

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

Minutes

April 5, 2012

Versailles, Kentucky

**Present:**

Eric Bach  
Rick Bobo (Representative for General Heltzel)  
Dr. Box  
Gale Cherry  
Kristin Chilton  
Greg Dearing  
David Goldsmith  
Walter Lage  
William Lilly  
Greg Lowe  
Butch McKinney  
James Nickell  
Betty Rauch  
David Stump  
William Swope

Greg Lowe called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A moment of silence was held in memory of Danny Woosley and Ron Wheeler. Greg Lowe said an election of officers needs to be conducted. Butch McKinney motion to nominate Greg Lowe as chairman. Walter Lage seconded. Betty Rauch motion to cease nominations. Butch McKinney seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump motion to approve Greg Dearing as the vice chairman. Eric Bach seconded. Betty Rauch motion to nominate Butch McKinney as vice chairman for the rest of his term. Butch McKinney said he appreciates it, but since I only have two months left I will decline. Betty Rauch withdrew her motion. Motion approved. Greg Dearing is the vice chairman.

Walter Lage motion to approve Kristin Chilton as the secretary. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Lowe said Butch McKinney has been an exceptional vice chairman of the fire commission. He is a great communicator. Butch has coordinated the junior firefighter program and the white book.

Betty Rauch motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2012 in Lexington, Kentucky. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Lowe thanked Chief Shuck and the Versailles Fire Department for the use of their training center for this meeting.

### **E&E Committee**

Kristin Chilton said the E&E Committee met this morning to discuss several issues. Kristin said several of these issues were tabled until the E&E Committee meets again on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Versailles. Kristin Chilton said there was an issue with a firefighter from Radcliff Fire Department. This issue has been corrected.

Kristin Chilton said there was discussion about the firefighter ID cards. The ID cards will be done once a year per region at a fire school. A department can also send in a request for ID cards along with pictures.

Kristin Chilton said we have had a new issue come to the E&E committee concerning Fancy Farm Fire Department.

### **Finance Committee**

Walter Lage said the finance committee met this morning to discuss the budget process as we develop a new budget. Walter said we didn't get the full amount we requested so we will look at rearranging the money at our June meeting.

### **Loan Committee**

Eric Bach said Barlow City Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for 2012 Freightliner pumper. Eric Bach motion to approve. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

### **Training Facility Committee**

Eric Bach said the training facility committee met this morning. \$3,000.00 was refunded from the Ohio County Firefighters Association. Eric said we decided to award the following departments this extra funding:

Boyle County- \$400.00  
Breeding Area- \$1,693.33  
Russellville City- \$906.67

Eric Bach motion to approve. David Stump seconded. Motion approved. Eric Bach said we set a deadline of April 27<sup>th</sup> for these grants that are outstanding to be turned in.

### **Director Reports**

Bruce said the specs are out. Three companies have submitted a bid. Bruce said they will award about 140 pieces of equipment. Bruce said hopefully the equipment will be delivered by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bruce said CPAT will be open up for the next two weeks as an open class in Jefferson County. The dates are for April 10, and 12 for orientation. The first practices will be May 1, 3. The second practice will be on May 15 and 17<sup>th</sup>. The final testing will be on May 29 and 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Legislative**

Michael Kurtsinger said there were 786 house and senate bills this year. 113 of these bills have passed and been sent to the Governor. Michael Kurtsinger said legislative reports are in everyone's folders.

### **State Fire Rescue Training**

Bryant Stiles said everyone has SFRT packets in their folders. Bryant said they had 954 students at officer's school this year. There were students from 91 counties represented.

Bryant said the paramedic program continues to develop on the development side and curriculum side. Bryant said the final draft of the SFRT course catalog is complete. It has been sent to marketing to do their part.

Bryant said Terry Oakley conducted a course for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Bryant said there will be an open house in Area 10 on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### **Executive Director**

Ronnie Day said they have met with General Heltzel and Colonel Harris in regards to Emergency Management and the Wendell Ford Training Center.

Ronnie said we have had several meetings with our ESF partners recently. Ronnie said they have met with the KFA and Fire School Committee in regards to fire school. Ronnie said this will be Charlie Shaw's last year for being coordinating state fire school.

Ronnie said the fire school brochures should go out next week or so. Ronnie Day said the fire caucus will be April 25<sup>th</sup> though the 27<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.

Ronnie Day said we had all of our communications trailers in West Liberty after the tornadoes. Ronnie said Duane Suttles did a great job as being the person of contact in West Liberty. Ronnie thanked everyone for sending equipment to help out. Ashland Fire Department donated a fire truck to West Liberty Fire Department. Estill County Fire Department brought a fire truck to West Liberty to use as long as they need it.

Ronnie thanked Howdy, Gerald, Bruce, Jack and all of the other firefighters that were involved with the legislative session.

Ronnie Day said the Daniel Boone Fire School will be held from May 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Northern Kentucky Fire School will be held from May 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Marshal's Office**

William Swope said the Fire Marshal's Office is working on setting dates and sites for NFPA 1123 and 1124 training similar to what they did last year.

William Swope thanked everyone for their response to the tornadoes. The Fire Marshal's Office is looking at formulating some type of training program for building assessments.

Ambrose Wilson is the new commissioner of the department of housing and building construction.

### **Homeland Security**

None.

### **Emergency Management**

Rick Bobo thanked Bryant Stiles and SFRT for all of the training they have done for the hazardous materials program.

Rick Bobo said Comex exercise is coming up on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> statewide.

### **Kentucky Firefighters Association**

Duane Suttles the KFA conference is in Lexington this year at the Clarion Hotel. The website is [kfa2012.com](http://kfa2012.com)

### **Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs**

None.

### **Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association**

David Stump said President Behr will be attending the Fire Caucus in Washington D.C.

**KBEMS**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Announcements**

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the Wendell Ford Training Center in Greenville, KY on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

State Fire School will be held in Lexington from June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The KFA Conference will be held July 28<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Announcements from the Audience**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.