

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

Minutes

June 27, 2013

Lexington, Kentucky

**Present:**

Eric Bach  
Kristin Chilton  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
Grant Gillion (Proxy for BG John Heltzel)  
David Goldsmith  
Walter Lage  
Scott Lawson  
William Lilly  
Greg Lowe  
Rich Meyer  
Jim Nickell  
Tiger Robinson  
Jennifer Schott  
Fred Siegelman  
David Stump

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Greg Dearing motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2013 in Corbin Kentucky. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson introduced Stephen Amato to the commission. Mr. Amato is a member of the McBrayer Law Group and they will be providing legal services to the Fire Commission.

**Finance Committee**

Walter Lage said the finance committee met today. Walter said they are working with Pat and SFRT coordinators to get a handle on the budgets. The finance committee approved the additional ten hours of training for each department every

year. Walter said they are adding an additional \$65,000.00 to the PERC program classes. Walter thanked Brenda and Pat for their hard work.

### **E&E Committee**

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met on Monday to discuss several items. Waddy Fire Department sent a representative to the committee to ask for leniency on their state aid because they failed to get their 2012 training hours in on time. The committee's recommendation is to deny this request. Eric Bach motion to deny. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the new state aid equipment list has been updated and will be distributed soon. David said the training categories and codes have been updated and will be mailed out. David said Ludlow and Ledbetter Fire Departments are requesting incentive pay. Rich Meyer motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there is an issue with Franklin County Fire Department. They have a firefighter who did not reach the 400 hour level within the first year. The committee's recommendation is to request incentive pay back for the months of January, February, March and up until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Greg Lowe motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Tim Johnson went to Feds Creek Fire Department to conduct an audit and he found that they could not produce documentation of the trainings that were entered into the fire training system. The committee recommends that their state aid be denied. William Lilly motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said that 151 thermal imaging camera grants have been issued. 156 grants had originally been issued, but not everyone accepted those grants. The committee recommends that everyone who didn't received a grant needs to reapply next year.

David Goldsmith said there has been a lot of discussion concerning Survival and Rescue, Wildland and Flashover Recognition. The committee made a recommendation in order to receive credit for any FC classes, a SFRT instructor will need to be the lead instructor or present to verify the training. Scott Lawson motion to approve. William Lilly seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the committee went into closed session regarding a personnel issue. After the committee reviewed the information they are recommending that this be sent to the personnel committee.

### **Personnel Committee**

Greg Dearing said the personnel committee has been busy. They interviewed for the recruitment and retention officer. They are waiting back on an answer from KCTCS on the position being offered. Greg said the posting went out yesterday for curriculum specialist.

### **Director Reports**

Bruce Roberts said state fire school went well. The cookout was successful. 84 pieces of health and wellness equipment have been delivered. One piece of equipment that was delivered has broken down. It is being repaired.

Bruce said one of the big CPAT classes is coming up. Lexington has 680 candidates that are going to participate in CPAT. Bruce said Combat Challenge will be August 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> at Lexington Green.

Michael Kurtsinger said the administrative regulations have been submitted. A copy of the regulations are in everyone's folders. If anyone has comments please send those to the attorney's office. Michael said House Bill 1 will affect most of the fire departments. It is going to be a reporting system through the department of local government.

Pat Thompson said State Fire Rescue Training has been staying busy. State fire school was a success. Pat thanked Whitney Innes for all of his years of service. Pat thanked Walter and Brenda for all of their help with SFRT's budget. Pat said the Industrial program is going strong. The full and part time staff are working hard on industrial training. Marc Henderson from area three has been working on scheduling classes for the NRPC. Pat said AFG grants will be coming up soon. They have checked on conducting grant workshops throughout the state. Pat thanked Peggy Bryant for all of her hard work.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ronnie Day thanked the commission for believing in us and supporting us in order to make this move. Ronnie thanked the staff and everyone who helped us move in our new building.

Ronnie said the Fire Commission continues to meet with Homeland Security. One of our big projects is working with the Division of Forestry. Tina Briggs is getting a lot of surplus fire equipment out to the departments in Kentucky. Ronnie said we continue to meet with KCTCS on several different issues. State fire school and the food was a success.

Ronnie Day said they continue to work with state and federal transportation. We have become partners with them on the new highway safety and incident safety programs. Ronnie said we continue to meet with the Operation Lifesavers Group. If your fire department needs free railroad crossing training, it is available. Please contact Ronnie if you would like to take this training. Ronnie said they continue to meet with the Commonwealth C group. Ronnie said they continue to meet with the KCTCS crisis team.

Ronnie said they continue to meet with the FBI. The FBI is asking to hold the citizens FBI academy here at our facility starting in September. Ronnie said the Daniel Boone Fire School numbers have increased tremendously. This year we had 350 students. Ronnie said they continue to meet with the Emergency Response Commission and discuss different topics.

Ronnie said Fort Leonardwood is planning on coming back to the NRPC. They came in February and liked what we had and they want to come back and look again. We requested from them to be the trainer for the National Guard in the fire service for the nation. It is a good possibility that we can train for the National Guard and the Army too.

Ronnie said we would like to do an open house here in late July. The KFA conference is August 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> in Ashland. Ronnie said if you are planning on attending the KFA conference we need to know today. Michael Kurtsinger and Jamia Skaggs will be inducted into the KFA Hall of Fame this year. Ronnie Day said we will be hosting the Mid Atlantic Conference this year. The conference will probably be in Louisville. Ronnie said if anyone has travel to turn in please do so as quickly as possible. All travel needs to be turned in by July 3, 2013.

## **Fire Marshal's Office**

None.

## **Homeland Security**

Tom Arnold said there may not be a NIMS cast this year due to the federal sequestration. Tom said the fusion center is having webinars through the Homeland Security information network. Tom said everyone who has HISEN access should receive a newsletter monthly. The Homeland Security grant application period is open. The grant period will close on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Emergency Management**

Grant Gillion said Emergency Management will be conducting training at the NRPC in the fall. Grant said the Emergency Response Commission will be having a hazmat team meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

Sam Stacy said the KFA conference will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> in Ashland. Sam said the fire school went well and in a positive direction.

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

None.

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

None.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **Old Business**

David Stump said the award letters for the training facility grants will be going out after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Comments from the Audience**

None.

### **Announcements**

Tiger Robinson said we need to review and update our policies and procedures. There will be a new committee to do this. If anyone is interested on being on the committee please see Ronnie or Tiger.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.