

**Kansas Fire Service Training Commission Meeting**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**May 2, 2022 - 10:00 AM**

**Attending Commission Members:** Mike Roosevelt, Doug Jorgensen, Larry Pander, Mark Neely, Eric Voss, Kevin Flory, Justin Ducey, Darin Myers

**Absent Commission Members:** Rick Mosher, Jack Taylor

**Attending KULPE Staff:** Kelly McCoy, Ann Ermey, Emily Zentner, Jennifer Johnson, John Knispel, Erica Henderson, Mark Billquist, Ben Green, Matt Breininger, Erin McGruder, Ronnie Sellens, Joliene Lummis

**Guests:** James Zeeb, Nancy Thomas, Jared Hammond

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Affirmation of Quorum:**

It was determined that a quorum existed. 7 members are in attendance.

*Chair Roosevelt* called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Recognize the loss of Pattie Shay with a moment of silence.

**2. Public Forum:**

No outside comments

**3. Consent Agenda:**

1.) Approval of February 17, 2022 Agenda as presented.

*Approved as presented.*

2.) Approval of November 18, 2021 DRAFT Minutes as presented.

*Chair Roosevelt called for a motion to adopt the Minutes as presented.*

Eric Voss, Motioned

Mark Neely, Seconded

Chair Roosevelt called for a vote: it passed unanimously.

**4. Chair's Report:**

Noticed a large amount of drought across the state.

Mark Neely comments regarding that it is going to be a rough season. Have opportunity to promote prevention.

Thank you for reaching out to institutions you represent and bringing those issues to the commission.

**5. Vice Chair's Report:**

KSFFA Conference in Hays reminder

**6. Director's Report:**

- a. Change in Jennifer's position title and responsibilities: Assistant Director.
- b. Ronnie Sellens 6-month position as Transportation Program Coordinator.
- c. Fire Officer Program Manager position 1<sup>st</sup> review of applicants is the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d. New position for Western Regional Training Program Coordinator Position that will come to the office minimum of once a month for three days. This person will develop a training infrastructure to deliver training more quickly in the Western side of the state.
- e. DA Graham resigned from KU and we are looking for a replacement.
- f. New Website is live KFRTI.org and our Facebook page is active on a regular basis:  
facebook.com/kufire

**7. Assistant Director's Report:**

- a. 475 IFSAC Seals since last meeting,
- b. Erica, Cameron and Jenn have process over 500 individual exams, issued 275 IFSAC seals in about a week before the Christmas break.
- c. NFPA consolidating standards. Working on a couple in the Officer program and Special Operations program.
- d. Camp Fury – received gift from State Farm in the amount of \$10,000.

**8. Financial Report – Mid-year financial presentation:**

- a. Nothing really unusual coming up.
- b. We know we have some major expenses coming through in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.
- c. Will be moving some funds around to put them in the correct place.

## 9. Business:

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

#### **I. Firefighter Health, Wellness, and Resilience Workshop- update**

1. Dates May 26-29, location Nickell Hall, Salina, KS- information
2. How to select the 50 candidates? 2 members from each Commission Member, 3 from each region, 2 from KSAR, and 2 from 10-33
3. Mike Roosevelt, likes the sub-committee idea
  - a. Eric Voss, Mike Roosevelt, Larry Pander will head up committee

#### **II. Fire Service Training Commission- update**

- a. State firefighter council seat that is vacant
- b. KU position vacant
- c. Larry Pander, Jack Taylor, and Kevin Flory retired

#### **III. MOA's with community colleges- update**

This is now with Jennifer – having several conversation and meetings with the community college leaders.

#### **IV. Medical CEUs- update**

We were waiting on new regulations. Found out they have implemented some of them. We now have an active account with them and we are in the process of completing application to become a provider. Any help with this process would be welcome.

#### **V. Volunteer Fire Officer- update**

In the process of hiring the Officer Program Manager and this should help our efforts. Darin is looking forward to getting this program going with the new Program Manager.

#### **VI. Plains Wildland Firefighter Training Project**

Had a Central Region Meeting after one of their big fires and it was about task force, mutual aid and strike force. Need training in this venue.

Mark Neely – that course is directed out of the KS Fire Service Working Group. With Covid have not met Doug sending out email to try and get it going again. Before Covid there was draft of a task force draft paper guidance that will need adjustments.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

### I. **Kansas Forest Service at Kansas State University and Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute at University of Kansas collaborative project on props facility. Discussion only.**

Doug – how does this effect the institute moving props farther into the Western part of the state or to KLETC?

Emily – KLETC and KFRTI combo will not happen.

Kelly – there are no plans to move any current staff to Hays or anywhere in the west part of the state.

Kevin –KSFFA stance. KSFFA does fully support the idea that is being pursued of a joint facility. We do have a concern with if this is the right solution. It appears this is merely a band aid for both agencies. Would it not be better off to develop the complete plan of a joint facility that would house all of the needed equipment and space? Our fear is this proposal is a several million-dollar band aid and may shoot you both in the foot by spending any political and financial opportunity you each may have within your Regents leadership and University leadership for future growth. Would it be better to make a concerted effort to fund the complete fix for both? Hate to see it take another 20 years to get the next facility built that will fully meet the needs of each agency.

### II. **Annual Fire Training – Goodland Fire Department, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Information only.**

Erin McGruder and Matt Breininger collaboration.

## 10. Future Agenda Items:

### 11. Adjournment:

- *Director Kelly McCoy reported the next meeting will be **May 19, 2022 at 10:00am.***
- *Chair Roosevelt called for a motion to adjourn.*
- *Justin Ducey, motioned.*
- *Darin Myers, seconded.*
- *Chair Roosevelt adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm*