

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

Minutes

October 24, 2013

Owensboro, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Dr. Box
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
David Goldsmith
Scott Lawson
William Lilly
Greg Lowe
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
David Stump
William Swope

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Tiger thanked Pam Dickens and Kimberly Clark for hosting this meeting. Pam Dickens introduced Kimberly Clark Corporation's Fire Chiefs.

Loan Committee

Eric Bach said the Loan Committee met this morning to consider three loans. Route 377 Fire Department is requesting \$20,061.80 for a UTV Wildland Firefighters Skid Unit, Wilderness Rescue Trailer. Union City Fire Department is requesting \$64,672.50 for a 2013 Chevy 3500 Brush Truck. Knott County Fire Department is requesting \$27,000.00 for a 2013 Sierra 3500 Rescue Truck. Greg Dearing motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

David Stump said the Finance Committee met this morning and we reviewed the latest financial statements through October 15, 2013. Everything appears to be in order and the revenues are coming in the way they should be. David Stump said we discussed the bucket list which has the seven line items in our budget that we needed to approve for 2015/2016 budget year. The following line items to be approved are:

- Training initiatives- 2.2 million
- Personal Protective Equipment- \$500,000.00
- Mobile trailers- burn and flashover- 2.3 million
- EMS- 2 million
- WMD- Hazmat Tech Training Collapse- 1 million
- Technical Innovations- \$500,000.00
- Driver Training Simulator- \$150,000.00

William Lilly motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said Pat Thompson submitted an immediate needs list for SFRT for all fifteen areas. The total cost for all these needs would be \$460,000.00. Brenda Goddard said the funds are available. Scott Lawson motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said the committee discussed a maintenance list to maintain our fleet vehicles and mobile props. David said we discussed implementing a maintenance program on all of the trucks and the mobile equipment. Scott Lawson asked can we get a report from Steve Calhoun on this. Tiger Robinson said we will take a look at it and see what we can do. Scott Lawson asked can we get a report on how much mobile fleet we have.

David Stump said Walter Lage requested to get a five year average on incentive, pension and state aid. David said we do have money in our budget to raise incentive, pension and state aid if we choose to go that route legislatively. Michael Kurtsinger said he will look into that.

Tiger Robinson said we need to get approval for the minutes from August 7, 2013 in Lexington Kentucky. Rich Meyer motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

E&E Committee

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met twice this month. Once on October 15th and then on October 23rd. Louisville Fire Department is asking for an extension on training hours for one firefighter whom they hired. They are asking for a 173 day extension because this individual was sent to the police academy first. The committee recommends that we extend his training for 173 days. Scott Lawson motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said we requested \$63,000.00 from Franklin County Fire Department because they had a firefighter who did not get his training in. Since then Franklin County's judge and their attorneys have met with us. We found inconsistencies on our part on how we requested those funds. We got our attorney involved with this. Franklin County offered us a \$10,000.00 settlement. The committee recommends accepting this settlement. David said our attorney is going to meet with Michael Kurtsinger and Bruce Roberts to decide how we are going to do this in the future. Greg Lowe motion to accept. Greg Dearing seconded. David Goldsmith said they did not have their hours. Bruce Roberts said the way the law reads within the first year they have to have their 400 hours. This recruit did not get his 400 hours within the first year. At the Fire Commission meeting we made and passed a motion to ask for their incentive pay back from January until April 2013 which totaled \$63,000.00 Bruce said he and Michael Kurtsinger met with the Judge in Franklin County. The law says anything that was paid out. We didn't actually pay this firefighter any money. Bruce said he thought it would be best to settle this case. Franklin County has already signed the agreement to pay us a \$10,000.00 settlement. Motion approved. David Goldsmith said the Bourbon County incentive issue is still ongoing.

David Goldsmith said Butch McKinney brought some changes for the junior firefighter program to the E&E committee. One change is to change hose lines from 2 inches to 2½ inches. Also to add confined space rescue and farm rescue to the curriculum as long as it isn't in an IDLH environment. David Stump motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said at the time of our meeting on October 15th, there were one hundred thirty three applications received for thermal imaging cameras. Thirty eight of those departments had no camera at all. We have enough money to give out one hundred fifty six grants. Some additional applications have come in since

that meeting. David Goldsmith said we have a committee meeting on November 14th to discuss these grants.

David Goldsmith said we approved the October 15th minutes yesterday, but a correction needs to be made. On the EMS hours, the amount should read 25 hours not 20 hours. Departments can use 25% of EMS hours toward their yearly recertification. Jeremy Rodgers said they had some departments who were using all of their EMT hours toward their yearly recertification. David Goldsmith said only 25% of these hours will go toward their yearly recertification. This will become effective January 1, 2014. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said that Paris Fire Department hired a firefighter in December 2012 as part time. However he was not put into the Fire Training System until February 2013. Since he was put on the roster in 2013 he is required to have CPAT. Bruce Roberts said one of their battalion chiefs spoke to him and Jeremy Rodgers at the last meeting and said this firefighter was part time firefighter/ EMT. But he didn't do any firefighting duties at all, just part time EMT. Bruce said they talked to another individual who is over training in Paris and this person said there is no such thing as a part time firefighter/ EMT. Bruce said since he had conflicting stories he asked for a resume and job description for this firefighter. They sent Bruce the job description, but there is no date on it or nothing to say when it was written. Bruce said when they met with the HR director, chief and training officer, the training officer said he had never seen that job description before. He said we don't have part time firefighters at Paris Fire Department. The HR director said he was hired in December, but didn't actually start his job until February 2013. Bruce said he wasn't actually hired as a firefighter until February 2013. Bruce said he thinks this firefighter should go through CPAT. Scott Lawson motion that this firefighter needs CPAT before he can receive incentive pay. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said we are meeting on November 14th to discuss the new required training hours. Jeremy Rodgers said the E&E sub-committee met multiple times to make changes to the required training hours. Jeremy said we took category M which is fire control and split out into structural, vehicle, flammable liquids, flammable gases, and dumpster/ container firefighting. Jeremy Rodgers said we will be going around the state to offer training class updates. Jeremy said if someone is not certified as of January 1, 2014 they will have to meet the new requirements. Scott Lawson motion to accept the new training hours. William Lilly seconded. David Stump said there is a typo on the second page. Under

emergency medical care should say 100 hours instead of 10 hours. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said out of the incentive notices that were sent out, Whitesburg Fire Department is the only department who hasn't paid us back. Tiger Robinson asked has the incentive pay been cut off for the rest of the department. David Goldsmith said yes.

David Goldsmith said we have come up with an agreed language with the Kentucky League of Cities and the fire chiefs on CPAT. Michael Kurtsinger passed out a list of the agency amendments. We met with JD Chaney and the fire chiefs and have come up with a good compromise. Michael Kurtsinger said the Fire Commission and the fire departments in the area will try to find locations and share the responsibility of trying to put the CPAT equipment together. Scott Lawson motion to approve the KRS from the previous meeting. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the batch reports were ran and mailed out in October. There are still over three hundred departments that are deficient for 2013. Please pass the word out that all training records have to be entered by December 31st. Scott Lawson wanted to have something put on the Fire Commission website saying training records are due by December 31, 2013. Bruce Roberts said we can do that.

Personnel Committee

Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee met this morning and we are in the process of closing the entry position for the two area coordinators for Area 5 and 15. The interview date is November 12. We are trying to fill these positions by the first of the year. Greg said there will be two vacancies on the personnel committee. If anyone is interested in being on the Personnel Committee please see him.

Training Facility Committee

David Stump said the Training Facility Committee met on October 15th. We had three different items to discuss. David said we awarded \$9,400.00 to Lexington Fire Department. They could not use the money that we awarded them and so they returned it. We discussed it and made a motion at the meeting to give this money

to McCreary County Fire Protection District. David Goldsmith motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said the Training Facility Committee discussed carrying over the \$500,000.00 from 2015 until the 2016 budget year. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said Casey Crawford received an email from the Brindle Ridge Fire Department requesting to move their training facility location to a different area. They said they are in the process of getting the land donated to them. The Training Facility Committee said they need to have a deed for the land. They have not received any money yet. The committee voted to give them 60 days to come up with the deed. David Goldsmith motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope said the task force is making good progress to the development of a comprehensive program. We hope to finish the development phase of that by the first of next year. Then we will be looking for communities to test the programs in. William Swope said we hope to roll this out at state fire school in June 2014.

William Swope asked the fire departments to try to get the message out across the state on alternative heating and if you need help please contact the Fire Marshal's Office.

Homeland Security

Tom Arnold said this past Monday, Homeland Security released the grant awards that totaled 2.8 million dollars in grants. 230 applications for 13 million dollars was sent in. They were able to award 119 projects.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Chris Crawford said the KFA just had their fall meeting. Chris said they are also happy to be involved in the Mid Atlantic Conference. The KFA is working on fire

school contracts for 2015. Chris said Dixie Firefighter's Association is celebrating their 50 year anniversary and will have a dinner in Elizabethtown tonight. Everyone is invited to come.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

Mike Hulsey said the Kentucky Fire Chief's is accepting nominations for volunteer chief and career chief of the year. This will be awarded at their symposium in January.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Rick Daugherty said KPF is now continuing to work on legislative efforts that we outlined at our convention in August.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Scott Lawson said the E&E committee has been working on thermal imaging camera grants. Scott said he contacted MSA and Bullard and they are present here today. Mark Gustus said MSA is loaning NFPA cameras for the areas. Dennis Stout from Bullard said they are loaning cameras to different areas throughout the state.

Correspondence

The Mid Atlantic Conference will in Louisville Kentucky on November 15th and 16th.

Announcements from the Audience

Pam Dickens invited everyone to take a tour of Kimberly Clark's facility.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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