

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 20th 2018
Office of State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Dr., Springfield IL

Minutes:

Attendee:

Joe Holomy, FAC Chairman

Jim Kreher, IL Fire Chiefs Assoc.

Matt Perez, Fire Marshal

Jim Grady, Fire Chiefs Assoc.IL

David De Vries, Fire Protection Engineer

Mike Mavrogeorge, Fire Chiefs Assoc.IL

Greg Knoll, IL Professional Fire Assc.

Brett Kunkel, IL Assoc. of Fire Prot. District

Ronny Wickenhauser, OSFM

R.P. Mortenson, Illinois Fire Service Inst.

Richard C. Ford II, Chicago FD

Mitzi Woodson, OSFM

Cindy Baum, OSFM

Shawn Connors, Rockford FD

Phil Zaleski, IL Fire Safety Alliance

Brian Thompson, IL Society of Fire Instructors

Roger Kruppe, State Farm Insurance

Les Albert, OSFM

John Swan, IL Firefighter Assoc.

Cheri Breneman, IL Assoc. of Fire Prot. District

Chris Ware, Waynesville Fire Prot. District

Alix Armstead, OSFM

Matt Sebek, OSFM

Bill Clossen, OSFM

Katherine Nunes, OSFM

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Holomy at 1:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

III. Previous Meeting Minutes-A motion was made C. Ware and seconded by D.

De Vries to approve the minutes for the meeting in November. A voice vote was held and motion passed.

IV. Old Business:

A. Update on Chief Fire Officer SCAC- Item will be laid over to next meeting.

B. Legislative Update- Marshal Perez & K. Nunes updated the FAC on pending legislation for the Fire Protection Training Act. Marshal stated that they are trying to develop the statute in play with the SCAC and tests. K. Nunes also updated the FAC about giving the State Fire Marshal emergency powers. Marshal added that the goal is to assist fire departments that need assistance from the

Marshals Office in enforcing rules. Discussion took place. A member asked about Life Safety Codes updates. K. Nunes noted that the feedback has been good in initial considerations but there has been no time line set. Further discussion took place.

C. Other Old Business:

- a. Chairman Holomy gave an update about having J. Crawford from the Community Risk Reduction (CRR)-Vision 2020 team to do a presentation at our next meeting June 7th.

V. New Business:

A. SCAC-Training Program Manager

Marshal stated that he is activating the SCAC for recruitment of new members for this committee. Discussion took place.

B. Part 141 Course Approval Update

Marshal explained that due to the changes to administrative rules that took place in 2017, the current rules state no longer limit the teaching of certain higher level courses only to those affiliated with a fire service organization or college, opening the teaching of classes to other groups. This is similar to the way it has been for many other courses for a longer time. He stated that his goal, since he started at the OSFM, is to do what is best for the fire service throughout the state. He also stated that the OSFM will still have the ability to review, audit or revoke classes if needed. The change will give a fire department the ability to teach within their department using the outline and approval from the OSFM. Concerns were discussed.

C. SFM Grant Program Update

Marshal stated that there were approximately 430 applications for the grants. This is the most applications ever received for a cycle of this program. 160 have been entered so far. Of those, 25 department have asked for gear washers. \$2.2 million was appropriated this year. OSFM will see if they can find more money for the program.

D. Any other New Business:

- a. R.P. Mortenson stated he spent an hour with Behesha Doan from This ABLE Veteran program and she is also the owner/trainer of Extreme K-9. She currently trains service dogs to assist with Veterans with PTSD. She would like to bring her current program for Veterans with PTSD to assist with fire service PTSD. Mortenson is asking to have her come to our next meeting and give a presentation. It was requested that the presentation be placed on the agenda for June and that any material be distributed ahead of time.

- b. J. Swan asked that the Marshal continues to push for the budget to be whole and push for the money that was taken away from this current budget.

VI. Public Comments:

- A. No Public Comment

VII. Motion to Adjourn by D. De Vries and second by R.P. Mortenson meeting adjourned 1:51 P.M.