

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

Fire Commission Minutes

June 16, 2016

Bardstown, Kentucky

**Present:**

Joe Baer  
Teresa Rochetti- Cantrell  
Rick Daugherty  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
Mike Dossett  
Mike Haney  
Scott Lawson  
Bill Lilly  
Greg Lowe  
Dr. William Melahn  
Rich Meyer  
Tiger Robinson  
Paul Schleffler (Proxy for Dr. Tracy)

**Absent:**

David Goldsmith  
Vicki Herald  
Jim Nickell  
Kevin Tyler

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Scott Lawson motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2016 in Morehead, Kentucky. Bill Lilly seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson thanked Chief Randy Walker and the Bardstown Fire Department for hosting this meeting. Chief Walker thanked everyone for being here today.

**Personnel Committee**

Greg Dearing said we will have two positions that will be posted within the next few weeks or so. Steve Calhoun announced his retirement effective July 31<sup>st</sup>. Tammy Gayheart from Area 12 is retiring soon. Greg said we will be posting for those jobs as soon as they come open. Greg Dearing said Marc Rudder brought to him a list of names of 30 state instructors who have not completed mandatory training for KCTCS hazardous duty. If these instructors don't complete the training by June 30<sup>th</sup>, they cannot work for SFRT or KCTCS.

## **Education Committee**

Greg Lowe said the education committee met this morning to consider two curricula that was sent to us by Casey Hall. Since we didn't have printed copies we could study, the committee elected to table the approval of those two curriculums until our next meeting.

## **Eligibility Committee**

Rich Meyer said the eligibility committee met this morning and had several things to discuss. Rich Meyer said we discussed Bromley Fire Department with our legal counsel on whether we could hold their state aid for two years. Ann Tyler-Morgan said we decided to ask for two years back of state aid for Bromley Fire Department falsifying records. Rich said the committee voted to fine Bromley Fire Department \$500.00 for each year for falsifying records. Rich Meyer motion approve fining Bromley Fire Department \$500.00 per year totaling \$1,000.00. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said the North Graves Fire Chief was at the eligibility meeting this morning. Last year, North Graves didn't get the required hours entered into the fire training system. Chief Costello asked the committee to reinstate their state aid or to extend their loan by one year. Scott Lawson motion to extend North Graves Fire Department's loan by one year. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said Cutshin Fire Department has a \$12,000.00 loan on an ambulance they own. They asked could they use \$5,000.00 of their state aid money one time to pay toward their ambulance loan. Scott Lawson motion for one time to allow them to use \$5,000.00 of their state aid money to pay toward their ambulance loan. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Rich Meyer said Bruce Roberts received a request from Scottsville Fire Department to purchase four helmet cams with their state aid money. The committee has denied this request. Greg Dearing motion to deny this request. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Dr. Melahn said the committee reviewed the line of duty death information for Zachary Clevenger from the Estill County Fire Department who passed away as result of an arrhythmia within 48 hours of responding and performing duty at a structure fire. The recommendation of the committee was that this did meet the

eligibility for a line of duty death according to KRS. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

### **Finance Committee**

Greg Dearing said the finance committee approved a budget in Morehead at our last commission meeting. Greg said the finance committee is planning to meet on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Lexington to discuss equipment for SFRT. Greg Dearing said the finance committee wants to try to get these equipment projects taken care of. Greg said we have found out that most of our burn trailers are in need of repairs or have been condemned. We have mandatory burn training and so we will be looking at new trailers for us to train with.

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

Mike Haney said the State Fire Marshal's Office is currently working on an MOA with State Risk Management to expand their state owned buildings sprinkler inspection program. We have a deadline of July 30<sup>th</sup> to get that done. Mike Haney said our training classes offered at state fire school is having a huge impact among our private sector sprinkler inspectors and fire alarm inspectors. Additionally, the Fire Marshal's Office is working on strengthening their certified fire safety inspectors for Kentucky for level I and II. They are trying to get some KAR's and KRS's supported and to add continuing education.

### **Emergency Management**

Mike Dossett thanked the Fire Commission for their support. Mike said FEMA has a timeline for updating the New Madrid plan that began earlier this year. It will cycle through next year. There will be a national level exercise that will occur in 2018. Mike said they are working on a Common Operating Picture (COP) that will give them situational awareness in 18 states. Mike said they have upgraded their web EOC. They are getting ready to roll 8.0. It will be windows based. Mike said they are upgrading their infrastructure on Share Point to a 2016 version. Mike said they also have engaged in a TEPW which is bringing all of the agencies together and planning out a three-year protocol for all training from all cabinets across the state.

### **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

Mike Hulsey said the KFA Conference will start July 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Northern Kentucky.

### **Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's**

Mike Hulsey said the KAFC conference will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Bowling Green.

### **Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association**

None.

### **KBEMS**

None.

### **Old Business**

Howdy Kurtsinger said we have one administrative regulation that was filed yesterday on the fire departments who are under \$100,000.00. We are in the process of working on the administrative regulation for the cancer deaths that we added. Howdy said they are going to try to meet in Morehead concerning this. They want to make sure they have guidelines to go by. Ann Tyler-Morgan said for the reporting regulation we filed yesterday they won't be effective until July. There will be a public comment hearing on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Commission office in Lexington. Ann said they will send the form that has been submitted to LRC with the regulation and if anyone asks they can go ahead and start using that form.

Rich Meyer asked where are we at on the Northern Kentucky CPAT building? Ronnie Day said KCTCS Facility staff have it and they are in the process of setting up a meeting with Marc and getting ready to work on it.

### **New Business**

None.

## **Correspondence**

Ronnie Day said the KFA Conference will be held in Northern Kentucky from July 29 through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Fire Commission meeting was scheduled for Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>, but it has been changed to Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at the Convention Center.

Ronnie Day said the Louisville Firefighter Combat Challenge will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> across from the Louisville Slugger Ballpark. Bruce Roberts said we just had the Combat Challenge in Lexington and it was probably the second largest one we have ever had. Bruce said he has heard nothing but good compliments.

Ronnie Day said Mike Haney is the new chairman of the Public Education committee. Jim Nickell will be the chairman of the loan committee. Mike Haney and Pam Dickens have been added to the loan committee. Dr. Melahn and Rick Daugherty have been added to the education committee. Mike Haney has been added to the SOP committee.

## **Announcements from the Audience**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.