

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

Minutes

December 18, 2013

Lexington, Kentucky

Present:

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

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m. Rich Meyer motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2014 in Owensboro, Kentucky. Greg Lowe seconded. Motion approved.

E&E Committee

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met on November 14th and December 5th. David said Okolona Fire Department conducted a presentation on going paperless on their training rosters. We are going to allow Okolona and Buechel to test this for a period of time starting in January 2014. Jeremy Rodgers will be monitoring this to see how everything works out. Greg Dearing motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Buechel Fire Department conducted a presentation on a situation awareness class. They will work with Casey Hall, Mike Wallingford and

Duane Suttles on this. David Goldsmith motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Casey Hall brought to the committee a draft of the new bluebook. William Lilly motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope said they have had seventy reported fire fatalities this year. Fire Marshal Swope said they are working on a couple of programs. One is a prevention program that is near completion. They will be looking for some communities to run a pilot program with this to see how effective the program might be.

William Swope said they have a sprinkler working group that is studying the impact of the lack of presence of sprinkler systems within the state.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's

None.

KBEMS

Michael Poynter said he urges anyone who needs to recertify to do that very quickly. Mike said KBEMS is moving toward going paperless on January 1, 2015. Mike thanked the Fire Commission on working with us and making the move to Lexington with us.

Old Business

Michael Kurtsinger said we had a legislative meeting this past week. Michael Kurtsinger said there is nothing in KRS that would prevent us from raising the rate on loans to \$100,000.00.

Michael Kurtsinger said we did not commit to making any changes to incentive pay. There are several groups that are talking about putting different things in. Michael said they are going to try to meet with John Hicks in January and see what he has to say.

Michael Kurtsinger asked Tiger Robinson to appoint three board members to meet with him and Ronnie to try to put together a legislative package to give to the commission board members.

Michael Kurtsinger said our administrative regulations on CPAT was submitted and changed. Anne-Tyler Morgan said it has been re-written. We don't anticipate any problems at this point in time, because we have worked with KLC and the Fire Chief's Association on this. Anne-Tyler Morgan said we will be submitting this on January 15, 2014 and the public comment hearing on this will be at the end of February. People will be able to submit public comments on this. They can refer this to a second legislative committee and that committee will have an opportunity to look at it in April or May. We are looking at around May or June for it to become effective if there are no problems.

Bruce Roberts said we have received Bourbon County's check. They are taken care of. Bruce said we are going to have to run batch reports on the paid departments every month for incentive pay. Bruce said Jeremy Rodgers has been going over the new training requirements across the state. Bruce said one of the big concerns is the hazmat class. Bruce said if they already have the twenty hours in hazmat, then they shouldn't have to do the awareness and operations classes.

Jeremy Rodgers said the training system will be down from January 8th through the 13th to put the new updates into place. Bruce Roberts said we will run the batch reports when we get back from break. Greg Lowe said Jeremy Rodgers' class was outstanding.

David Goldsmith motion to approve the E&E committee minutes from December 5, 2013. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer motion to approve to accept the twenty hours of hazmat if a firefighter has already taken it. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Eric Bach said there is some confusion on EMS hours. Jeremy Rodgers said yes KBEMS will accept those hours.

David Stump said at the last meeting we discussed the maintenance list to maintain the fleet. Ronnie said that he and Pat have met with Steve Calhoun on this. They are looking at moving equipment around. Ronnie said we will have a report ready for you by February.

New Business

Ronnie Day said we need to set the calendar for 2014 for the Fire Commission meetings. The fire commission meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
February 28, 2014	Lexington	1:00 pm
April 17, 2014	Boyle County	1:00 pm
June 12, 2014	Lexington	1:00 pm
August 3, 2014	Elizabethtown	1:00 pm
October 14, 2014	TBA	1:00 pm
December 4, 2014	Lexington	1:00 pm

David Stump motion to accept these meeting dates. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said if anyone is interested in donating to the flower fund, please see Therese Cheney.

Correspondence

Tiger Robinson said the workshop in January has been postponed. Therese Cheney needs to know as soon as possible if you are planning on attending so she can reserve rooms.

Greg Dearing said he thinks the committee should be a legislative and bi-laws committee. Anne-Tyler Morgan said we may want to word this as a work group instead of committee.

Announcements from the Audience

Ronnie Day said Charlie Shaw and Ed Schmidt are both retiring. The position for Area Office Coordinator has been posted. Pat Thompson said he would like for a couple of people from the personnel committee sit in on the interviews.

Walter Lage motion to adjourn. Rich Meyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.