

WV STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV.

August 17th, 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

The following minutes have been provided and are considered unofficial, until they are submitted for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Chairman Grant Gunnoe.

ROLL CALL: by Kathryn L Burns

Commissioners Present

Steven Byers, Dave Camp, Carl Eastham, Doug Estep, Edward George, Grant Gunnoe, Thomas Keefer, Phil Hart, Brian Jones, Doug Mongold, Jim Oldaker, Ted Shriver, Virgil White, and Marshal Tyree.

Commissioners Absent

Ted Shriver and Edward George

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner White made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the June 18th, 2021 and July 29th, 2021 Fire Commission Meetings, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Belington VFD – Chief Phil Hart, Deputy Chief Mike Hart, Lieutenant Joe Bolyard, and Firefighter Zac Hart.

Marshal Tyree stated on December 20th of 2020 Belington VFD responded to a call for a single story structure on fire with residents unable to escape. Respondents entered the structure and located the 2 residents and brought them safely out of the home. The residents were treated and transported by EMS. The working smoke alarms did alert the residents to the fire. Excellence for bravery and recognition plaques were presented to Chief Phil Hart, Deputy Chief Mike Hart, Lieutenant Joe Bolyard and Firefighter Zac Hart. Chief Hart stated they appreciate the recognition, but they do their jobs to help others.

Ripley VFD – Chief Richard Gobble II, Captain Jonathan Mitchell, and Lieutenant Richie Gobble.

Marshal Tyree stated on June 11th, 2021, there was a dispatch for multiple victims trapped in heavy flood waters in the Ripley VFD's area. Upon arrival the department established command and accessed the situation. After double-timing a half a mile with the rescue boat, the department members entered what was classified as class 5 rapids and rescued four individuals. Excellence for bravery and recognition plaques were presented to Chief Richard Gobble II, Captain Jonathan Mitchell, and Lieutenant Richie Gobble.

SFMO & DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

Deputy Allan Casto gave the Inspections and Plan Review Report.

Entertained Questions – None.

Deputy Jason Baltic gave the Investigations Divisional Report

Entertained Questions – None.

Deputy Dave Blaylock gave the Fire Services Department Report

Entertained Questions – Chairman Gunnoe asked for a breakdown of how much the Fire Departments received from the Fireworks tax and Marshal Tyree provided the general information we had of approximately \$400.00 annually.

Marshal Tyree gave his June 18, 2021 report to the Commission containing staffing & legislative updates, status of Image Trend program and fire department funding loss updates. He also spoke of planned visits, meetings and received correspondence. See Ken's report and input a generalization of the report.

Entertained Questions – Chairman Gunnoe inquired if any questions had arose regarding the two emergencies rules. Marshal Tyree stated the agency has not received any inquiries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department Services Committee Meeting Report

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Call to Order

Commissioner Mongold called to order the regular meeting of the Fire Department Services Committee at 10:00AM on August 16th, 2021 at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV.

Roll Call

The following commissioners were present:

Dave Camp
Doug Mongold
Jim Oldaker
Phil Hart
Brian Jones

The following commissioners were absent: None

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business

1. Consideration of Fire Chief Applications

Commissioner Mongold requested that information regarding the times certification would be required to be included with applications.

Commissioner Oldaker made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission to approve the applications as attached to agenda, seconded by Commissioner Camp. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Fire Officer Applications

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

Donna Roop (Summersville) FO 1, Jason Chastain (Milton) FO 2, Clifford Burton (Huntington) FO 1&2 and William L Peterson (Malden) FO 1&2

Commissioner Camp made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission to approve the applications as listed, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Fire Department with Perfect Evaluations Recertification

West Milford VFD, Shinnston VFD, Spelter VFD and Nutter Fort VFD

Commissioner Camp made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission the recertification of the listed departments, noting their perfect evaluations, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

4. Report on Fire Department Receiving 180 Days to Achieve Compliance.

ASFM Scott reported on the Departments receiving 180 days, their needs for recertification and answered questions.

Lost Creek VFD, Salem VFD, Reynoldsville VFD, Lumberport VFD, Summit Park VFD, Stonewood WVD and Mount Clare VFD.

No Action Taken.

Adjournment

Commissioner Camp moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am, seconded by Commissioner Jones. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Grant Funding Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes
August 16th, 2021

Call to order

Commissioner Mongold called to order the meeting of the Grant Funding Committee Meeting at 10:24AM on August 16th, 2021 at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV.

Roll call

The following commissioners were present:

Steven Byers
Doug Estep
Phil Hart
Doug Mongold
Jim Oldaker

The following commissioners were absent:

None

Unfinished business

None

New business

1. Update on FY 2022 WV VFD Fire Service Equipment and Training Grant Fund

Commissioner Mongold and Marshal Tyree gave a report on the applications received and the due date for the applications.

Commissioner Mongold noted the need find a source to continue this fund. It was suggested perhaps it could be done through available Covid monies. Commissioner Mongold will bring up the item at the Fireman's Association meeting later in the week.

No Action Taken

Adjournment

Commissioner Oldaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27AM, seconded by Commissioner Estep, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Estep. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Training Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes
August 16th, 2021

Call to order

Commissioner White called to order the regular meeting of the Training Committee at 10:30am on August 16th, 2021, at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV.

Roll call

The following commissioners were present:

Virgil White

Jim Oldaker

Doug Estep

Tom Keefer

Dave Camp

The following commissioners were absent:

None

Unfinished Business

None

New business

1. Development of Application for Specialized Teams.

- a. Application Format (include recognized standards for Specialized Trainings).

A discussion ensued regarding the application necessary and the need for simplicity. Marshal Tyree will have staff develop a sample for the Committee/Commission.

No Action Taken

2. Consideration of Training Program Outline – Fire Commission and Fire Marshal’s Office – Review of Mission, Authority and Operation.

- a. FireFighter 1

- b. Fire Officer Series 1

Marshal Tyree discussed the draft copy of the program outline provided to the Committee.

A discussion ensued with Committee members, staff and training personnel in attendance on the best format(s) to use.

Marshal Tyree will continue, along with staff to develop the training material including a simple powerpoint, a pamphlet and the reviewed booklet.

No Action Taken.

Adjournment

Commissioner Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48am, seconded by Commissioner Estep, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Estep. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Disciplinary Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes
August 16th, 2021

Call to order

Commissioner Eastham called to order the regular meeting of the Disciplinary Committee Meeting at 10:49am on August 15th, 2021 at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke WV.

Roll call

The following commissioners were present:

Carl Eastham
Doug Mongold
Steven Byers

The following commissioners were absent: Edward George and Ted Shriver

Unfinished business

1. Consideration of FDC FY 2021-011 Underage Juvenile Riding the apparatus and Operate at Scene of Emergency Incident.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to go into executive session at 10:52, seconded by Commissioner Byers. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Byers made a motion to go out of executive session at 11:36, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Byers made a motion to recommend to the full Fire Commission to find probable cause on FDC 2021-011, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

2. Update on FDC FY 2021-013 Cottageville VFD

Marshal Tyree updated the Committee on the complaint, noting reception of the required letter to the Commission and the current mutual aid agreement. This item will remain on agenda as an update.

No Action Taken.

3. Consideration of FDC 2021-006 Craigsville, Beaver, Cottle VFD (CBC)

ASFM Scott updated the Committee on the status of the Officer Training. They are in classes but have additional time to complete requirements.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission that this item remain on the agenda as an update, seconded by Commissioner Byers. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

New business

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Mongold moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45am, seconded by Commissioner Byers. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Legislative

No Report – Committee did not meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Consideration of FDC FY 2021-011 Underage Juvenile Riding in the Apparatus and Operation at the Scene of an Incident.**

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to find probable cause, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Having found probable Commissioner Eastham named the department as Sophia Area. He also gave a brief explanation of the issues involved. Chairman Gunnoe noted the investigation has been completed and presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to have the SFMO request a corrective action plan from Chief Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Estep. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

- 2) Update on FDC FY 2021-013 – Cottageville**

Chairman Gunnoe noted the reception of the required monthly report and updated the Commission on mutual aid status. The item should remain on the agenda as an update.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to keep the item on the Agenda till April 2022, seconded by Commission Estep. The ayes and nays having been taken by a voice vote, the motion passed.

- 3) Update on FDC 2021-006 – Craigsville, Beaver, Cottle VFD.**

ASFM Scott updated the Commission on the Officer Training status.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to keep item on the agenda until their training is completed, seconded by Commissioner Estep. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Consideration of Fire Chief Applications.**

See attachment.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to approve applications as attached to agenda, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2) Consideration of Fire Officer Applications.

*FO 1 Donna Roop (Summersville), FO 2 Jason Chastain (Milton),
FO 1&2 Clifford Burton (Huntington), and FO 1&2 William L Peterson (Malden).*

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

3) Consideration of Perfect Evaluation Recertification of Fire Departments.

West Milford VFD, Shinnston VFD, Spelter VFD and Nutter Fort VFD

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to recertify the departments noting their perfect evaluations, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

4) Report on Fire Departments Receiving 180 Days to Achieve Compliance.

*Lost Creek VFD, Salem VFD, Reynoldsville VFD, Lumberport VFD, Summit Park VFD, Stonewood VFD, and
Mount Clare VFD.*

Commissioner Gunnoe noted the departments automatically receiving 180 to achieve compliance.

No Action Taken

5) Development of Application for Specialized Teams.

a. Application Format (include recognized standards for Specialized Training)

Chairman Gunnoe stated that staff will be working on the application.

No Action Taken.

6) Consideration of Training Program Outline – Fire Commission and Fire Marshal’s Office – Review of Mission, Authority and Operation

a. FireFighter I
b. Fire Officer Series I

Chairman Gunnoe requested to have the material/outline for the October Meeting for review.

No Action Taken.

7) Update on FY 2022 WV VFD Fire Service Equipment and Training Grant.

Information on the number of departments that have already applied and the September 16th deadline.

No Action Taken.

RECURITMENT AND RETENTION:

Deputy Chief Robert Bailey shared the information he had been provided regarding T-mobile first responder program. Chairman Gunnoe requested it be sent to the departments but noted this information is just being shared it is not promotion of T-mobile.

SPEAKERS:

None scheduled

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

October - Committee Meetings 10:00am October 7th, 2021 and Fire Commission Meeting 9:00am October 8th, 2021 at Canaan Valley Resort.

December - Committee Meetings 10:00am Thursday, December 2nd at Oglebay Resort. Commission Meeting 9:00am Friday, December 3rd at Oglebay Resort.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to adjourn at 11:00am, second by Commissioner White, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.