

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
March 6, 2019

MINUTES

The Missouri Fire Safety Education / Advisory Commission works to provide training and continuing education to the fire service throughout Missouri.

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

Fire Education Advisory Commission: Tim Dorsey, Todd Gray, Alan Braun and Greg Brown Rob Wylie was present by conference call

Staff: Tim Bean, Sherry Hoelscher, Becky Trapani, Greg Landwehr, Dee Dee Edwards, John Loveless, and Debbie Plank

Guests: Shane Roden, and Kevin Zumwalt

Approval of Minutes from 9/26/18:

Motion: Todd Gray
Second: Alan Braun
In favor: All

Approval of Minutes from 12/17/18:

Motion: Todd Gray
Second: Alan Braun
In favor: All

Division Updates –

- Budget outlook – At this time, we do not foresee any cuts to the fire fighter training funds. The Division has requested funding for replacing 13 high-mileage vehicles; however we are receiving little support on this issue. We had asked for two boiler inspectors but have received approval for one. Workers Compensation Grants for firefighters is still a topic of discussion.
- Legislative outlook –There are over forty fire-related bills filed to date.
- Staff Updates:
 - Fire Inspector – Region D – holding off hiring for now and using these funds to pay other expenses
 - Fire Investigator – Region D – seven people were tested and will be invited to interview.
 - Boiler & Pressure Vessel Safety Chief – looking to promote a current staff member to this position.

- Elevator Safety Unit Deputy Chief - Inspector Gus Guadamuz has been promoted to this position.
- Training Tech – Currently accepting applications.
- Training Program Update – See Becky’s report. The last Inspector II class has been scheduled.
- Discussion regarding the need for computerized testing. Alan expressed a need to move forward on this now. Greg Brown made a motion to totally support the program. Alan Braun seconded the motion and was ready to fund the program immediately. All were in favor. Representative Shane Roden expressed a willingness to assist with the \$100,000.00 to get the program started.

FY19 Summary of Contracted Training Funds as of 3/5/19:

	<u>Contracted</u>	<u>Expended</u>
▪ Fire Ed & GR:	\$720,439	\$388,848
▪ CEPF:	\$79,948	\$56,254
▪ Total Funds:	\$800,387	\$445,102

Training Partners Summaries – Previously emailed to Commission members. Tim Dorsey asked that the break down would be by department no just by county.

Other Business:

On-line/web-based certification testing

Close meeting to discuss Proposal Announcement for Fiscal Year 2020.

Motion: Todd Gray
 Second: Alan Braun
 Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Sherry announced that all proposals and bids are now required to be submitted through the Office of Administration via MissouriBuys. An official RFP will be posted.

Alan stated the Commission needs to adopt a fire fighter standard in hopes that the departments will voluntarily adopt those requirements. That in turn will make it easier to pass legislation which would establish a statue requiring a firefighter to meet that level of expertise.

Motion to Approve Proposal Announcement as discussed: Todd Gray

Second: Alan Braun
 Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Motion to Open Meeting: Todd Gray

Second: Alan Braun
 Roll Call Vote: all in favor

**Date Next Meeting: TBD
 Two-day Presentations!**