

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Friday, September 23rd, 2016
Office of State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Shawn Connors, Rockford FD	James Reardon, MABAS
Joe Holomy, FAC Chairman	Pat Devaney, Associated Firefighters of Illinois
Richard Ford, Chicago FD	Mike Mavrogeorge, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.
Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance	Mike Toika, IL Fire Inspectors Assoc.
Jim Kreher, IL Fire Chiefs Assoc.	Tim Clemens, IL Professional Firefighters Assoc.
Michael Dillon, IL Assoc. of Fire Prot. Districts	Bryan Doyle, IL Fire Chiefs Assn.
Bill Clossen, OSFM	Greg Hay, OSFM
Deborah Williams, OFSM	Mitzi Woodson, OSFM
Les Albert	R.P. Mortensen, IL Fire Service Institute
John Swan, IL Firefighter Assn	Rodger Stancliff, Volunteer Firefighter
Christopher Ware, Waynesville FD	Ronny Wickenhauser, OSFM
Matt Perez, OSFM	

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holomy at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum met.
- III. A motion was made by J. Swan, seconded by C. Ware to approve the minutes for meeting in June. A voice vote was held and all approved. Motion passed.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. J. Swan gave the FAC update on the Blue Ribbon Report and stated that the members of the Illinois Firefighters Association (IFA) would be working on a spread sheet for committee. M. Mavrogeorge also gave more information about the 1999 Blue Ribbon report. Further discussion took place.
- V. **New business:**
 - A. SCAC Airport report- M. Mavrogrorge
Mr. Mavrogeorge gave an update on what the Airport State Certifications Advisory Committee has been working on. He reported that the committee reviewed the test questions and that the test will consist of 100 questions with a bank of 250 question total. Airport SCAC is complete and is ready to send to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for final approval.

B. Budget Review Update

Marshal Perez thanked J. Holomy for being the new chair for the FAC and thanked L. Albert for his commitment to the OSFM. Marshal Perez also talked about the Small Firefighting Tools and Equipment Grant program. He reported that the grant program is removed from the OSFM Fiscal Year 2017 budget. J Swan was concerned that many smaller fire departments would be hurt by removal of this item. Discussion took place and J. Swan stated that he would like to see the small tools grant back in the budget for Fiscal Year 2018. J. Reardon added that grant structure has changed and become more complex by adding more line items.

(a) Review of any claims against the Fire Prevention Funds

J. Swan discussed his concerns for and about the needs to review these funds. Some discussion took place.

C. Electronic testing- OSFM

M. Woodson gave an update to the future of online testing for all OSFM certifications. They are working regional testing sites. The goal is to have all paper test phased out within three years and be 100% electronic testing by the fourth year. Current estimates are that students may have a cost around \$50 to \$80 to take the test, but it still too early to know for sure. Members discussed concerns related to the testing process. The goal is that no student will have to travel over 100 miles. M. Woodson reported that currently there are 147 proctors throughout the state, with more be added by November.

D. Other New business

No other new business

V. Public comments:

No comments were presented

VII. Motion to adjourn made by B. Doyle, seconded by R.P. Mortensen.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.