

**FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2015**  
**Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Kevin Schott, Volunteer Firefighters	Greg Hay, OSFM
Kent Tomblin, Peoria FD	Michael Dillon, IL Assn. of Fire Protection Districts
Mike Toika, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.	Mike Schmitt, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.
Robert Morris, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.	Jim Plunket, IL Fire Inspectors Assn.
Bill Clossen, OSFM	Les Albert, OSFM
Joe Holomy, Effingham FD	Jim Kreher, IL Fire Safety Alliance
Dan Wenschhof, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.	Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance
Nick Steker, Franklin Park FD	Pat Devaney, Assoc. Fire Fighters of IL
Jim Keiken, IL Fire Service Institute	Greg Knoll, IL Professional Firefighters Assn.
Jim Moore, Fire Officer SCAC	Shawn Connors, Rockford FD
Steve Iovinelli, IL Fire Services Assn.	Brian Brauer, IL Fire Service Institute
Angela Stinson-Marti, OSFM	Ronny Wickenhauser, OSFM
Bryan Doyle, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.	Mitch Crocetti, IL Fire Services Assn.
Cathy Bormida, OSFM	Brian Thompson, IL Society of Fire Serv. Instructors
Larry Matkaitis, OSFM	Alix Armstead, OSFM

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman K. Tomblin.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum met.
- III. A motion was made by J. Holomy to approve the minutes of December, 2014 meeting; seconded by M. Toika, motion passed. Minutes approved.
- IV. Old business**
  - a) Jim Moore presented an update on the Fire Officer SCAC program (PowerPoint attached). A couple of questions were asked and answered. A motion was made by J. Holomy to permit this SCAC Committee to manage the pilot, to hold the pilot program in the northern part of the state to keep instructors' costs down, and to accept the PowerPoint as authorization for the Fire Officer I and II pilot programs. Motion seconded by K. Schott. All voted in favor, motion passed.
  - b) B. Clossen presented the progress report on Haz Mat SCAC. There were a couple of questions asked and answered. (outline attached)

c) Other Old Business - None

**V. New business**

**a) Budget**

L. Matkaitis stated that OSFM's proposed FY16 budget was well received by the Governor's office with no changes. The Senate Appropriation Hearing was on March 5<sup>th</sup> and only one question was posed regarding the Small Equipment Program.

R. Wickenhauser, CFO for OSFM explained that the OSFM budget was \$35.9 million and includes \$4 million for Small Equipment Grants. There was \$14 million set aside but Governor's office asked that \$8 million be reserved. OSFM will be able to award \$6.4 million. There are 49 applications and once approval is given from Governor's office, application approval will commence. There were some grants that had to be cancelled and OSM does not know at this time what will happen with budget for the remainder of this fiscal year but anticipate a fund sweep, just do not know a final amount yet. Wickenhauser stated that the Fire Prevention Fund money comes in around March 31st and should be close to \$25 million, there is a balance of approximately \$5 million to date. P. Devaney asked for the total dollar amount of any cancelled grants, Wickenhauser will get those amounts and send to FAC members. Wickenhauser also stated that all grants are in the FY16 budget which was approved, but that this could change, the budget is a proposed budget and has to go through the Senate and House Appropriations Committees so outreach calls for support could be beneficial. P. Devaney asked about the proposed 2.5% across the board budget reductions, and whether or not the FAC could be notified if this is enacted. FM Matkaitis stated that definitely they would be notified of any budget changes.

J. Keiken of the IL Fire Service Institute stated that the Explorer Program this year has changed to a Fee Based program. J. Holomy asked if scholarship money has been affected and to date it has not, but that could change too.

**b) Minimum Firefighter Training**

S. Clarkson presented an update on the Minimum Firefighter Training Guide (handout attached), he also explained the firefighter should be keeping track of his/her training records, then the AHJ also validates the training and keeps the records. It is very important for the person to keep their own records. Clarkson asked for FAC approval of the program. Fire Marshal Matkaitis asked that he bring back the issue at the June meeting so fire service organizations would have time to bring the recommendations to their members and get a consensus for the outline presented. It will then be voted on for adoption and can be shared with all departments. J. Swan thanked the OSFM and IL Fire Service Institute and staff of both agencies for working together on this issue.

**VI. Public Comments - None**

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Keiken, seconded by M. Dillon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.