

**STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Conference Call WV Fire Marshal's Office • Charleston, WV •**

**June 23rd, 2020**

The official business meeting was called to order at 10:10am by Chairman Grant Gunnoe.

**ROLL CALL:** by Kathryn Burns

Commissioners Present

Grant Gunnoe and Marshal Tyree

Commissioners Conference Call In

Dave Camp, Carl Eastham, Doug Estep, Edward George, Phil Hart, Thomas Keefer, Doug Mongold, Jim Oldaker, and Virgil White.

It is noted that Counsel Stacy Nowicki is attending via conference call as well.

Commissioners Absent

Ted Shriver and Mark Stroop

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Chesapeake VFD**

Commissioner Gunnoe addressed those in attendance, informing them that the emergency meeting was called to update the Commission on Chesapeake VFD. He noted that it was a conference call meeting due to Covid 19 and was open to the public.

Marshal Tyree updated the Commission on the complaints received regarding Chesapeake VFD, the resulting evaluation and immediate closure on June 11<sup>th</sup>. 2020. He reviewed the evaluation going through each portion and the deficiencies noted beginning with the Administrative Evaluation.

**Administrative Evaluation**

**Article of Incorporation could not be found; please make available upon our return visit.**

**By Laws could not be found; please make available upon our return visit.**

**Apparatus Maintenance Records were not available.**

**SCBA Test is required based on being past due for Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance.**

**Pump Test is required based on being past due for Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance.**

**Hose Test is required based on being past due for Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance.**

**2 members need to produce Level 1-2 Certificates**  
**4 members need to produce Haz Mat Certificates**  
**12 members need CPR/First Aid**  
**Chief needs to produce Fire Officer 1-2 Certificates**  
**Lt. needs to produce Fire Officer 1 Certificates**

Marshal Tyree and staff entertained and answered questions from the Commissioners regarding the Administrative Evaluation. Then he moved onto the Apparatus Evaluations.

**Apparatus Evaluations:**

**Utility 140**

**EVP (Emergency Vehicle Permit) Permit on vehicle was issued to previous owner**  
**Dry Chemical Extinguisher**  
**No Spare SCBA Cylinder on apparatus.**  
**Emergency Lighting on the grille not working**

**Utility 141**

**No Hand Lights**  
**No SCBAs as required on apparatus.**  
**Spare Cylinders out of Hydro Date**  
**Cascade Bottles need Hydro Tested**  
**SCBA Compressor Not serviced since 2015**

**Engine 146**

**Empty Spare SCBA Bottles**  
**Throttle on Pump Panel not working**  
**Passenger Side Wheel Well Emergency Lighting Not working**  
**Generator not operable/working**

**Engine 147**

**Water Extinguisher needs charged**  
**SCBA Bottle out of Hydro Date**  
**High Beams not operable on apparatus**  
**Tank Fill Lights not operable/working**  
**Pumps grinding when put into pump gear**  
**Rear Emergency Lighting right side**

**Engine 149**

**At Western Branch Diesel with Mechanical Issues**

**Tanker 144**

**No SCBA or Spare Cylinders**  
**No Medical Kit**  
**Left Rear Tire Large Piece missing out of tire (Not Safe for the Road)**  
**No Siren**  
**No Low Beam Head Lights**

**Tanker 145**

**No Dry Chemical Extinguisher**

**No SCBA or Spare Cylinders**

**Needs additional Supply Line (Required 200 ft 2 1/2 or larger supply line)**

**Needs additional Attack Line (Required 400 ft 1 1/2 or larger attack line)**

**No Medical Kit**

**Electrical Issue with all Emergency Lighting (Works for a few minutes then cuts off intermittent)**

Marshal Tyree and staff entertained and answered questions from the Commissioners regarding the Apparatus Evaluations. He then read the letter that had been sent via certified mail and hand delivery to Chesapeake VFD regarding the closure and the requirements that would need to be met to reopen. He also addressed the arrangements that had been made for coverage in the area.

Commissioner Gunnoe requested staff read the previous evaluation in 2014 and Assistant State Fire Marshal Scott did so, noting that there were only 2 deficiencies at that time and that they were corrected within the allotted 180 days.

Marshal Tyree answered additional questions from the Commissioners noting that the closure was a result of the items that put Chesapeake VFD members at risk due to imminent danger such as the SCBA equipment issues.

Deputy Scott informed the Commission of the volume of calls that the department usually handles in a year is between 80 or 100 and that at this time the departments providing coverage have not had any calls.

Deputy Blaylock explained to the Commission that he had been contacted by Chesapeake VFD Board President Steven Johnson and that from the conversation he believed the intentions are to take care of the deficiencies.

At this time Commissioner Gunnoe noted the need to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner White made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:44am, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner White made a motion to leave Executive Session at 11:07am, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe addressed those in attendance noting no action was taken and the discussion only involved the Chesapeake VFD matter.

Commissioner Gunnoe inquired if any of the Commissioners had any additional questions or comments and there were none. He explained that the Fire Marshal staff will work with Chesapeake VFD as they do with every department.

Commissioner Grant asked if any of the public had any questions and there were none.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn at 11:10am, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.