

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
March 10, 2016
Minutes

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

Attending:

Fire Education Advisory Commission: Tim Dorsey, Mike Mahler, Greg Brown, Todd Gray, and Alan Braun

On Conference Call: Rob Wylie, Mike Marlo

Unable to attend: Eric Latimer

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

Guests: Robert Little, Dave Hedrick, Kevin Zumwalt, Dave Dotson, Corey Irelan, Jack Armor, Kraig Bone, Jason Hoevelman, Les Crews, and Larry Young

Motion to Amend the Agenda:

Motion - Rob

Second – Mike Mahler

All in favor

Approval of Minutes from December

Motion – Todd

Second – Mike Mahler

All in Favor

Division Updates

- Budget updates – Greg updated the group on the status of the Division's budget. So far the Division has obtained support from the House for additional fleet vehicles as well as additional fire fighter training funds. Representative Roden also offered an amendment on the floor for additional fire inspectors.
- Legislative updates – Greg updated the group on the status of various bills. Several bills deal with various aspects of the Division's inspections programs, LODD, POST requirements, body cameras for law enforcement staff, and workers comp benefits for fire departments. Session ends May 13.
- Fire Fighters Day – May 3. The Commission discussed featuring the training partners as in the past. Capitol renovations on the South lawn may present a challenge.

- Training Program Update
 - NFA Call for Courses – An email was sent to various trainers and Commission members to see which NFA classes are most requested. Deadline for feedback to Kim is March 21.
 - Kim reported the reaccreditation site visit in December went very well for 14 current levels, as well as initial accreditation for 16 new levels.
 - Kim distributed a new program guide inclusive of all accredited levels.
 - Kim mentioned the Division’s first ISO certification class will be held in Springfield the end of March.
 - The Division’s new Rope Rescue courses are scheduled for West County FPD in March, Boone County FPD in April, and the KC area in the Summer.
 - Doug Goodings distributed the tentative implementation plan for all the new training levels.

FY16 Contracted Training Funds Update:

	Available	Contracted
FireEd	\$274,703	\$274,703
Gen. Rev	\$485,000	\$485,000
CEPF	\$81,136	\$81,136
Total	\$840,839	\$840,839

FY16 Contracted Training Funds Expended to Date:

	Expended	Remaining
FireEd	\$4,656	\$270,047
Gen. Rev	\$375,999	\$109,000
CEPF	\$13,900	\$67,236
Total	\$394,555	\$446,283

Contracted Training Partner Reports:

- Jack Armor indicated all Three Rivers College contracted training funds would be expended and additional funds are requested to cover all obligated classes.
- Dave Hedrick indicated all MUFRTI contracted training funds would be expended and additional funds are requested to cover all obligated classes
- Dave Dotson stated Pattonville FPD will spend all contracted funds. They have taught 10 Blue Card labs, some individuals paying for their own training. Dave indicated he was working on a mobile format of the class. He has also partnered with a local hotel to offer a reduced rate for those attending out of the area.
- Alan mentioned concern with the status of expenditures at this point. Expect more from our training partners than waiting until the last minute to conduct training and expend funds.

- FDIC Scholarships via NAFTD – as the point of contact for NAFTD, the Division is allowed FDIC scholarships for two instructors. We awarded the scholarships to Jim Usry (representing St. Louis Co Fire Academy) and Justin Griffin (Brookfield Vol FD).
- Phil Sayer Scholarships for Summer School – MUFRTI requested funding to continue support for the scholarships.

Comments from Guests

Les Crews expressed concern regarding the new technical rescue program in regards to its impact on current experience instructors. Les requested the bridge program be developed to bring these individuals to the new level.

Kim indicated there is a significant gap in the skills most people were trained to and what the current standard requires. Doug stated there are approximately 13 skills required which were not previously taught in Missouri, therefore these individuals would be better served by taking a full course.

Les had further questions regarding the Division's approval of the STARRS contract for Structural Collapse for certification but could not disclose a specific vendor. Kim indicated the Division had given guidance to STARRS for certification purposes but could not blindly approve any vendor without reviewing their testing components. Doug further explained the requirements of meeting the NFPA standard in order to meet certification criteria.

Greg Carrell clarified the Division of Fire Safety will only accept training to the most current standards in order to be tested for certification and therefore meet the criteria for accreditation. Everyone needs to train to the best, most current standard in order to avoid falling into that pitfall of having to "bridge" in the future.

Todd re-iterated the Commission has set this same requirement for all of the contracted training partners.

Larry Young questioned Kim regarding the arrangements for Kansas City. Kim stated she would work with Larry on getting the class scheduled.

Jack Armor mentioned Three Rivers College has almost finished the FESHE approval process.

Les Crews requested the minutes of the Commission meetings be posted on the Division's website.

Other Business

- Letter from Queen City Fire Chiefs Assn. – Greg Carrell informed they group of the letter he received asking for the Commission to fund Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator, Mobile Water Supply, and Outdoor Search and Rescue courses. Greg emailed with Travis Trent and Kim spoke to him on the phone so he is aware of the courses which are available.

Reminder to file your Personal Financial Disclosure: May 1 – Sherry reminded everyone to file their reports to avoid the penalty.

Alan made a motion to close the meeting to discuss FY16 contracts and Proposal Announcement for fiscal year 17.

Mike Mahler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Alan Braun – yes

Mike Mahler – yes

Tim Dorsey – yes

Mike Marlo – yes

Todd Gray – yes

Greg Brown – yes

Rob Wylie – yes

Discussion regarding revisions to the proposal document.

Alan made a motion to make the following changes to the proposal document:

- Only courses with currently available curriculum will be considered for funding.
- All proposals must include a map indicating course and student location.

Todd Gray seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Alan Braun – yes

Mike Mahler – yes

Tim Dorsey – yes

Mike Marlo – yes

Todd Gray – yes

Greg Brown – yes

Rob Wylie – yes

Proposal announcement will be posted on the Division's website and emailed to all current training partners.

Discussion regarding unexpended funds in the FMAM Inspector course contract. Todd made a motion to amend the FMAM contract to allocate funding for the ISO class.

Seconded by Mike Mahler

Roll call vote:

Alan Braun – yes

Mike Mahler – yes

Tim Dorsey – yes

Mike Marlo – yes

Todd Gray – yes

Greg Brown – yes

Discussion regarding the Phil Sayer Scholarships. Alan made a motion to fund the Phil Sayer Scholarships for MUFRTI's Summer Fire School –

Seconded by Greg Brown

Roll call vote:

Alan Braun – yes

Mike Mahler – yes
Tim Dorsey – yes
Mike Marlo – yes
Todd Gray – yes
Greg Brown – yes

Discussion regarding the NAFTD scholarship recipients and the cost of attending FDIC.
Todd made a motion to fund the hotel costs for the NAFTD scholarship recipients for
FDIC hotel for up to \$1200.

Seconded by Alan

Roll call vote:

Alan Braun – yes
Mike Mahler – yes
Tim Dorsey – yes
Mike Marlo – yes
Todd Gray – yes
Greg Brown – yes

Tim made a motion to open the meeting.

Seconded by Greg Brown.

All in favor

Next Meeting – Two-day meeting for presentations and awarding of contracted funds:
June 15 & 16

Alan made a motion to adjourn.

Mike Mahler seconded the motion.

All in favor.