

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Report to the Membership

February 27, 2008

The February 21, 2008 meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association was cancelled due to icy road conditions and will not be rescheduled. The following reports are provided for informational purposes only:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS – The following reminders are included in the JCFTA legal compendium:

FEBRUARY

- (1) AUDIT: Approve CPA engagement letter.
- (2) BUDGET: Preliminary report and questions from Budget Committee.
- (3) ELECTIONS: Appoint Election Comm. present nomination at APRIL meeting.
- (4) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT: Request preliminary draft for discussion and preliminary approval at March meeting.
- (5) MINUTES: Approve January minutes and designate any KRS 75.240 material.
- (6) Confirm December minutes filed with County Clerk.

FEB. 28: IRS FORM 1099 required to be filed with IRS.
FORM W-2: Copies due to Social Security Administration.

MARCH

- (1) BUDGET: Budget Committee budget report with draft of budget.
- (2) ELECTIONS: Insure Committee will present nomination at APRIL meeting.
- (3) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT: Approve and have filed with Governor's Office for Local Development by May 1.
- (4) MINUTES: Approve February minutes and designate any KRS 75.240 material.
- (5) Confirm January minutes filed with County Clerk.

APRIL

APRIL 5: PVA required to certify ASSESSMENT RECAPITULATION to fire districts.

- (1) BUDGET: Discussion for final approval at May Trustees meeting.
- (2) TAX RATE: Prepare to discuss proposed TAX RATE at May meeting.
- (3) ELECTIONS: Approve nominations and advertisement.
- (4) **UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT MUST BE FILED IN GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BY MAY 1.**
- (5) **UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK.**
- (6) BUDGET must be filed with ***Louisville Metro Cabinet for Public Prot. by June 1.
- (7) MINUTES: Approve March minutes and designate any KRS 75.240 material.
- (8) Confirm February minutes filed with County Clerk.

Public Information, Education and Recruitment – The next Line of Fire show will originate from the Louisville FD History Museum. Part of the conversation will surround their upcoming 150 year celebration.

Governmental Affairs – Please see the attached report from Legislative Representative Bob Benson.

LOUISVILLE METRO & JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Chief Barth has provided the following updates:

- Budget Reduction – The Jefferson County Fire Alliance budget for fiscal year 07/08 has been reduced by \$5,500. Chief Barth will propose recommendations for the reductions to be made in the budget at the March 19 meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Alliance. Next year's budget will likely be reduced as well, by the \$5,500 plus the additional \$18,000 proposed for HazMat. We may need to ask the fire districts to provide support to cover the \$18,000.
- KY 8-1-1 Call Before You Dig – Legislation will be filed to allow local emergency responders to collect cost recovery in situations where construction workers fail to obtain the proper location of utilities before digging.
- Continuing to work with the Louisville Water Company and LOJIC GPS to map private fire hydrants, sprinkler connections, and key boxes. Project completion date: Summer, 2008.
- Continuing to work with the Louisville Fire Department and the KFA to propose a change in the state fireworks laws to provide notification to local fire departments of firework storage locations within their jurisdictions. This bill has already been filed.
- A committee was established to work with metro public works and assets to make recommendations on the type of speed control devices (speed humps, speed bumps or speed tables) that are acceptable for use and which would not delay or possibly damage an emergency response vehicle.
- The 2010 conference for the Southeast Association of Fire Chiefs will take place here in Louisville.
- MetroStats (suburban fire)

December, 2007

- 1,169 fire calls for service
- 1,472 EMS calls for service
- average response time was 4 minutes and 36 seconds
- fire loss was \$1,276,000.00 due to house fires in Highview, PRP and St. Matthews

Year-end, 2007

- 14,712 fire calls for service
- 16,295 EMS calls for service
- average response time was 4 minutes and 37 seconds
- fire loss for the year \$7,988,000
- 2 fire deaths
- 20 firefighter injuries related to fires
- 9 civilian injuries
- 12,838 business inspections performed
- 747 smoke detectors installed
- 437 full and part-time firefighters
- 562 volunteer firefighters

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is scheduled to take place on April 17, 7:00 PM @ PRP # 6.

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