

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
December 2, 2015
Minutes

Portions of this meeting may be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (11 & 12)

Attending:

Fire Education Advisory Commission: Tim Dorsey, Rob Wylie, Mike Mahler, Greg Brown, Alan Braun

On Conference Call: Mike Marlo

Unable to attend: Eric Latimer, Todd Gray

Staff: Greg Carrell, Kim Becker, Doug Goodings, Bill Zieres, Sherry Hoelscher

Guests: Dave Hedrick, Kevin Zumwalt, Dave Dotson, Kraig Bone, Bob Little, Rusty Sullivan

Approval of Minutes from September

Motion – Rob

Second - Greg

All in Favor

Division Updates

- Division update – Greg stated the Division is now the National Fire Academy and North American Fire Training Directors point of contact for Missouri. The Division is working through the logistics of this process and will keep the Commission informed as we move forward.
- Budget updates – The Division submitted a budget request package to the Director's office and is awaiting the Governor's recommendations.
- Legislative updates – Bills were pre-filed starting Dec. 1. Bills filed so far involve the inspection of nursing facilities, LODD benefits for our staff, tax credit for fire fighters obtaining annual training, expert witness requirements, grants for volunteer fire departments for workers comp, and a long-term care licensing bill.
- Staff updates - The Training Unit has a new Training Technician II, John Loveless. John has law enforcement and fire fighter training in his background and we are excited about having him join our team. The Division also hired two new investigators: one in Hillsboro and one in Nevada. We have an open position for an Elevator Inspector in the St. Louis area.

- Training Program Update – Kim stated the IFSAC re-accreditation visit will start on December 3rd with representatives from Kansas, Kentucky and Arizona. Also joining the team would be an observer from Illinois. We are expecting a positive outcome from the visit.
- As part of the re-accreditation visit, the Division Training staff is presenting 16 new levels for review. This would bring the Division total accredited certification levels to 30.
- A plan for the rollout of the new levels will be presented at the next commission meeting.
- The Training Unit also recently completed the first update for the revised Driver Operator course and certification program with 24 students who will be the new instructors of the program. Two classes are being done now.

FY16 Contracted Training Funds Update:

	Avbl	Contrd	Unobligated
FireEd	\$274,703	\$254,703	\$20,000
Gen. Rev	\$485,000	\$485,000	\$0
CEPF	\$81,136	\$81,136	\$0
Total	\$840,839	\$749,415	\$20,000

Contracted Training Partner Reports: See Attached

- Phil Sayer Scholarship Aps – Sherry discussed the applications. The deadline for application is January 8th. She will prepare a spreadsheet of qualified applicants and email the Commission. A conference call vote will be conducted if needed.
- Standardized Evaluations – Some training partners have lengthy evaluation forms which become cumbersome to transmit and file. The Division will develop a shorter template for partners to use and send a draft to the Commission to approve.
- It was suggested by several Commission members to forward flyers from our training partners. Division staff will do so upon receipt of flyers from our contracted training partners.

Additional/Remaining request

- Pattonville FPD – Blue Card
 - Dave Dotson spoke to his request for additional funds. He has fully expended all of his contracted funds. The program has snowballed and he has more than 40 applications on the waiting list.
 - Rob Wylie spoke to the value of the class as an attendee. The class did a good job of cementing the principles of command and leadership.

Comments from Guests

- Dave spoke to the Commission regarding the Annual Report from MUFRTI and thanked the Commission for the funding and support.
- Rusty Sullivan mentioned the new Boot Camp class at MCC/BR is full with 20 students and has waiting list. This pilot class is slated for 58 hours in 5 days.

Other Business

Reminder to file your Personal Financial Disclosure

Sherry reminded the group of the May 1 filing deadline to avoid penalty.

Motion to close meeting to discuss contracts – Rob

Second - Greg

Roll Call in favor:

Rob

Greg

Alan

Tim

Mike Mahler

Motion to award Pattonville FPD \$20,000 – Rob

Second Greg

Roll Call in favor:

Rob

Greg

Alan

Tim

Mike Mahler

Alan noted the audience for the Blue Card class is primarily in SL. He would like to see if we could get cheap hotel rates in St. Louis so others in the State could attend. Rob said he would speak to Dave about getting good rates to encourage others in the State to attend the Blue Card classes.

Motion to Open Meeting – Alan

Second - Rob

Roll call in favor:

Rob

Greg

Alan

Tim

Mike Mahler

Rob asked about the NFA POC regarding contractual issues. Greg stated he would need to look at other contracts with SEMA/FEMA as well as other contingent issues and entities. The Division is looking at a variety of options.

Motion to adjourn - Alan

Second - Rob

All in favor