

**CHAPTER 75 FIRE CHIEFS**  
**Meeting Summary**

Date: 10/08/08  
Place: Highview  
Called to Order: 10:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE**

Anchorage, Buechel, Eastwood, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Highview, Jeffersontown, Lake Dreamland, McMahan, Middletown, PRP, St. Matthews, Shively and Worthington.

**DISCUSSION**

*Safety Vests* – Chief Barth brought one of the safety vests that McMahan recently purchased, in case anyone was interested in where they were able to find vests meeting the new requirements.

*Flu Mist Exercise* – Dr. Zahn made a brief presentation regarding the upcoming (free) flue mist vaccine exercise, as described in the flyer that went out the departments. They are encouraging all eligible personnel (ages 18 – 49) to take advantage of the program scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the MSD Central Maintenance Facility, located at 3050 Commerce Center Place. If your department is planning to participate, please forward a list of those names to the EFA so that they can be shared with Dr. Zahn prior to the event.

*Rehab Policy* – The Rehab Policy was discussed and the following recommendations were made:

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The group also discussed the oximetry monitors that are required as a part of the policy. Col. Barth will request funding for three monitors from the metro council. The rehab unit that Lyndon is building may also have a supply of monitors on board.

Motion by Harrods Creek to adopt the policy as written, with the changes as noted above, and with the understanding that funding will be pursued for the monitors. Second by Buechel. Motion Carried.

*EMS Cost Determination* – Chief Barth reported on the EMS cost recovery effort and the various calculations that have been shared since the report provided by Chief Yurt at the September JCFC meeting. Chief Barth emphasized the need for consistency across the board for any proposal that would be submitted for metro council review. Using Chief Yurt's research and the resulting \$8 per mile, Chief Barth suggested that perhaps a separate fee could be established for small (\$32) and large (\$64) districts, per response. After much discussion and debate, it was decided that a basic formula should be used to determine an overall average cost (per response) for the Jefferson County Fire Service to provide emergency medical support. That form, has since been distributed with a request for responses to be submitted by October 17.

The group expressed a need to review and modify the Delta responses. Chief Aponte, Asst. Chief Dellis, and Asst. Chief Mark Stigers were appointed to serve as the committee in charge of the review and will report back to the membership at the November meeting of the JCFC.

*Larry Grant Training* – Chief Barth reported favorably on a recent management and leadership training that he attended through Louisville Metro conducted by Larry Grant. The districts will be asked if they would support such training for the JCFS.

*Mini-Maxi Issue* – This issue is still on hold, pending release of the summary judgment.

*Supporting Heroes Boot Drive* – Chief Barth expressed concern regarding the boot drive scheduled for Saturday, October 10, in that most of the major intersections are already reserved for use by other organizations. Departments participating in the event reported having received their permits and signs.

*Crusade for Children* – Chief Barth reported that Rebecca Jackson would be stepping down as the CEO for the Crusade for Children by the end of this year. The board has begun looking for her replacement.

*Breakfast with the Mayor* – Letters have been mailed to the chiefs inviting their attendance at a breakfast meeting with Mayor Abramson on November 6. (Please RSVP to Terri)

*Letter to the Editor* – A letter carrying Chief Barth's signature that recently appeared in the Courier Journal regarding the electrical code contained some errors that were the result of an oversight by the public relations firm hired by NFPA. The on-line version was corrected.

*Novelty Lighter Ordinance* – The Jefferson County Fire Inspectors Association has been working to develop an ordinance to prohibit the sale of novelty lighters, which the City of Shively recently passed. Chief Barth requested that the proposed ordinance be forwarded to his attention as soon possible. The document has since been received and distributed for review by the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs before it is submitted to the Louisville Metro Council.

*Ryder Cup* – Chief Davenport reported on the overall success of the event, which was supported by the Jefferson County Fire Service.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association: 11/12/08 10:00 a.m. @ Fern Creek  
Chapter 75 Fire Chiefs: 12/10/08 10:00 @ Jeffersontown

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully Submitted:

Terri Livers, EFA