

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

Minutes

June 14, 2012

Versailles, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Rick Bobo (Representative for General Heltzel)
Gale Cherry
Kristin Chilton
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
David Goldsmith
William Lilly
Greg Lowe
Butch McKinney
James Nickell
Betty Rauch
Tiger Robinson
Jennifer Schott
David Stump
William Swope

Greg Lowe called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Butch McKinney motion to approve the minutes from April 5th in Versailles. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Lowe thanked Chief Shuck and Versailles Fire Department for their hospitality.

E&E Committee

Kristin Chilton said the E&E committee met this morning to discuss several issues. The following five safety items have been added to the state aid equipment list: traffic cones, vests, 48 inch traffic signs, drop down chains and back up cameras.

Kristin said we saw the final draft of the JFF notification form and the permission form for them to attend outside department training and wanted those added to the Fire Commission whitebook. Kristin motion to approve the whitebook. William Lilly seconded. Butch McKinney said the book is a lot larger than what everyone is looking at. Butch said the whitebook went through several reviews internally and externally. Motion approved.

Kristin Chilton said the E&E committee will be meeting on July 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Versailles Training Center to discuss several issues that have been tabled.

Tiger Robinson motion to approve that traffic cones, traffic vests, 48 inch traffic signs, drop down chains and back up cameras be added to the state aid equipment list. Butch McKinney seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

Ronnie Day said the finance committee met on June 7th at state fire school to look at some issues and some increased funding. Ronnie said we were increased by 8.65 million dollars for the first year of the biennium. Ronnie said we asked for a ten million dollar increase but was cut 1.35 million. Ronnie said the following line items were discussed:

- Training initiatives
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Mobile trailers- burn and flashover units
- EMS
- WMD- Hazmat Tech Training Collapse
- Technical Innovations
- Driver Training Simulator

Ronnie said driver's training simulator was the most feasible one to make this cut from. Ronnie said the finance committee also looked at a budget overage that we had of \$713,000.00. This money was from the incentive and state aid lines. Brenda Goddard said we will start looking at the seven line items at each meeting and if we do need to make some alignments we still can. Ronnie said departments can get thirty hours from SFRT if they want. The requirement is still twenty hours, but departments can have up to thirty hours if they request it. David Stump motion to approve the finance committee's recommendations. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Loan Committee

Eric Bach said loan committee met this morning to consider four loan requests. The committee is recommending that two of the loans be approved. Rineyville Fire Department is requesting \$57,471.00 for a 2011 brush truck. Highview Fire Department is requesting \$41,256.55 for 35 sets of fire turnout gear. Eric Bach motion to approve. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved. David Goldsmith abstained from voting.

Eric Bach said Hyden Leslie Fire Department was requesting \$75,000.00 for 2012 rescue truck and eight sets of turnout gear. This loan was denied because they did not have 25% of the funding to put down. Eric said that Boyle County Fire Department was requesting \$50,794.00 for digital radios. Their paperwork was received yesterday and wasn't complete. Eric said the committee discussed past due loans and has recommended that certified letters be sent to county judges and or the mayor of those departments.

Health and Wellness Committee

Tiger Robinson said the health and wellness committee met this morning. All of the exercise equipment has been delivered. Tiger said there is a lot of equipment that is not being used and Rick Larkins has been picking up this equipment to take to other departments. We are looking at not buying equipment next year and see what happens.

Tiger Robinson said thirty two people were registered for Peer Fitness. Twenty nine people showed up for class. Tiger said CPAT is still going strong. We are advertising for a location in Central Kentucky for a building for CPAT. Tiger said we have purchased a combat challenge tower and it will be delivered on June 20th at the Kentucky Regional Training Facility where the CPAT location is.

Training Facility Committee

Tiger Robinson said the training facility committee met this morning. In 2011 Ashland Fire Department was awarded \$60,000.00. At this point in time nothing has been outside of advertisement for bids. No bids have been awarded. According to KRS we have to ask for the money back and we will ask them to apply again next year. Tiger Robinson motion to ask for the money back. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

Director Reports

State Fire Rescue Training

Bryant Stiles said state fire school attendance was up. Five additional classes were offered at fire school this year. Bryant said this week they have been with the Southern Group of State Foresters for their annual conference in Kentucky. We are working with them on everything from equipment loans to training with them and have them get credit for our training and for us to get credit for their training.

Bryant said SFRT is doing some distance learning through an interactive program with LSU. They are able to send in video conference to multiple locations with KCTCS system. The last program did was May 17, 2012 at seven locations.

Bryant Stiles said they continue to work on the paramedic accreditation program which has to be completed by the end of the year.

Bryant said SFRT is working with Louisville Fire Department to certify 375 of their personnel in IFSAC I, II, hazmat awareness, and hazmat operations level.

The next two LSU classes will be offered on July 19th and November 8th.

Executive Director

Ronnie Day said the completion date of Wendell Ford has been moved from December 12th to September 12th. Ronnie said they had a bill signing with the governor for an increase for health and life insurance for total disability.

Ronnie said they had a line of duty death at Lake Dreamland Fire Department. Bruce and Ronnie will start working on that paperwork next week. Ronnie said they attended the funeral for Dave Manley.

Ronnie Day said they attended a ground breaking ceremony for the new EOC building. The completion date is expected to be June 2013. Ronnie said General Heltzel has retired from the National Guard. He is still the director of Emergency Management.

Ronnie Day said they have had several meetings with the Commonwealth group on preparing for exercises. Ronnie said they had a statewide communications drill that went extremely well.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope said we are making progress with the sprinkler initiative. The Fire Marshal's office and Homeland Security have put information on the HISEN network concerning registration and the storage of fireworks in your community.

Homeland Security

Tom Arnold said we want to make sure the fire departments have access to the HISEN network to find out where fireworks are stored in their community. Tom said he encourages everyone to use the HISEN network to share information they would like to get out to the public.

Emergency Management

Rick Bobo said Emergency Management has partnered with Homeland Security to deliver a train the trainer class. Sixteen people became certified during this class. Rick said there is a tabletop exercise on August 1st and 2nd in the state EOC building. The I-75 closure exercise will be held on November 15th in Laurel County at the events center. Rick said the CERT meeting will be on July 18th in Catlettsburg. 63,000 DRT books will be distributed across the state by DOT.

Kentucky Firefighter Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ronnie Day presented a plaque to Laurel County Fire Department for housing Area 13 and for their hospitality.

Ronnie presented Kentucky Colonels to Casey Crawford, Brenda Goddard, Becky Blair, Lisa Bradley, Mary Adams, Therese Cheney, and Peggy Bryant.

Eric Bach asked how many firefighter ID cards did we do for state fire school. Ronnie said about seventy ID's.

Greg Lowe said the KFA conference is July 28th through the 31st in Lexington. Combat Challenge will be held August 11th and 12th in Lexington. Ronnie Day said we received an email from the International Association of Fire Chief's wanting to come to Kentucky to do a video on our successful work and training. They want to highlight it at their conference in August and throughout the year on the web. Bryant said they will have a booth at the conference in Denver in August.

Comments from the Audience

Therese said anyone staying for KFA or the Combat Challenge needs to let her know as soon as possible.

David Stump motion to adjourn. Bill Lilly seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.