie Day said that Butch McKinney and Marc Henderson attended the Department of Defense Fire Rescue International Annual Conference in Denver Colorado. Ronnie said that KCTCS had twenty eight people that went through the defensive driving class that was offered by SFRT.

Duane Suttles said the IFSAC conference was held in Louisville and was outstanding. We had good comments about the IFSAC program in Kentucky. Duane Suttles thanked Scott Lawson for helping with the IFSAC conference.

Ronnie Day said that the Buffalo Trace Fire School will be held in Maysville from October 26th through the 28th. Ronnie said they are offering an IFSAC proctor class in Versailles on November 5th.

Ronnie Day said the Governor's Emergency Management workshop will be held on December 11th through the 13th in Louisville.

Ronnie Day thanked the area coordinators and staff for what they do. Ronnie said he plans to meet with each area to find out what concerns and issues they may have.

Ronnie said he has been appointed to the FEMA 4 advisory team to represent the fire service. This is based out of Atlanta. Ronnie said he has been asked by NFPA to be the spokesperson for the civilian fire deaths for the state of Kentucky.

Greg Lowe thanked Senator Webb for being at the Fire Commission meeting. Senator Webb welcomed everyone to Grayson.

Tiger Robinson said Butch McKinney presented the application for Junior Firefighters to the E&E committee. Tiger Robinson motion to approve the application. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Fire Marshal's Office

None.

Homeland Security

Butch McKinney said Kentucky Homeland Security has established a new working committee. The agencies involved in this committee are Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Kentucky Fire Commission and Public Health, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Kentucky Hospital Association, and Louisville Emergency Management Association.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Greg Lowe said the December Commission meeting has been changed to December 5th and will be held at the Regional Fire Training Center in Jefferson County at 1:00 p.m.

Greg Lowe said the Fire Commission is moving to a different location. Greg appointed the following commission members to be on the relocating committee: Jim Nickell, Greg Dearing, Eric Bach and Fred Siegelman. Jim Nickell will be the chairman of this committee.

Greg Lowe said the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on December 4th at the Wendell Ford Training Center. Greg said he talked to Ronnie and they think this facility should

be named after Bryant Stiles. Greg Dearing motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said he talked to Pat Thompson and the history trailer may need some work done. Ronnie said that is being worked on right now.

Greg Lowe said the flower fund is low. Anyone who would like to contribute needs to see Mary Adams.

Ronnie Day asked everyone to continue to remember Bryant Stiles' family in your prayers. Ronnie asked everyone to keep Jamia Skaggs in your thoughts and prayers along with Charlie Shaw.

Walter Lage motion to adjourn. David Goldsmith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.