

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

Fire Commission Minutes

December 17, 2015

Lexington, Kentucky

Present:

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

Absent:

Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell
Greg Dearing
Mike Dossett
Kevin Tyler

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Joe Baer motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2015 in Jamestown Kentucky. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson thanked everyone for the wonderful meal. Tiger Robinson asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Terry Culver, Zachary Clevenger and Alfie Smith.

Personnel Committee

Tiger Robinson said the personnel committee meeting was cancelled today. Greg Dearing's daughter was rushed to the hospital last night and Greg couldn't be here today.

Education Committee

David Goldsmith said the Education committee met today and we had three new items to bring to you today. David said we want to add the flashover classroom portion to the junior firefighter curriculum. Greg Lowe motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the committee has a curriculum correlation sheet to give information regarding IFSAC on what they need to study. David said he would like to include a copy of that in the minutes. Eric Bach motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the committee discussed the degree program and Marc Rudder is going to get us a copy of the curriculum on what is involved in the degree program.

Eligibility Committee

Rich Meyer said it was reported at the last meeting that Clark County has a firefighter who wants to receive incentive pay, but doesn't have CPAT. This firefighter has obtained his CPAT card since the last meeting. This issued has been closed.

Rich Meyer said as of the beginning of the month, there is a 184 fire departments who are still short of their training hours for the year.

Rich Meyer said there was a problem with Bromley Fire Department falsifying training rosters. This has been sent back to legal because of other issues.

Rich Meyer said the Jones Fork Fire Department is being investigated by the sheriff's office because there is missing money and equipment. Their new chief is requesting state aid for 2016. The committee recommends giving them state aid for 2016. David Goldsmith motion to approve giving Jones Fork their state aid for 2016. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said another issue was brought to the committee was allowing junior firefighters to be able to enter the fire blast trailer in the observation area and not in the live fire containment area. The following people will be on the committee to work on this: Jeremy Rodgers, Josh Whitis, Larrel Alley, Ron Maddox, Rick Daugherty, Eric Bach and Scott Lawson.

Rich Meyer said Bruce Roberts mentioned being able to use state aid to match federal grants. Rick Daugherty motion to be able to use state aid to match part of their grants. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said there will be approximately ninety departments who will be receiving funding for thermal imaging cameras.

Ronnie Day said we had a firefighter who had a heart attack last year. We now have the documentation, medical reports and investigative reports. Dr. Melahn agreed that the death of Billy Jarvis occurred as the direct result of in the act of performance and duty, responding to an emergency call, this death resulted from a circulatory malfunction which occurred within forty eight hours after participation in that duty. We feel the circulatory malfunction was cardiac arrest. A board certified cardiologist had released the patient to work and to respond to emergency calls at the time of the death. Jim Nickell motion to approve the death benefits for Billy Jarvis. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Pam Dickens motion to accept the ninety departments mentioned previously for the thermal imaging cameras. Vickie Herald seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said Bruce Roberts mentioned two fire departments who will be the pilot departments working on electronic rosters. Jeremy Rodgers said Paul Adams has been working

on a way to do electronic rosters and make the import process easier. Bill Lilly motion to go forth with this pilot program. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

Bill Lilly said the finance committee meeting minutes was approved from October 14, 2015 in Jamestown, Kentucky. The finance committee approved the lease payment for the building in SFRT Area 12. The committee approved paying for six safety and survival props. A motion was made to approve replacing the IFSAC trailer. The finance committee approved the 2017-2018 budget proposal to align the incentive and pension with current actuals. Jim Nickell motion to approve this report. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said one of the requirements from NFPA 1403 is that any type of live fire that we deal with such as our simulators, flashover trailers and burn trailers has to be inspected or certified once every five years by a certified engineer. Jeremy has located a certified engineer in Nicholasville who has agreed to do this for us and certify. We have twelve trailers that will require this. The total amount for this will be approximately \$11,200.00. Jeremy asked the engineer if he would use this price for the fire service in the state as a whole. He said yes. Marc Rudder said SFRT will not be able to conduct a live fire burn in someone else's prop who has not been inspected. David Goldsmith motion to approve those funds. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Loan Committee

Eric Bach said the loan committee met this morning. There were three loans to review. Berea Fire Department is requesting \$38,800.00 for a full bay addition to their station. McMahan Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for 15 SCBA's. Tateville Fire Department is requesting \$25,650.00 for six SCBA's. Bill Lilly motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Eric Bach said they received a letter from the chief of Lincoln County Fire Department requesting they switch collateral on two trucks between them and Highland Area Fire Department. Ronnie Day said this is assuming the collateral is there for the balance of the loan. David Goldsmith motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Fire Marshal's Office

None.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Joe Baer said the KPF and KFA has leased a condo at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort for the upcoming legislative session. They are finalizing the dates for the legislator's chili reception. Tentatively it is going to be on February 3, 2016 at Buffalo Trace.

KBEMS

Mike Poynter said after tomorrow we are out of the office for a couple of weeks for Christmas break. Mike Poynter said last January we put together a group to update our 501 Ambulance Regulations. With Legal Counsels support we will be updating those this next session. Mike said they are working on Community Paramedicine. KBEMS is working with the Fire Commission on joint projects.

Old Business

Michael Kurtsinger said under the KRS.65A, he has a list of fire departments that are non-compliant with the state law. Michael said he has letters from the local government telling us to hold the money. We will be sending letters out to these departments letting them know they will not receive money from the Fire Commission or anywhere else in state government. Four departments won't be able to get thermal imaging cameras because they are non-compliant. Once these departments become compliant, we will back pay them unless it takes too long. These departments have received six letters from the department of local government telling them they were non-compliant.

Ronnie Day said they showed the State Division of Forestry the property at Campbellsville. Ronnie said he received a call from the Director of the Division of Forestry and she said they are definitely interested in the property, but they have to wait until the new administration comes in. Chris at facilities did receive an email back from them asking if we would be interested in a lease with the State Division of Forestry.

Tiger Robinson said Dr. Melahn has been appointed to the loan and eligibility committees.

New Business

Tiger Robinson said we need to set the calendar for the 2016 Fire Commission meeting dates. The Fire Commission meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
February 26, 2016	Owensboro	1:00 pm (CT)
April 7, 2016	(TBA)	1:00 pm
June 9, 2016	Bardstown	1:00 pm
August 1, 2016	Northern Kentucky	1:00 pm
October 13, 2016	Owensboro- Kimberly Clark	1:00 pm
December 8, 2016	(TBA)	1:00 pm

Rich Meyer motion to approve these meeting dates. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said we have policies and procedures we have to follow through KCTCS. Some of the policies is the sexual harassment test we have to take every year and reviewing TI policies. We have some part time personnel who failed to take this. What we have done in the past is if they didn't complete their testing process, they were terminated. The coordinators have had numerous contact with these personnel who are on the list and some refuse to do it. Marc Rudder said they haven't logged in to try to do it. Rick Daugherty motion to terminate these personnel. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said our By-Laws state that at the last Fire Commission meeting of the year, if anyone has any intentions of running for Officer for the Fire Commission, that they should do so in writing. Tiger Robinson submitted his letter and is running for the Chairman of the Fire Commission. Greg Dearing submitted his letter and is running for the Vice-Chairman of the Fire Commission. Greg Lowe submitted his letter and is running for the Vice-Chairman of the Fire Commission. Eric Bach submitted his letter and is running for the Secretary of the Fire Commission. Ronnie Day asked does anyone have a letter they would like to submit at this time. There were no other Commission members nominated. Ronnie said we will have the elections at the Fire Commission meeting in February 2016.

Ronnie said the Fire Commission Workshop will be in Lexington on January 22 through the 24th at Embassy Suites. SFRT will be having their staff meeting there are the same time. Ronnie said February 26th through the 28th is the Bryant Stiles Officer's School in Owensboro. We need to know immediately who is planning on going and how long you are staying. Ronnie Day said we have posted four coordinator positions, an auditor's position and office coordinators position.

Comments from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.