

KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION

Fire Commission Meeting

Minutes

February 25, 2022

Owensboro, Kentucky

Present:

Chris Black
Wayne Briscoe
Joe Choate
Chris Crawford (Proxy for Mike Haney)
Josh Keats
Tamela Kerr
Ricky King
Scott Lawson
Lonnie Madden
Andrew Scott
Dwane Smeathers
Mike Sutt

Ex Officio Members

Present:

Joe Baer
Eric Philpot
Cathy Rigney

Absent:

Dr. Fadi
Dustin Isaacs

Absent:

Wendell Followell

Ricky King called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (CST). Andrew Scott motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2021 in Paris Kentucky. Dwane Smeathers seconded. Motion approved.

Ricky King thanked Green River for hosting our meeting. President Lee Williams of the Green River's Association thanked the Commission for being here today and for the continued support that the Commission shows to Green River. President

Williams said currently they have approximately 700 students enrolled for Green River Officer's School.

McLean County Attorney Donna Dant conducted the swearing in of Chris Black and Wayne Briscoe.

Old Business

Ricky King said we need to discuss the upcoming Fire Commission meeting dates for 2022. The Commission meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
February 25, 2022	1:00 pm (CST)	Owensboro, KY
April 14, 2022	6:00 pm (EST)	Elizabethtown, KY
June 2, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY
August 4, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Corbin, KY
October 6, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY
December 1, 2022	1:00 pm (EST)	Paris, KY

Lonnie Madden motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Jeremy Rodgers said we have letters that have been submitted for the Office of Chair from Ricky King, the Office of Vice Chair from Andrew Scott, and the Office of Secretary from Lonnie Madden. Below are the letters submitted to the Fire Commission:

RICKY KING

712 E. EVERLY BROTHERS BLVD
CENTRAL CITY KY 42330

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November 11, 2021

Executive Director Larry Potter
110 Cleveland Dr
Paris, KY 40361

Deputy Executive Director Bruce Roberts
110 Cleveland Dr
Paris, KY 40361

Good morning Gentlemen,

I would like to formally announce my intentions to run for the position of Chairman of the Kentucky Fire Commission for the upcoming year if I'm reappointed to the Commission, if any of you have any questions, please contact me anytime.

Respectfully,



Ricky King
(270) 543-1445

Roberts, Bruce W (KCTCS)

From: A. Henderson Scott <a.henderson.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:44 PM
To: Potter, Larry W (KCTCS); Roberts, Bruce W (KCTCS)
Cc: Andrew H. Scott
Subject: Kentucky Fire Commission

Good evening, Gentlemen! Hope you each are well. It is my intention to submit my name for Vice chair when next election is held. If you have any questions or need more info, please let me know. Hope you both have a great evening!
Thanks, -Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

11/23/2021

I Lonnie Madden am placing my name in nomination for Secretary of the Kentucky Fire Commission Board.

Lonnie Madden

Andrew Scott motion to dispense with the reading of the letters. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. Tamela Kerr motion to approve the nominees. Chris Black seconded. Motion approved.

Loan Committee

Joe Choate said the Loan Committee met this morning to discuss increasing the loan amount from \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00. Joe said hopefully we will take action on this at the April meeting.

Eligibility Committee

Dwane Smeathers said that the first LODD is for Jerry Ferrell with Monticello Fire Department. Jeremy Rodgers said that Dr. Smith reviewed all the medical records and did recommend approval. Below is the letter from Dr. Smith:

Irvin E. Smith, MD
Board Certified in Anesthesiology and EMS Medical Direction
145 Brookside Cove Paducah, Ky 42003
270-994-2995

ismith@phiairmedical.com or drsmith@healthworksmedical.com or ismith0014@kctcs.edu

Date: 2/14/2022

To: Kentucky Fire Commission

Fire Fighter Death Benefit Committee

Re: Jerry Steve Ferrell

Dear Committee Members:

I have reviewed all pertinent medical records and forms submitted on behalf of the deceased firefighter, Jerry Steve Ferrell. It is my opinion that the conditions surrounding the death do qualify the family members for benefits pursuant to the requirements of 739 KAR 2:040 and KRS 61.315.

Respectfully submitted,



Irvin E. Smith, MD

Joe Choate motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said the second LODD is for David Pawley with Louisville Fire Department. Jeremy Rodgers said that Dr. Smith reviewed all the medical records and did recommend approval. Below is the letter from Dr. Smith:

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Date: 10/27/2021

To: Kentucky Fire Commission

Fire Fighter Death Benefit Committee

Re: Pawley, David C.

Dear Committee Members:

I have reviewed all pertinent medical records and forms submitted on behalf of the deceased firefighter, David C. Pawley. It is my opinion that the conditions surrounding the death do qualify the family members for benefits pursuant to the requirements of 739 KAR 2:040 and KRS 61.315.

Respectfully submitted,



Irvin E. Smith, MD

Mike Sutt motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said we have a request from Bowling Green Fire Department for Incentive pay variance. This firefighter had transferred from another department to Bowling Green and was receiving incentive pay from the other

department. Dwane said there was a lack of paperwork sent in from Bowling Green Fire Department. Bowling Green Fire Department is asking for Incentive pay for this firefighter from January 21, 2021 through July 13, 2021. Andrew Scott motion to approve. Tamela Kerr seconded. Motion approved.

Dwane Smeathers said we have five departments who are requesting State Aid Variance. The departments are Stony Point, Greenup, Sharpsburg, Roaring Springs, and Mt. Carmel. Joe Choate motion to approve State Aid for these departments. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Education and Eligibility Committees

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility Committee and Education Committee merged to discuss the new required training hours proposal. The proposal is as follows:

Kentucky Basic 1 Certification

Category	Class Name	Hours
A0000	Administration	1
B0000	Safety	1
C0000	Communications	1
D0000	Fire Behavior	3
E0000	Extinguishers	3
F0000	Personal Protective Equipment	6
G0000	Forcible Entry	6
H0000	Ventilation	6
I0000	Ropes	3
J0000	Ladders	3
K0000	Hose, Nozzles, & Appliances	6
L0000	Foam	2
M0000	Fire Control	9
N0000	Loss Control	3
O0000	Victim Search & Rescue	3
P0001	CPR/AED	3
P0021	First Aid	3
Q0001	Extrication	3
R0000	Water Supply	3
S0000	Fire Protection Systems	3
T0001	Hazardous Materials Awareness	3
T0002	Hazardous Materials Operations	6
U0000	Fire Prevention-Public Education	1
V0000	Building Construction	3
W0000	Aircraft	2
Y0000	Fire Investigation	2
Z0000	Pump Operations	6
CC0000	Drivers Training	9
FC1000	Kentucky Firefighter Survival (skills NOT required)	3
FC2000	Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (skills NOT required)	3
FC3000	Kentucky Wildland Awareness	3
FC4000	Kentucky Flashover Recognition & Survival (skills NOT required)	3
	TOTAL HOURS	115
Equivalency		
	Accredited Certification – Firefighter 1 (Kentucky)	
	Accredited Certification – Hazardous Materials Awareness (Kentucky)	
	Accredited Certification – Hazardous Materials Operations (Kentucky)	
FC1000	Kentucky Firefighter Survival (skills NOT required)	3
FC2000	Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (skills NOT required)	3
FC3000	Kentucky Wildland Awareness	3
FC4000	Kentucky Flashover Recognition & Survival (skills NOT required)	3

Kentucky Basic 2 Certification

Category	Class Name	Hours
A0000	Administration	3
B0000	Safety	4
C0000	Communications	4
D0000	Fire Behavior	16
E0000	Extinguishers	4
F0000	Personal Protective Equipment	20
G0000	Forcible Entry	12
H0000	Ventilation	12
I0000	Ropes	8
J0000	Ladders	12
K0000	Hose, Nozzles, & Appliances	20
L0000	Foam	4
M0000	Fire Control	20
N0000	Loss Control	8
O0000	Victim Search & Rescue	12
P0001	CPR/AED	4
P0021	First Aid	4
Q0001	Extrication	12
R0000	Water Supply	8
S0000	Fire Protection Systems	4
T0001	Hazardous Materials Awareness	4
T0002	Hazardous Materials Operations	12
U0000	Fire Prevention-Public Education	4
V0000	Building Construction	12
W0000	Aircraft	4
Y0000	Fire Investigation	4
Z0000	Pump Operations	20
CC0000	Drivers Training	20
FC1001	Kentucky Firefighter Survival (SKILLS REQUIRED)	8
FC2001	Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (SKILLS REQUIRED)	8
FC3000	Kentucky Wildland Awareness	3
FC4001	Kentucky Flashover Recognition & Survival (SKILLS REQUIRED)	6
TOTAL HOURS		300
Equivalency		
	Accredited Certification – Firefighter 2 (Kentucky)	
	Accredited Certification – Driver Operator Pumper (Kentucky)	
FC1001	Kentucky Firefighter Survival (SKILLS REQUIRED)	8
FC2001	Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (SKILLS REQUIRED)	8
FC3000	Kentucky Wildland Awareness	3
FC4001	Kentucky Flashover Recognition & Survival (SKILLS REQUIRED)	6

Dwane Smeathers said the Eligibility and Education Committees voted favorably on the proposed changes. Joe Choate motion to approve. Andrew Scott seconded. Jeremy Rodgers said our proposal is concerning the 150-hour, 400 hour and junior firefighter requirements. Jeremy said we want to go to a Kentucky Basic I and II. We also proposed reducing the number of hours from 150 to 115 and from 400 hours down to 300 hours. Jeremy said the administrative regulation now gives us the ability to hold an equivalency. We have the accredited certification program (IFSAC). Jeremy said IFSAC FF I, Awareness and Operations will be the equivalent of Kentucky Basic I. IFSAC FF I, II, Awareness, Operations and Driver Operator Pumper will be the equivalent of Kentucky Basic II. Jeremy said that Ericka Cole and Ashley McWaters created a Junior Firefighter handbook. Jeremy Rodgers said they made the junior firefighter hours match the Kentucky Basic I. Motion approved.

Education Committee

Lonnie Madden said the Education Committee met this morning with Casey Hall concerning the Fire Science Degree Program curriculum.

State Fire Rescue Training

Marc Rudder said that Senate Bill 101 will align high school dual credit programs with college credit hours. Currently there are seven fire related programs in high schools in the State of Kentucky. Marc said there are employment opportunities for these students.

Marc Rudder said through January 31, 2022 SFRT has taught 414 fire departments this year. Marc said that SFRT has taken delivery of a new Hazmat Technician Training prop. It features a rollover tank for a commercial vehicle hauling chemicals or liquids. It has tank simulators. Marc said we hope to train more of our staff on this once the weather warms up. Marc introduced Wes Gilliam to the Commission. Wes started on February 16, 2022 as the District 9 Coordinator in Morehead. Marc Rudder said we do have interviews scheduled for the NRPC Coordinator.

Fire Marshal's Office

Chris Crawford said the Fire Marshal's Office hopes for the revamp of the Kentucky Standards of Safety will be approved within two weeks, which will include the 2018 Edition of 101. Once those are approved, Fire Marshal Haney plans to offer some classes and training on 101 to the updates. Chris Crawford said that the Fire Marshal's Office has hired three new deputies: Ed Lemley, Terry Vanderkamp and Shawn White.

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

Josh Keats said the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has been busy. They have had some Cyber intrusions. They are also monitoring numerous other protest activities. Josh said they are working with the FBI to identify a new potential position with the Fusion Center.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Eric Philpot said the next meeting of the KFA will be held on Saturday, February 26th at 9:00 am (CST) at the Green River Officer's School. Eric said they have been working on the Memorial expansion with the KPF and with the Fire Commission. Keith Monuments will be coming in tomorrow and presenting some ideas and quotes for the Memorial. Eric said the KFA, Fire Commission and State Fire School committee have been working on hard on getting everything ready for fire school in June.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

Cathy Rigney said the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs will be meeting after the Fire Commission meeting in this room and everyone is invited. Cathy thanked Jeremy Rodgers and the taskforce for all their hard work on the new training hour requirements. Cathy said Brian Steele is in our thoughts and prayers. Marc Rudder said Brian has been extubated and talked to his wife on the phone.

Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association

Joe Baer said the KPFF's primary focus right now is Frankfort. There are a ton of bills that are moving, and some are beginning to move. Joe Baer asked the

Commission to look at the rosters and make sure that the firefighters taken off the rosters are not immediately added back on after the department receives their state aid. Dwane Smeathers said these departments will have a review in six months. They will have to be compliant.

KBEMS

None.

New Business

Bruce Roberts said we are over halfway through the session. There are over 700 bills that have been introduced. Bruce said the Fire Commission, KPFF, KFA and the Fire Chiefs Association have been there every day watching over the bills to see which ones affect the fire service. Bruce discussed the following bills: SB 27, SB 64, SB 101, SB 177, SB 189, HB 1, HB 56, HB 69, HB 135, HB 151, HB 163, HB 164, Hb 169, HB 227, HB 348, HB 356, HB 372, HB 396, and HB 446. Bruce said the big bill on the table right now is HB 505. Joe Baer said HB 505 will split KBEMS. Joe said they met with Representative Mark Hart yesterday on this. Bruce Roberts said when we put something out, please contact your legislators. Bruce said he has copies of all the bills if anyone would like a copy.

Ricky King went over the committee assignments. The committees are as follows:

Finance

Joe Choate, Chair
Andrew Scott
Mike Sutt
Wayne Briscoe
Wendell Followell

Public Education

Mike Haney, Chair
Dr. Fadi Al Akhrass
Tamela Kerr
Dustin Isaacs

Loans

Joe Choate, Chair
Dustin Isaacs
Dwane Smeathers
Scott Lawson
Josiah Keats
Joe Baer

Education

Lonnie Madden, Chair
Scott Lawson
Chris Black
Eric Philpot
Josiah Keats

Training Facilities

Lonnie Madden, Chair
Dwane Smeathers
Chris Black
Andrew Scott
Eric Philpot

Health & Wellness

Scott Lawson, Chair
Dustin Isaacs
Tamela Kerr
Chris Black
Andrew Scott

Dustin Isaacs

Cathy Rigney

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Eligibility

EMS Committee

Dwane Smeathers, Chair

Mike Sutt, Chair

Lonnie Madden

Wayne Briscoe

Josiah Keats

Cathy Rigney

Mike Sutt

Dwane Smeathers

Wayne Briscoe

Joe Baer

Larry Potter thanked Green River for allowing us to attend and have our meetings. Larry thanked the Board Members for everything. After we are done with the Commission meeting, we are going into the Fire Commission Workshop. Larry thanked all his staff at work. Larry said we all need to work together. If you need anything, please let us know. That is what we are here for.

Correspondence

Marc Rudder said State Fire School will be held in Lexington on June 9th through the 12th. State Fire School will be held at Bluegrass Community and Technical College on Leestown and at the Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike.

Announcements from the Audience

None.

Bruce Roberts said we have 20th edition challenge coins for sale. They are \$20.00 apiece. Bruce said the money that we make off these coins will go back to the upkeep of the monument in Frankfort. The monument is 20 years old, and it does need some work. We are running out of space. We are trying to create more seating space.

Chris Black motion to adjourn. Joe Choate seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm (CST).