

Fire Education Advisory Commission
Division of Fire Safety
August 19, 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: Rob Wylie, Todd Gray, Tim Dorsey, Alan Braun and Greg Brown

Introduction of New Commission Members: Traci Wiley, Brian Zaitz, and Jim Ludden

Staff: Tim Bean, Greg Carrell, Becky Trapani, Sherry Hoelscher, Debbie Plank, Greg Landwehr, Ron Thompson, Dee Dee Edwards, Matt Luetkemeyer

Guests: Kevin Zumwalt, Chad Dailey, Matt Black, Brandi Glover, Jack Armor, Travis Austin, Ross Dutton, Mark Kempker, Kraig Bone, Edith Armor, and Shane Anderson

Approval of Minutes from 3/6/19:

Motion: Rob

Second: Todd

In favor: All

Division Updates –

Budget outlook – Tim Bean

- Replacement Vehicles – the new budget was launched in July and the economy is looking stable. The Division received funding to replace six vehicles for field staff, and will be requesting funding to replace 11 in the next fiscal year.

Legislative outlook – Tim Bean

- Workers Comp Grants for Volunteer Fire Protection Associations – Currently working through Mo Dept of Conservation through an agreement on their Fire Department Equipment grant. Departments must have a mutual aid agreement with Conservation in order to be eligible for the grant. Division of Fire Safety will request full funding for FY21 in order to implement the law as intended.
- The Division is also hoping to pursue a statute change to expand the use of the in-house dedicated funds.

Staff updates - Sherry

- Training Technician II – Ron Thompson is back!
- Fire Inspector/Public Education – Region F vacancy
- Fire Investigator – Regions B and C vacancies
- Elevator Safety Inspector – Region C vacancy
- Boiler Inspectors – St. Joe & St. Louis – new staff started August 16th

Contracted Training Funds Update - Sherry

FY19 Summary of Contracted Training Funds as of 8/12/19:

	<u>Expended</u>
▪ Fire Ed & GR:	\$702,397
▪ CEPF:	\$83,551
▪ Total Funds:	\$785,948

FY20 Summary of Contracted Funds as of 8/12/19:

	<u>Available</u>
▪ Fire Ed & GR:	\$594,345
▪ CEFP:	\$86,176
▪ Total Funds:	\$680,521
▪ Funding is down due to reduction in fireworks revenues	

Training partners summaries - Sherry explained not all partners submitted summaries. An email was sent on July 25th to all partners asking for a summary to be submitted by August 12th for inclusion in the August 19th meeting discussion and decision making. Alan emphasized the importance of these reports and holding vendors accountable.

NFA Update – Becky explained that the NFA grants will not be funded this year. The nine regional deliveries will still be available to the State.

Volunteer Fire Fighter Certification Program – (Missouri Fire Fighter Professional Pathway) Tim Bean and Becky explained the thoughts of this new initiative, which would be approximately 240 hours with skills. Discussion regarding various levels of liabilities and changes to requirements. IFSTA training materials would be used. This program may positively impact ISO ratings.

Learning Management System update – Tim Bean/Becky
Tim explained the funding history for this program. Becky reviewed some pricing options for a new system. Discussion regarding the possibility of charging for testing and recertification to support on-going maintenance fees. This would require a change in statute to direct the fees into the Fire Ed Fund. The Commission agreed to support the system however pricing and other details will need to be finalized before determining to what extent.

New process for contracted course requests – Becky and Sherry reviewed new process with the group and fielded questions from the training partners. Contracts are still pending with OA therefore specifics of the RFP could not be discussed. OA indicated contracts should be issued by the end of the week. It was suggested that the Request for Contracted Training form be changed. The changes include a minimum number of students required and a disclaimer be added. The new form will be posted on the Division's website.

Other business - Comments/questions from guests

Matt Luetkemeyer reviewed MO Scope with the audience. Matt also explained that 136 departments still have not registered this year and are required to by law. Tim asked all in attendance to assist with this effort.

Light the Night – This is an initiative to recognize all fire service through the month of October. Requests have been made to light the Capitol and the Bridge across the Missouri River. Asking others to light their homes and firehouses in red during this time.

State Fire Marshal Stair Climb – The event is scheduled for October 19 at the Jefferson Building.

Close Before You Doze – This is an initiative to shut your bedroom door before you go to bed. This is in partnership with American Red Cross.

Todd made a motion for recess

Second – Alan
Vote – all in favor

Tim Dorsey called the meeting to order.

Close meeting to discuss RFP Responses /Contracts

Motion: Alan

Second: Brian

Roll Call Vote: Tim, Rob, Traci, Todd, Brian, Alan, James, Greg

Commission reviewed RFP responses. Discussion regarding additional information needed from some of the vendors in order to fairly evaluate all of the responses. Information will be requested as soon as contracts are issued and Division staff is thereby allowed to have such discussions. Finalized listing of all courses approved will then be published on the Division's website.

Single Feasible Source and Direct-Contract Options

Motion: Brian - \$3,998 for two GLUE classes

Second: Todd

Roll Call Vote in favor: Tim, Traci, Brian, James, Rob

Roll Call Vote against: Todd, Alan, Greg

Motion – Brian - \$36,000 to O'Byrne Fireground Instructors

Second – Rob

Roll Call Vote – All in favor

Motion to open meeting: Rob

Second: Todd

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Motion to dismiss: Todd

Second: Greg

Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Date Next Meeting:

September 5, 2019

10 am