

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

Minutes

August 4, 2013

Ashland, Kentucky

**Present:**

Eric Bach  
Dr. Box  
Rick Daugherty  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
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 at 1:00 p.m. Scott Lawson motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2013 in Lexington, Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson thanked the KFA for hosting our meeting today.

**Loan Committee**

Eric Bach said the loan committee met today to consider three loans. Kite Topmost Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for an 80' X 100' metal building. Kentucky 86 Fire Department is requesting \$22,844.00 for a 2014 Ford F-350 Brush truck. Upton Fire Department is requesting \$27,864.00 for a 2013 Eagle Air Compressor/ Fill Station. Rich Meyer motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Motion approved.

Eric Bach said we had a request from West Point Fire Department for a loan extension for one year due to the fact they didn't receive their state aid last year. They are now in good standing and will receive their state aid this year. Scott Lawson motion to approve. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

### **Finance Committee**

Walter Lage said the finance committee met this morning. We briefly reviewed the monthly financial statements. Walter said Pat Thompson provided an update on the SFRT budgets and some future considerations. Walter said the committee approved the Fire Commission staff to look at cost of the incentive pay program and state aid for the last five years. The finance committee will then take a look at the feasibility of increasing the amount on state aid and incentive pay.

### **E&E Committee**

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met this morning. Chief Watts from Franklin County Fire Department was there to appeal the decision of the E&E committee on their incentive pay. The committee's decision is to deny their appeal. David Stump motion to deny their appeal. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the Curriculum committee requested an approval to conduct three pilot programs on swift water training. The recommendation from the committee is to allow that to happen. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

### **Personnel Committee**

Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee met this morning. We approved the hiring of Jacob Warren as the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. Scott Lawson motion to approve the hiring of Jacob Warren. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee also met on some issues with Area 14. The committee has come up with some recommendations and they are going to send it back KCTCS for their review. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Ronnie Day said the curriculum position should be filled within the next three weeks to a month. Ronnie said they are working with HR on finalizing the JAQ and job description for the National Response Preparedness Center Director. Ronnie said the committee has approved hiring an additional person in the office to help with finances and other areas as needed. Ronnie said he is going to work with Greg Dearing and Brenda Goddard to get a job description and JAQ.

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

William Swope said in the spring of this year, the Fire Marshal's Office created a task force for the purpose of creating a comprehensive fire prevention model that could be used across state. This program involves bringing in traditional and non-traditional partners as well. William Swope said they are working with agencies such as Red Cross, Injury Prevention and Social Services. What they want to do is create a program that can be used from Pikeville to Paducah and have someone take it into their own community and tweak it to do what they want to with it. William Swope said they are also working with a group called Vision 20/20. They may have already visited with some departments in the eastern part of the state. William Swope said they would like is to create a prevention program called Fire Safe Communities. They would like to have about ten bench marks that they would like to have the departments meet.

William Swope said he would like to talk to everyone about sprinklers in multi-story residential. Mr. Swope said they are in the process of answering questions for the legislators and it is a work in progress. It is important that when they meet that they fire services shows up to meet with the legislators.

### **Emergency Management**

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Joe Baer said they just finished their convention in Louisville. Joe said during the next legislative session they will be working on a collective bargaining legislation, a cancer bill for firefighters and the benefits and pension plan for firefighters.

### **Old Business**

Tiger Robinson said we will be working on putting a by-law committee together.

### **New Business**

Tiger Robinson said the banquet and KFA Hall of Fame will be on Tuesday night.

### **Comments from the Audience**

Tiger Robinson said next weekend the Combat Challenge will be conducted in Lexington.

Pam Dickens said she passed out brochures to the Fire Commission on Industrial Fire Brigades.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.