

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
September 21, 2017

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: Mike Marlo, Tim Dorsey, Greg Brown, and Todd Gray. Rob Wylie on conference call. Alan was unable to attend.

Staff: Tim Bean, Greg Carrell, Sherry Hoelscher, Becky Trapani, Greg Landwehr, Kim Fitzsimmons, Dee Dee Edwards

Guests: Gail Hagans, Kevin Zumwalt, Dave Hedrick, Corey Irelan

Approval of Minutes from 6/28 & 29/17:

Motion – Rob

Second – Greg

In Favor – All

Division Updates –

- Budget requests for FY19 to include: Sherry reviewed with the Commission.
 - Three replacement fleet vehicles for Boiler Inspection field staff
 - Workers Compensation Grants for Volunteer Fire Protection Assn's
- Legislative updates: Tim Bean reviewed with the group.
 - Increase fees for explosives used to support the Division's Blasting program. Tim requested support of this initiative as current funding will not allow the program to continue beyond FY18.
 - Implement Minimum Training Standards for Fire Fighters. Tim recognizes this is a challenge; however it is needed. Tim stated NFPA is working on a definition of "fire fighter" which mirrors Fire Fighter I and II certification. General discussion regarding the expectation of trained fire fighters responding during mutual aid. May eventually tie into eligibility for workers' comp grants. Becky explained the Basic class is being updated and the process will be attainable for volunteer departments.
 - Amusement Ride Safety law changes to include the addition of water slides and further restrictions of mechanical bulls and inflatables.
 - Donated Fire Equipment changes to allow for companies/businesses to donate to fire departments without liability.

- Division staff updates
 - Full staff for Fire Investigations!
 - Chad Hildebrand – Region A
 - Aaron Sutton – Region C
 - Rachel McColley – Region E
 - Theresa Turner – Elevator Unit, Office Support Assistant
- Current open positions:
 - Fire Inspector – Region I
 - Elevator Safety Inspector – Region C
- Training Program Update – Becky gave the update for the Training Unit. The Live Burn 1403 classes were scheduled over the next few days with 58 people enrolled. This is currently contracted via MACFPD but will be a hand-off program after these Train the Trainers are complete. The Fire Investigator course will be held in West Plains the first of October and is already full. The Fire Inspector class is scheduled for College of the Ozarks for weekends in December.

FY17 Summary of Contracted Training funds – Please see attached.

FY18 Summary of Contracted Training Funds:

	<u>Contracted</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
▪ Fire Ed & GR:	\$563,526	\$31,692.75	\$72,924
▪ CEPF:	\$80,988	\$0	-\$1,346
▪ Total Funds:	\$644,514	\$31,692.75	\$71,578

Training Partners Summaries – Please see attached.

Corey Ireland spoke regarding the Pattonville/Blue Card classes. The Kirksville lab will be held in February; Oran lab will be held in mid-Jan over 2 weekends; Lake Ozark lab will be held for combo departments in late Feb; and Liberty FD which is for all paid, entire command staff, lab in Jan. Corey confirmed they are fully committed in January, and will have all invoices in by then. They have many requests for classes remaining from last year when funds were cut and would gladly accept more funds to help those individuals.

Dave Hedrick spoke to the MUFRTI's report. Dave stated he appreciated the funding. MUFRTI's Winter Fire School is the first weekend in February, with Summer School in May this year. MUFRTI piloted the fire fighter skills testing yesterday with Division staff. MUFRTI has scheduled and fully obligated all contract funding. Dave stated they would be interested in any remaining funds if so available. They also would be interested in funding for NFA courses.

Tim Dorsey stated all training partners need to schedule classes quickly and invoice quickly.

Division events & initiatives

- Veterans Initiative – The Division is working on a new program to recruit military men and women into the career and volunteer fire service opportunities. We have an energetic group of both fire service and military career skills coordinators

working on formulating a “Military in Transition – Fire Fighter for a Day” program. The Pilot for this program is expected to be held after the first of the year in Jefferson City.

- Fire Service Leadership Meeting – Tim Bean stated we will be establishing a cross-section of chiefs and organizational leaders from throughout the State to meet at our office to discuss important issues affecting the fire service. It is hopeful this will enhance the Division’s relationship with the fire service while keeping open the lines of communication, especially on fire service related legislative issues. The meeting will be held November 15th.
- Fire Ops 101 – The Division will be holding this event during legislative session in order to garner support and understanding from the State’s decision makers. Chief Marlo suggested Tim Bean reach out to Region C for assistance, as there are several good resources there who have experience conducting these events.
- Tim Bean stated the Division of Fire Safety had a great stair climb event. The Governor was present and participated in the Stair Climb in full gear. We raised approximately \$12,000 for the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. The Commission commended the Division for hard work on this great cause.

Other Business:

Todd stated he would like to see the Commission mission statement at the top of every set of minutes and posted as such.

Tim Bean presented the Commission members with challenge coins and Division car decals and thanked them for their time and service.

Dave gave the MUFRTI annual report to each of the Commission members. He thanked the Division and Commission for support. The MUFRTI staff also completed a Survey Report, which is available online, under Downloads. Lastly, Dave announced his retirement in December. The Division staff and Commission thanked Dave for his time and work with Missouri’s fire service.

Motion to adjourn - Mike
Second Rob
All in favor

Date Next Meeting:
December 5, 10:00