
WV STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

August 16, 2018

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Grant Gunnoe. This meeting was part of the opening ceremony for WV State Fireman's Association Meeting.

ROLL CALL: by Administrative Secretary Paul Mullins

Commissioners Present: Edward George, Grant Gunnoe, Tom Keefer, Dave Camp, Carl Eastham, Doug Estep, Martin Hess, Doug Mongold, Jim Oldaker and Virgil White, Shriver, Phil Hart

Commissioners Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the June 8, 2018 Fire Commission Meeting. Commissioner White seconded the motion. The ayes and nays have been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe presented the WV Fire Commission and each of the Fire Commissioners introduced themselves to the members of the WV Fireman's Association convention at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis WV. Commissioner Gunnoe informed the body that the Fire Commissioners come from a very diverse background and have come together for the safety of firefighters and residents of the entire state. He also discussed how each of the commissioners were chosen for their experience and expertise in each of the fields they represent. He outlined and discussed the new Driver Operator program and asked for feedback from the body. He thanked everyone in attendance for allowing the WV Fire Commission to be part of the convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Fire Department Services Committee, Commissioner Mongold
- 2) Recruitment and Retention Committee, Commissioner Hart
- 3) Training Committee, Commissioner White
- 4) Legislative Codes & Regulatory Committee, Commissioner Shriver
- 5) Fire Marshal Operations Report / Committee, Fire Marshal Tyree
- 6) Disciplinary Committee, Commissioner Eastham

Fire Department Services Committee

Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

Commissioner Mongold read the Fire Department Service committee report from June 7, 2018 as follows:

Call to Order:

Commissioner Mongold called to order the regular meeting of the Fire Department Services Committee at 10.02 on August 15, at the Canaan Valley Resort, Davis WV

Roll Call

Commissioner Mongold conducted a roll call. The following commissioners were present: Dave Camp, Dough Mongold, Jim Oldaker and Phil Hart

Absent: None

Old Business

1. Modular Firefighter Training Pilot Program Update- Commissioner Mongold asked for an update from Fire Marshal Tyree. Tyree stated that the program has been provided to the Fire Commission and asked them to review. Tyree also mentioned the new helmet sticker designs for progression for different modules were also provided to the Fire Commission. Tyree asked for suggestions from any of the Fire Commission members for the Modular Firefighter Pilot Program and for the designs of the helmet stickers. Commissioner Mongold asked the Fire Commissioners to study and make suggestions the following day in the full Fire Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Mongold mentioned that he had received a letter from Congressman David McKinley inquiring about training for Volunteer Fire Departments. He shared the letter with the body and discussed the questions from Congressman McKinley.

New Business

1. Fire Officer I and II Applications

Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott presented the following applications for approval:

Fire Officer 1&2 Applications

Scott Daniels.....Mullens.....FO 2

Danny Berry.....PrattFO 2

Scott asked if there were any questions from the Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Mongold described the process of nominating new Firefighters to the body.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to approve these applications, which was seconded by Commissioner Camp. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Fire Departments to be Recertified

Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott presented a list of departments that met all requirements to be recertified:

Matewan.....Mingo County

Northfork.....McDowell County

Pricetown.....Lewis County

Walkersville.....Lewis County

Jackson Mills.....Lewis County

Weston.....Lewis County

Pritchard.....Wayne County

Chester.....Hancock County

Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott presented a list of departments to the Fire Commission for recertification that had perfect evaluations:

Perfect Evaluations

Farmington.....Marion County
City of FairmontMarion County
Worthington.....Marion County
Boothsville.....Marion County

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to approve these recertifications to the full Fire Commission meeting on June 8, 2018, which was seconded by Commissioner Camp. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold inquired about ongoing training from Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott and he responded that he has two classes starting in Oak Hill in Raleigh County and one in Pricetown in Lewis County. Commissioner Mongold asked about pass fail rate on Firefighter 1 and Scott said he sees a lot of classes starting out and only 60% completing, often due to time commitment. Mark Lambert-West Virginia University said the rate was as Scott related and in his experience was accurate. Dave Plume mentioned the reason that many drop out after failing the first test is because they lose interest. Lambert added that many drop out due to time constraints and think the program should move faster. Commissioner Mongold stated that the module program was set to make things easier on students. Scott said that two counties combined in southern West Virginia and had 50 students but still had 40 enrolled.

Fire Marshal Tyree asked Scott to inform the Fire Commission of the amount of fire departments he has evaluated this year so far. From July 2017 to July 2018, 72 evaluations have been conducted. He added that from January 1, 2018 to date, 55 departments have been evaluated. He also stated to the Fire Commission that his goal was 85 to 90 department evaluations per year and he was well on goal to meet or exceed those expectations.

Commissioner Oldaker mentioned that it was worthy to note that Northfork VFD thanked the Fire Marshals Scott and Casto and added that they were a great help to the department in making the needed changes to turn the situation around. Commissioner Oldaker directly thanked both Marshals. Commissioner Mongold also added that both marshals went above and beyond in helping and gave thanks directly to Casto and Scott.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Mongold moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28AM, seconded by commissioner Gunnoe. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Disciplinary Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

Commissioner Eastham read the Disciplinary Committee Report from August 15, 2018 as follows:

August 15, 2018

Call to order

Commissioner Eastham called to order the regular meeting of the Disciplinary Committee Meeting at 10:30 am on August 15, 2018 at the Canaan Valley Resort, Davis WV.

Roll call

Commissioner Eastham conducted a roll call. The following commissioners were present: Edward George, Martin Hess, Doug Mongold, Carl Eastham and Ted Shriver

Absent: None

Commissioner Eastham moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Mongold with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Department Requesting 180 Days

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to go into executive session at 10:32, which was seconded by Commissioner Hess. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

1. OTHER DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

ROI 2018-002-HI and 2017-051

Commissioner Mongold moved to come out of executive session at 11.32 am with Commissioner Hess seconding the motion. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to find probable cause and recommend 180-day extension on the following 2018-038, 2018-039, 2018-040, 2018-041, 2018-044, 2018-045, 2018-046, 2018-047, 2018-050, 2018-051, 2018-052 with a second by Commissioner Shriver. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe asked for Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott to provide a copy of the 180-Day evaluation form that is used to outline deficiencies, to each of the Fire Commission Committee members to become more familiar more with the process.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to find probable cause on 2017-051 seconded by Commissioner Hess. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner White moved to find probable cause, and Commissioner Eastham seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham asked for any questions or discussion.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Eastham moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am, seconded by Commissioner Hess. With all the yeas and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed

Recruitment and Retention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Estep read the Fire Department Service committee report from August 15, 2018 as follows:

Call to Order:

Commissioner Estep called to order the regular meeting of the Recruitment and Retention Committee Meeting at 12:31 on August 15, 2018 at the Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

Roll call:

Commissioner Estep conducted a roll call. The following commissioners were present: Doug Estep, Ted Shriver, Edward George, Jim Oldaker and Martin Hess

Absent: None

Old Business:

Commissioner Hart reported to the body that the length of service challenge coins had been receiving lots of positive feedback from people he has spoken with. Commissioner Hess added that he has seen lots of good feedback on social media. He thanked Deputy Marshal Robert Sharp for his hard work on this project.

New Business:

Glenn Whittington asked that everyone reach out to their representatives to ask for more funding for volunteer fire departments and volunteer firefighters. He discussed the possibility of volunteer firefighters receiving pension for years of service and how this would make recruitment much easier. He asked if everyone had all the firefighters they needed.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hess moved to adjourn the meeting at 12.41pm and Commissioner George seconded it. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Training Committee

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Commissioner White read the Training Committee report from August 15, 2018 as follows:

Call to order

Commissioner White called to order the regular meeting of the Training Committee Meeting at 11:42AM on August 15, 2018 Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

Roll Call:

Commissioner White conducted a roll call. The following commissioners were present: Cark Eastham, Doug Estep, Edward George, Virgil White and Thomas Keefer

Absent: None

Commissioner White called for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Estep made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Old Business

1. Fire Marshal Academy Update: Tyree said they have distributed invitations to for the participations to professional chiefs. He invited the commissioners to come up during any of the six weeks of training. He also mentioned that the FM office has eleven or twelve employees that would be completing the full program and that several would be completing modules. He said the Fire Marshal's office was ready to go and thanked Mark Lambert for his assistance. He mentioned that if lodging was secured outside the academy, it would have cost approximately \$45K and utilizing the dormitory style accommodations would drastically reduce cost. He mentioned that the Fire Marshal's staff was providing most of the training. He added that October 19th is the graduation and on the same day as the next Fire Commission meeting and they will be combined.
2. New Driver/ Pump Operator Certification Modular Class: Commissioners to review tonight and vote on in full commission meeting.
3. Fire Commission meeting August 16, 2018: Commissioner White outlined the program to the body and explained the entire program. Commissioner White asked if there was any further discussion.

New Business

1. Staff / Counsel: Nothing
2. Mark Lambert-WVU Fire Service Extension: Looking to do another fire training in Dec. June camp was a success and have set dated for next June for 15-20th 2019. Fire Marshal Tyree mentioned that everyone at the camp were volunteers and made sacrifices for the young people of the state. He added he was thinking how the Fire Marshal's office could help at Jr Camp next year.
3. WV Public Service Training / WV Dept. of Education Dave Plume directed everyone to their website <http://wvpst.org/>. He discussed the changes that have been made to the firefighter curriculum and mentioned they have developed new curriculum, but it would require approval from the legislature. He further discussed that the new material is available but had concerns about getting it approved. Deputy Sharp asked if it could be developed into a pilot program until legislature approved the new curriculum.

Adjournment

Commissioner Eastham moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:29, which was seconded by Commissioner Estep. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Legislative, Codes and Regulatory

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Commissioner Shriver read the Legislative, Codes & Regulatory Committee Report from August 15, 2018 as follows:

Call to Order

Commissioner Shriver called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative, Codes and Regulatory Committee Meeting at 11:42 on August 15, 2018 at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis WV

Roll Call:

Commissioner Camp conducted a roll call. The following commissioners were present: Dave Camp, Jim Oldaker, Martin Hess, Grant Gunnoe, Thomas Keefer and Ted Shriver

Absent: None

Old Business:

Consideration of Municipality Home Rule Board Rulings. Commissioner Shriver referred to the updated letter received concerning the extension of the Municipality Home Rule Board Ruling. He stated that the abeyance was held over until on or before August 27, 2018. No action is needed at this time by the Fire Commission.

Commissioner Shriver asked if there were anything to add. Nothing to add.

New Business.

1. Consideration of Provisional Property Maintenance Code Official-Greg Sheperd

Commissioner Shriver discussed the consideration of Provisional Property Maintenance Code Official Greg Sheperd for the town of Beechbottom with Deputy Fire Marshal Casto. Casto informed Commissioner Shriver that the process allows for two years for Sheperd to meet all requirements. He also added that he will be required to report quarterly to the Fire Marshal's office of his progress. Commissioner Shriver motioned to grant Provisional Inspector Greg Sheperd- Beech Bottom,

Commissioner Eastham seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Update to State Building Code 87-4 - Updates and Feedback from Stakeholders

Commissioner Shriver asked for an update to State Building Code 87-4. Fire Marshal Tyree reported that 87-4 was sent out for public comment and he has received comments back from several different stakeholders who were present at the meeting. He informed the body that several of these stakeholders had suggested that West Virginia should adopt the 2018 code. Tyree added that the Fire Marshal's office would need to study codes further to make suggestion to State Legislature and the Governor's office, because he was not comfortable making these suggestions before knowing the full content of 2018 code. He also stated there was no real negative feedback from the stakeholders and most that had responded were happy to offer their opinions. He added in his opinion that the 2010 code standard adoption would benefit WV tremendously. He further stated that 87-4 had been submitted and would be reviewed hopefully by October. Commissioner Shriver related that he had a conversation with a former stakeholder who was upset with the process and Commissioner Shriver had invited this person to address this meeting, but he declined.

Commissioner Shriver asked if there were any questions or comments.

3. Fire Services SB625 Updates/Survey

Commissioner Shriver asked for and update to Fire Services SB625 Updates/Survey. Fire Marshal Tyree reported that SB625 bill was passed by West Virginia Senate and detailed the contents. He informed the Fire Commission that the death benefits outlined in SB625 have been delivered to the families Line of Duty Deaths from the Pratt VFD. He further discussed the stakeholder's meeting for the survey of turning control of VFD over to counties. He informed the body that he, with the help of staff, developed two surveys, one for counties and one for VFDs. He asked the Fire Commission to review and provide comments back to the Fire Marshal's office. He mentioned that he would add a six-week timeline to receive the surveys back from both the counties and the VFDs. Tyree said there has been very little interest in counties taking over control of the VFDs. Tyree asked if the Fire Commission would approve it based on additional questions or making amendments to the current surveys, so they can get it developed before the next legislative session.

Other Legislative Updates: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Shriver moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 seconded by Commissioner Hess. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed

Fire Marshal's Report to Operation's Committee

August 16, 2018

Fire Marshal Tyree opened with his Operations Report at 9:33 a.m.

Divisional Reports with Description of Division's Responsibilities

Fire Department Services- Allan Casto

Fire Inspections and Plans Review- Joe Leake

Fire Investigations- Marshal Tyree

Public Education Section – Marshal Tyree

Fire Marshal's Operations Report

Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission:

- **Personnel Staffing:**
 - **New Employee: Everett Chapman, Inspection Div.**
 - **Promotions/Reallocations:**
 - **Resignation/Termination/Retirement: Shawn Alderman to Private Sector; Shenandoah Gore**
- We have 7 **vacancies** within the agency (4 Inspectors, one Plans Reviewer and one Public Information Specialists; and one OA II in Services Division; we're continuing to fill vacancies.
 - **Agency FTE = 58**
- **Brief Description of Agency Budget; Special Revenue Description; Fire Marshal Tax and Licensing, Certification, Inspection, Plans Review, & Fireworks Fee**
- **Legislative Bills update:**
 - **87-4 WV SOS Filing, IECC Energy Code (change) & ASHRAE 90-1, 2010 Edition proposal;**
 - **Exec Order 3-18 submitted pertaining to Legislative Rules & SFM opinion**
- **Registration Information Distributed to Municipalities for Basic Fire Marshals Academy program. Cost of program and Possible SFC Endorsement or Full Approval of program**
- **Expanded Powers language 29-3-12 APPROVED by Division of Justice and Community Services; DMAPS will support our moving it forward next legislative session in a bill; plan submittal and sponsorship for 2019 Legislative Session.**
- **Meetings: Mr. Norman George**
 - **Policy Update: .**

- Fire Department Loss of Funding: Reported by Deputy Casto for this past quarter under Fire Dept. Services.
 - (The two deadlines involved are the quarter deadline and then 90 days later, the grace period deadline. Other than being decertified, not submitting their NFIRS incident reports by the prescribed due date is the only way to lose their funding. It has nothing to do with the 180-day issue. Once they miss the grace period deadline, the money is lost and reallocated to the departments that were in compliance. There is no getting it back after hat.) Share info rec. letters from Treasury; we'll be making an inquiry to see if there are earlier notification/communications that can be provided to help and assist departments to prevent the loss of their distributions. **Legislative Auditors: Mike Jones and Nathan Hamilton**
 - Burlington, Chesapeake, Coalton, Danese, Erbacon, Hamlin, Servia, Springfield Valley, Wellsburg, West Hamlin
- Legislative Auditors Request for Full Financial Disclosure to all VFDs.
- **Visits and Meetings:**
 - **SB 625 Stakeholders & Survey Question Submittal for review, comments/opinions**
 - Chief Deputy Sharp and I attended the State 911 Council; our attendance did seem productive and positively received.
- WV PUBLIC SAFETY Expo Classes: **Fire Marshal Track**; in process of 2019 planning
- Correctional Center Crisis: For the most part has concluded; need still there but we've cut back.
- Commend Staff and Thanks Commission for your support!
- Glad to answer any questions!

Deputy State Fire Marshal Casto made full report to Fire Commission for licensing section.

Regulatory & Licensing Status Report

January 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018

1 Electrician Licenses issued:	14,971 (4,942 online)
2 Temporary Electrician Licenses issued:	145
3 Pyrotechnician Licenses issued:	571
4 Blaster Licenses issued:	714
5 Fire Protection Licenses issued:	407
6 Building Code Official Certifications issued:	32
7 Home Inspector Certifications issued:	121
8 Electrical Inspector Certifications issued:	37
9 Fireworks Display Permits issued:	223
10 Explosive Magazine Permits issued:	475
11 Explosive Magazine Applications reviewed:	73
12 Exam Applications processed:	1,555
13 Number of Applications Returned:	6
14 Number of tests graded:	826
15 Letters of Good Standing issued:	79
16 Miscellaneous:	24

Summary:

Total Licenses Issued: 16,808

Total Certifications Issued: 190

Total Permits Issued: 698

Total Applications Processed: 1,555

Consumer Fireworks

Permanent:	51
Temporary:	233
Wholesaler:	22
Outdoor Storage:	197
Novelties	99

Summary: Total Certificates Issued: 602

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES					
RECENT ACTIVITY					
2018					
	JUN 2018	JUL 2018	TOTAL	2018 YTD	FY2017
FIRE DEPT EVALUATIONS	7	8	15	52	46
DEPTS RECERTIFIED	16	0	16	32	63
DISCIPLINARY	9	0	9	29	44
180 DAYS	8	0	8	19	46
EMERGENCY VEHICLE PERMITS					
TOTAL PROCESSED	62	52	114	343	718
APPARATUS	24	9	33	101	208
PRIVATE	38	43	81	242	510
DEACTIVATED	38	53	91	312	655
APPARATUS	8	9	17	80	133
PRIVATE	30	44	74	232	533
VERIFIED AND REFUSED	8	15	23	76	72
APPARATUS	0	5	5	19	44
PRIVATE	8	10	18	57	28
NFIRS	JUN	JUL			
TOTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED	5,953	2,809	8,762	57,190	133,285
90 DAY GRACE	0	57	57	185	223
OUT OF GRACE	5	42	47	170	198
FUNDING LOSS	0	0	0	0	23
NFIRS CLASSES TAUGHT	0	1	1	1	5
COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN NFIRS	0	1	1	1	15
NUMBER OF NFIRS STUDENTS	0	2	2	2	66
FIRE OFFICERS					
TOTAL SUBMITTED	0	2	2	15	42
FIRE OFFICER 1	0	0	0	7	17
FIRE OFFICER 2	0	2	2	8	25
FOIA REQUESTS (AS OF 7/1/16)					
REQUESTS RECEIVED	14	22	36	104	154
REPORTS PROCESSED	8	46	54	157	1,381
REPORTS RESEARCHED	277	46	323	546	5,531

Deputy Casto explained to body the process for National Incident Fire Reporting System (NIFRS) reports. Deputy Casto asked if here were any questions or comments. Commissioner Gunnoe asked Deputy Casto to outline his staff numbers and the amount of work they can produce. Casto mentioned the staff shortages and outlined the number of licenses processed in FY17 Commissioner Gunnoe stated that Deputy Casto's staff does a tremendous job and has overcome all the obstacles of staff shortages.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Clarence Leake made a full report to the Fire Commission for the Inspections Division.

REPORT TO THE STATE FIRE COMMISSION

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION & PLANS REVIEW DIVISION

PERIOD OF JANUARY THRU JULY 2018

4063 Inspections Conducted

1056 Plans Reviewed (Does not count walk-in consultations with architects and designers)

108 Occupancy Permits Issued

2231 Licenses Checked

Complaint Investigations:

Investigated sixty-one (61) fire code complaints

Investigated eighteen (18) electrical complaints

Investigated five (5) blasting complaints

Investigated four (4) licensing complaints

Fireworks:

- 317 Facilities/Tents
- 227 Pyrotechnician Licenses
- 73 Public Displays
- Five (5) complaints resulting in three (3) citations

Training:

- Three divisional personnel attended a two-day Sprinkler/Standpipe class at the Ohio Fire Academy
- All divisional personnel attended an in-house class on explosive magazine inspections
- One member attended a six-day class on Water-Based Fire Protection System Plan Review at the National Fire Academy
- Four divisional personnel attended the Campus Fire Safety seminar in Morgantown
- Divisional personnel completed night firearms qualifications
- All divisional personnel attended classes at the EXPO
- Ten divisional personnel attended IAEL Electrical class
- Two divisional personnel attended an FBI IED Explosive Awareness class
- One divisional personnel attended a week-long training at the State Police Academy
- All divisional personnel completed firearms qualifications

Court Hearings:

- Cabell County – One conviction for performing electrical work without a license
- Greenbrier County – One conviction for fire code violations
- Braxton County – Two convictions for fire code violations – sentenced to 30 days in RJ
- Braxton County – Three convictions for fire code violations – sentenced to 30 days in RJ
- Raleigh County – One conviction for fire code violations – fine + court costs

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Mercer County – Three (3) convictions for performing electrical work w/o a license

Fine + court costs

McDowell County – One (1) conviction for performing electrical work w/o a license

Fine + court costs

Administered twenty-five (25) licensing tests

Investigated accidental school fires in Kanawha, Raleigh and Upshur Counties

Assisted the Investigation Division with fire fatalities in Berkeley County

Assisted the Investigation Division with arrests in the Eastern Panhandle

Assisted the Investigation Division on fires in Pocahontas and Randolph Counties

Assisted the investigation Division on a well pad fire in Doddridge County

Assisted the Investigation Division on an apartment complex fire in Greenbrier County

Assisted the Investigation Division on a residential fire in Randolph County

Assisted the Investigation Division with arrests in Berkeley County

Involvement with LODD arrangements, visitations and funerals of Pratt firefighters

Assisted WVDEP and EPA on a hazardous materials incident in Cabell County

At the request of PEIA assisted with security and overcrowding at public hearing meetings

Monitored show choir events in Kanawha and Cabell Counties for overcrowding

Conducted exit checks at various basketball games

Conducted follow-up inspections on warehouses in Wood and Jackson Counties

Assisted the Secret Service with Presidential visit in Greenbrier County

Assisted with the visitations and funerals of LODD Pratt firefighters

Assisted with the State VICA skill competition

Presented fire safety/code training at the West Virginia School Service Personnel meeting in Morgantown

Provided in-service training to Upshur County school personnel

Attended Marlinton Fire Department awards ceremony

Deputy Leake asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Gunnoe commended Deputy Leake and his staff for their good work.

Fire Marshal Tyree thanked Commissioner Gunnoe for the compliments to his team and stated that staff was exemplary. Tyree made the Fire Commission aware that Deputy Fire Marshal Baltic would not be present due to court testimony in Federal Court. Tyree presented Baltic's report to the Fire Commission and the body.

Fire Marshal Tyree informed the Fire Commission that the Fire Marshal's office will be receiving a new fire dog and Assistant Fire Marshal Timothy Chastain will be taking custody of the dog and be receiving six weeks of canine training. He also outlined the State Fire Marshal's poster contest for school children throughout the state and asked everyone to encourage their school authorities to participate. He added that there will be a middle school and high school video competition soon. He also discussed the summer intern Tyler Sowards and added that he was a great asset to the Fire Marshal's office and grateful to have him. He thanked everyone for participating in the Junior Firefighter camp this past June.

Tyree outlined the budget for the Fire Marshal's office and how it is generated as requested by the Fire Commission at June 2018 meeting. Tyree discussed the meeting as requested by Norm George during the June 2018 Fire Commission meeting and his requests to the Fire Commission. Tyree also noted that in the future he will be contacting Mr. George for future stakeholder meetings, regarding residential sprinkler systems in WV and electrical inspector qualifications when the time comes.

Tyree also discussed the issue of ten fire departments that lost funding due to them not filling out the proper papers and meeting required deadlines. He added that four of these have amended issues and are now receiving funding from the state.

Tyree mentioned that Fire Marshal's sworn staff have been reduced from working in correctional facilities and mentioned that we currently have only one sworn staff member working part time.

He discussed the SB625 bill to the body and how the Fire Marshal's office has been tasked by the Governor's office to develop a survey in order to gather information on the possibility of State Legislature transitioning power of Volunteer Fire Departments to the county control and oversight. He informed the body that he, along with staff developed two surveys, one for county commissions and the other for the VFD's. He provided copies of these to each of the Fire Commissioners and to members of the audience who requested them. Tyree thanked all the stakeholders in the audience for their input and participation in the study.

Tyree informed the Fire Commission that the Governor's office has asked him to take a temporary assignment outside the Fire Marshal's office and mentioned that Chief Deputy Robert Sharp will be overseeing the operations of the Fire Marshal's office. He mentioned that he is not at liberty to discuss further at this time.

Fire Marshal Tyree asked if there were any questions or comments.

Chuck Runion commended Fire Marshal for his hard work. He mentioned that the Fire Marshal sent staff to assist with the Boy Scout Jamboree at The Summit in Fayetteville, WV and done a tremendous job. He asked body give a round of applause for hard work by all the Fire Marshal's staff. Asked people to contact state legislature to give more money to Fire Marshal's office for staff pay raises for their hard work. Runion also thanked the Fire Commission for their work.

Motions made full Fire Commission Meeting August 16, 2018

- Commissioner White made motion to accept New Driver/Pump Operator Commissioner Eastham seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
- Commissioner White made a motion to approve SB625 survey Commissioner Eastham seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed. Mongold said he would share surveys with Fireman's Association Convention the following day on August 18, 2018.
- Commissioner Eastham made motion to grant fire departments that requested 180- days, seconded by Commissioner Hess. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
- Commissioner Eastham motioned to table the disciplinary issue of ROI 2018-002-HI until next Fire Commission meeting and further discussion with counsel. He also suggested that the home inspector be invited to next meeting Commissioner Shriver seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
- Commissioner Mongold made an additional motion to grant Clay Volunteer Fire Department (2017-051) until October 2018 Fire Commission meeting to meet all requirements. He also added that they should have a representative present at the meeting if the department has not completed all requirements. The motion was seconded Commissioner Shriver. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
- Commissioner Shriver motioned that issue ROI 2018-002-HI be tabled till next meeting until further discussion with legal counsel regarding content of letter sent suggested by Commissioner Mongold, Commissioner Hess seconded. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold discussed with the body a letter received from Congressman McKinley and how he requested a response regarding training. He asked the Fire Marshal to draft a letter to Congressman McKinley in response outlining the concerns raised by McKinley.

Commissioner Mongold mentioned Commissioner Gunnoe had to leave for meeting in Charleston.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Mongold asked if anyone would like to speak.

Norm George spoke and thanked commissioners for reviewing his concerns about regarding electrical inspectors and in-home sprinkler systems.

Mark Lambert - Director WVU Extension Fire Service and introduced Matt Reed new Program coordinator for WVU Fire Service

Tom Miller-Sissonville VFD discussed the Modular Curriculum and mentioned it was a tremendous success. He stated that fire chiefs need guidance on the Modular Curriculum and asked the commission to address. He discussed issues that some people are having with language in the program and mentioned several instances where individuals had issues with wording format. He discussed the Lavender Ribbon program. He also discussed fentanyl and asked the Fire Marshal to address this on the WV State Fire Marshal website and cautioning firefighters and the public of the dangers surrounding fentanyl. He thanked the Fire Commission for its hard work.

Dave Plume-Public Service Training Coordinator discussed how he was RESA for years and how the legislature restructured RESA. He also outlined all the resources available for public training and directed the public to www.WVPST.org

Commissioner Mongold motioned to adjourn at 11:25 to end seconded by Commissioner Eastham

2018 FIRE COMMISSION MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED:

October 18 & 19 WV State Fire Academy, Weston, WV

December 13 & 14, Wheeling Highlands Event Center and Fairfield Inn & Suites, Wheeling, WV

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

Next regularly scheduled Committee Meetings will take place Thursday October 18, 2018 at the WV State Fire Academy, Weston, WV beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled Fire Commission Meeting will take place Friday October 19, 2018 at the WV State Fire Academy, WV beginning at 9:00 a.m.