

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
June 19 & 20, 2018

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

Minutes

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

Attending:

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

Staff: Tim Bean, Sherry Hoelscher, Becky Trapani, Greg Landwehr, Debbie Plank, Steve Grass, Kim Fitzsimmons, and Dee Dee Edwards

Guests: Larry Doty

Tim Dorsey called the meeting to order and Mike Marlo seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2018:

Motion – Todd

Second – Alan

All in Favor – All

Division Updates

- Governor Mike Parson & Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe - Tim Bean gave updates concerning the new governor and spoke about the Fire Fighter Standard.
- General Commission discussion regarding performance of current training partners. Commission members need to ask partners during their presentations why they haven't spent all their funding from last year. Commission may need to consider a Needs Assessment across the state in order to determine how to effectively spend funds. Commission members would like to coordinate training efforts with the MERC in regards to hazardous materials funding.
- Department updates – no policy or personnel changes expected with the new Governor.
- Budget updates for FY19 – Waiting for Governor Parson to sign
 - Pay increases for Investigation and Inspection staff
 - 5 vehicles
 - VFPA Workers Comp Grants
- Legislative updates –The following passed:
 - HB1286 – Blasting program fee increase

- SB870 – TIF language, EMS language, & Line of duty death benefit, to include uniformed staff of Division of Fire Safety
- MERC program fee extension which impacts CEPF funding
- Division Staff updates
 - Staff Vacancies
 - Elevator Deputy Chief & Field Inspector
 - Fire Investigator – Joplin area
 - Fire Inspector
- Training Program Update – Becky announced that training and testing numbers are up. Tech Rescue has doubled from the first year. The Inspector 2 class is going well as is the Driver Operator levels. Becky commented that we need more investigators. The Division staff is exploring options for online testing.

Review of FY18 Training Contracts: Summaries within new proposals

	Contracted	Expended
Fire Ed	\$154,533	\$136,444
Gen. Rev	\$485,000	\$484,258
CEPF	\$80,988	\$ 80,988
Total	\$720,521	\$701,690

FY19 Estimated Summary of Contracted Training Funds Available:

▪ Fire Ed	\$170,000
▪ Gen. Rev	\$485,000
▪ CEPF	\$80,000
▪ Total	\$735,000

Requirements for OA when handling contracts:

- Contracts *under \$5,000* can be offered by the Division without restrictions. (>\$5,000)
- Contracts with *political subdivisions and colleges/universities* can be offered by the Division without restrictions. (PolSub)
- Contracts with training vendors that are a *single feasible source* provider of a specific training class can be contracted following approval from OA. (SFS)
- *All other* training contracts must go through an OA bidding process, regardless of funding source. The Fire Education Advisory can set the parameters for this process and recommend or reject bids. (OA)

Presentations:

O'Byrne Fire Fighter Training – Chad Dailey & Paul Verne

FF Training - \$105,000

Previously SFS approved

FY18 contracted - \$48,000; expended \$48,000

Chad and Paul presented for O'Byrne. They have recently changed to a non-profit entity. All funds are re-invested into the company for better props, etc. They have acquired a new prop for man in the machine class. Average cost per student is around \$200. In the new contract year they are looking at Osage Beach, Cape, and Palmyra for deliveries. They continue to teach extrication classes, just not through this contract due to limitations OA. The Small Machinery class is the most popular.

Leadership Development Concepts, LLC – Larry Conley

FF Training - \$9,995

Previously SFS approved

FY18 contracted - \$3,998; expended \$3,998

Larry Conley presented for the group. Awarded 2 classes last year and completed those early at Kirkwood and Osage Beach with 18 and 24 students respectfully. Larry has requests from 3 departments already this year including Lake Ozark, Cottleville, and St. Joe. The class is Fire TCP certified for excellence in training now. Larry added a suicide prevention component to the class last year.

North Mo Regional Fire Academy/Trenton FD – Doug Franklin

FF Training -\$15,000

Will need approval or contract w/ political subdivision

Doug presented the proposal for the group. He explained this was in response to the changes in certification testing. Currently his planned host site is Trenton. He does not have host sites established otherwise. Commission members discussed Doug needing to partner with a college or political subdivision in moving forward.

Fire Marshals' Assn of Missouri – Randy Fogle

FF Training - \$18,300

Will need SFS approval

FY18 contracted - \$4,100 for symposium & \$18,000 for Inspector Crs; Expended \$13,897 total.

Randy presented for FMAM for the Inspector II class in partnership with the Division. FMAM proposed 3 classes – Region D, C, and A. Proposal includes the evaluators for testing as well.

EOS – Matt Luebbert

CEPF - \$18,000

Will need to be under \$5,000 since not political subdivision or SFS.

Matt Luebbert presented for EOS. Mike Schultz, the owner of EOS, also teaches for MERC. Mike would handle logistics for the testing component, but not serve as the evaluator. Matt explained the other guys would sign off for the testing.

Three Rivers Community College – Jack Armor, Kraig Bone, Steve Gettemeier, Jason Hoevelman, and Doug Wolfe

FF Training: \$383,300

FY18 contracted \$189,000; Expended \$187,890

CEPF: \$120,214

FY18 contracted \$72,238; Expended \$72,238

Meets political subdivision guideline

Jack began, then let each provided explain their portion of the proposal. Kraig explained his proposal, including his differences with the Fire 1 & 2 skills testing. Jason presented for Engine House. Jason spoke to the issue of the entire team having issues with low enrollments and cancellations. Steve Gettemeier presented his portion of the proposal. Doug Wolfe presented his portion of the proposal. Doug has requests from Jackson and Lake Ozark.

Moberly Area Community College – Brandi Glover

FF Training -\$31,700

Meets political subdivision guideline

FY18 contracted \$21,200; Expended \$21,200

Brandi explained the MACC proposal. They have purchased 2 trailers this year for their props. Neighboring departments are very supportive. Fire 1 & 2 will be in Macon.

Requesting funding for testing as well. Brandi had support from Chiefs Shane Jaegger, George Albert, and Chief Dutton.

MU Fire & Rescue Training – Kevin Zumwalt

FF Training - \$1,765,650

FY18 contracted \$185,000; Expended \$184,995

CEPF - \$165,600

FY18 Contracted \$8,750; Expended \$8,750

Meets political subdivision guideline

Kevin presented the MUFRTI proposal. Kevin first reviewed the FY18 performance: Highest demanded classes – Basic FF Skills; Basic Pumps; Water Supply; Vehicle Rescue Tech; Thermal Imaging. New classes include ISO, Live Fire Instructor, and Taking Action Against Cancer. Also new is an Alternative Fuel class.

End of presentations for day one.

Motion to adjourn – Mike Marlo

Second – Todd

All in favor – All

Motion to begin meeting for day two – Tim

Second – Alan

All in favor - All

Jefferson County FS Alliance – Brian Gaudet

FF Training - \$22,640

FY18 contracted \$17,200; Expended \$17,200

CEPF - \$3,345

Meets political subdivision if through Hillsboro Fire Department.

Brian presented the proposal for Jefferson County. Brian explained the differences between last year's program and this year's request, to include equipment acquisitions and training requirement for area fire fighters. They are also requesting hazmat operations funding this year, but can also request that through the LEPC.

Pattonville Fire Protection District, Blue Card – Dave Dotson

FF Training - \$45,892

FY18 contracted \$56,640; Expended \$56,640

Meets political subdivision guideline

Dave presented for Pattonville and explained the Blue Card system. Last year went to Liberty, Oran, Lake Ozark, and Kirksville. They had an additional 150 students go through the system outside of grant funding, along with a refresher class, and a "blue card terminology" class. To date, they have taught just under 600 incident commanders. This year's request will allow for 32 incident commanders around Pattonville, and 32 around the State. They have requests from Boone County, Jefferson City, Lake Ozark, and Liberty as well as the St. Louis area again.

Ozark Technical Community College – Randy Villines

CEPF - \$5,000

Meets political subdivision guideline

Randy presented the proposal for OTC. Randy explained their rationale for the online Awareness class and the interaction the students would have with the instructors during the course. The curriculum would be IFSTA's with the input from the Division.

Discussion regarding participants from other industry, and delivery and development timeframes.

Metropolitan Community College at Blue River, PSI – Chuck Perry

FF Training - \$107,500

FY18 contracted \$40,400; Expended \$37,200

Meets political subdivision guideline.

Chuck presented the proposal on behalf of Blue River. Most of the courses are blended, using Jones and Bartlett curriculum. They use a refundable deposit program to alleviate the problem with cancelations.

Crowder College – Shane Anderson

FF Training -\$35,980

FY18 contracted \$9,600; Expended \$9,600

Meets political subdivision guideline

Shane presented for Crowder College. Shane explained the College does not charge admin fees. Also they are not charging instructor fees for the Instructor class in this proposal due to the issue with the low attendance with the Pumper class in the FY18

contract. Shane went through each of their course requests, including Fire 1 & 2 which includes HM Awareness and Ops.

Eastern Douglas Fire Chiefs Assn – Shane Anderson & Chris Hammett

FF Training -\$10,300

Will need approval or contract with political subdivision

Shane explained E. Douglas County has been awarded a grant to purchase gear for 83 fire fighters, but there are no certified fire instructors in the county and they have Fire Fighter 1 & 2 training as required by the grant. Shane will coordinate the blended learning and the live burns. If they don't complete this, they will lose the grant and the gear. Discussion regarding this great need.

STCI – Rick Shoaf & Shalom Shoaf

CEPF Training -\$24,000

Will need to approval.

Rick presented for STCI – Safety Training Consultations International LLC. They have been in business for almost 25 years. Their proposal relates to hazmat leadership, Hazmat 472 and 1072. They have considered partnering with a political subdivision in order to make contracting easier. Participants must be a haz-mat technician to attend the class. They have seen a need for an entire team to attend as well.

The following proposals were discussed as time allowed.

PFFIA, Symposium & Investigator Course – Rob Wylie/Becky Trapani

Symposium - \$4,000

Investigator Course - \$8,500

FF Training - \$12,500

Previously SFS approved for Fire Investigator

FY18 contracted - \$4,000 for symposium & \$7,500 for Investigator Crs; Expended \$10,491 total.

Rob Wylie presented for PFFIA. This year PFFIA is looking at a shorter conference on the weekend this year. Next year will be longer, and they will switch every other again. Becky discussed the Investigator class to be partnered with PFFIA. Classes to be delivered include Blue Springs, Springfield, St. Charles/St. Louis, Region H, and the Lake area.

Phil Sayer Scholarships

FF Training - \$5,000, est.

Meets political subdivision if with college or university

FY18 Expended \$5,235 calculated with MUFRTI total; 27 scholarships

Total Requested:

- FF Training: \$2,568,757
- CEPF: \$336,159
- **Total: \$2,904,916**

Motion to go into closed session to discuss/award contracts

Todd

Second - Greg B

Roll Call vote in favor:

Alan

Todd

Mike

Tim

Greg

Rob

Motion passed.

General Commission Discussion –

- All students attending classes related to certification which are supported by contracted training funds shall be encouraged to take the certification exam. This may have impact on future funding.
- Reserve funding for Needs Assessment survey.
- Discussion regarding not approving the Registered Program fees for MUFRTI.

The CEPF funding was discussed first. Rob made the motion to award funding to:

Three Rivers Community College

MU Fire & Rescue Training

STCI- with a stipulation to partner with a political subdivision in 30 days.

Todd seconded the motion.

Tim abstained from voting.

Roll Call vote in favor:

Alan

Todd

Mike

Greg

Rob

Motion passed.

The FF Training funds were then discussed. Rob made a motion to award funding to Pattonville Fire Protection District- Blue Card. Greg seconded the motion. There were 4 yes votes (Rob, Mike, Tim and Greg) and 2 no votes (Alan and Todd) with the motion passing.

The decision was to award funding to:

O'Byrne Fire Fighter Training

Leadership Development Concepts, LLC

Fire Marshals' Assn. of Missouri

Three Rivers Community College

Moberly Area Community College

Jefferson County FS Alliance

Metropolitan Community College at Blue River, PSI

Crowder College

Eastern Douglas Fire Chiefs Assn.

Phil Sayer Scholarships via MUFRTI

Rob made a motion to award funds as mentioned and Greg Brown seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote in favor:

Alan

Todd

Mike

Tim

Greg

Rob

The motion was passed.

Rob made a motion to award funding to MUFRTI as mentioned and Mike Marlo seconded the motion. Alan Braun abstained from voting.

Roll Call vote in favor:

Rob

Todd

Mike

Tim

Greg

The motion passed.

Todd made a motion to award PFFIA funding. Mike seconded the motion. Rob abstained from voting.

Roll Call vote in favor:

Alan

Todd

Mike

Tim

Greg

The motion passed.

Motion to open meeting – Alan

Second - Greg

Roll Call vote in favor:

Alan

Todd

Mike

Tim

Greg

Rob

The motion passed.

Other Business

Tim Bean updated the group on the Veterans Initiative. Additional deliveries are scheduled in Ft. Wood, Blue Springs, and St. Louis this late Summer/fall.

Commission members requested staff to schedule a future Fire Ed Commission meeting with MERC members to discuss coordinating training efforts.

Date for Next Meeting: September 26th at 10:00