

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Membership

MINUTES

Date: February 19, 2009
Place: McMahan Fire Department
Called to Order: 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE – Buechel, Camp Taylor, Eastwood, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Highview, Jeffersontown, Lake Dreamland, Lyndon, McMahan, PRP, and St. Matthews. The following fire chiefs were present: Chief Adkins, Chief Davenport, Chief Schmidt, Asst. Chief Lawson, Chief Rakestraw, Chief Barth, Chief Riddle, and Chief Smith. Also in attendance were Legislative Representative Attorney Bob Benson, JCFS Attorney Maurice Byrne, and EFA Terri Livers.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Buechel, second by Fairdale, with the following correction as noted on the agenda (01/15/09 meeting): The year to date financial reports were approved by the following motions: (~~JCFCA~~) (*JCFCA*) Motion by Jeffersontown, second by Harrods Creek. Motion Carried. (~~JCFCA~~) (*JCFCA*) Motion by ~~Middletown~~ *Middletown*, second by Anchorage. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The current year to date financial reports were provided for review. Motion of approval by Fairdale. Second by PRP. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

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 presents preliminary draft of budget.
- (2) ELECTION: Committee report concerning nominations at APRIL meeting.
- (3) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT: Approve UFIR for filing with Kentucky Department for Local Development by May 1.
- (4) APPOINTED TRUSTEES: Prepare to notify the Metro Mayor by May 1 of the name of any appointed Trustee whose term of office will expire on June 30.
- (5) MINUTES: Approve February minutes and designate any KRS 75.240 material.
- (6) FILED MINUTES: Confirm January minutes filed with County Clerk.

APRIL 5: PVA required to certify ASSESSMENT RECAPITULATION to Fire Protection Districts.

APRIL

- (1) BUDGET: Budget Committee presents budget for final approval at May meeting.
- (2) TAX RATE: Prepare to discuss proposed TAX RATE at May meeting.
- (3) ELECTION: Approve nominations, advertisement, and procedures.

1. __ (4) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT MUST BE FILED IN KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BY MAY 1.
2. __ (5) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT MUST BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK.
- (6) BUDGET must be filed with Cabinet for Public Protection by June 1.
- (7) APPOINTED TRUSTEES: Notify Metro Mayor by May 1 of the name of any appointed Trustee whose term of office will expire on June 30.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Public Information, Education and Recruitment – Chief Barth advised that there was nothing new to report since the January meeting.

Governmental Affairs – Legislative Representative Bob Benson went through the written report provided at the distribution table (included with the distribution of these minutes to our districts that were unable to attend). The following bills were noted:

HB 293, relating to fire inspection fees – Legislative Representative Benson reported that he will provide language allowing deputized fire departments to collect part of the fees that will be charged by the state for inspections.

SB 72, relating to special districts – If passed, this bill will allow special districts to increase their tax rate, upon local government approval. Copies of the proposed amendment were provided for review. When this bill is heard, fire service representation will be requested.

Jefferson County Health & Dental Insurance Plans – Chief Riddle reported that the group is still moving toward a May 1 implementation of the self-funded plan as presented to the members. The current plan was renewed with Humana for March 1 at an increase of premiums, deductible, and administrative fee. Twelve of the sixteen participating districts have signed the interlocal agreement and bylaws. The remaining are expected to sign-off on the documents within the next three weeks.

Special thanks to all of the of the committee members for their time and leadership: Chief Chris Aponte, Asst. Chief Steve Dellis Asst. Chief Randy Lawson, Chief Jeff Riddle, and Chief Vincent Smith.

LOUISVILLE METRO

The following report was provided by Chief Paul Barth:

EMS / RESQPOD - A request for deployment of the RESQPOD devices to first responders was submitted to Dr. Richmond.

EMS / DELTA Responses - Dr. Richmond is encouraging the fire districts to participate in the modified DELTA response schedule; however, it does not appear that many of the districts are interested in changing their response levels at this time.

Chief Barth has mentioned the need for GPS devices on fire apparatus that respond to medical calls for service, allowing the dispatch system to determine the location of the closest response unit.

Novelty Lighter Ordinance - Councilwoman Mary Wooldridge is willing to sponsor the proposed ordinance, which is being held until we know if the state will adopt a similar law.

Louisville Metro E-mail Addresses for Fire Chiefs - The Chapter 75 Fire Chiefs have expressed an interest in pursuing a metro e-mail address for each fire chief that would serve as a back-up in the event of system failure. The chiefs are also interested in the development of enhanced connectivity between metro government and the suburban fire stations.

Interface with Metro Government – Chief Bath will be meeting on a bi-weekly basis with Deputy Mayor Bill Summers and with Mayor Abramson at the monthly cabinet meeting. The fire alliance budget will be sent to Deputy Mayor Summers for processing.

Chief Barth has asked for metro government support on HB 293 and SB 72, should they progress to the point where additional support is needed.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS

The following report was provided by Chief Mike Schmidt, from the discussions that took place within February 19 meeting of the Chapter 75 Fire Chiefs:

MetroSafe – The best practices committee will soon be addressing operational issues with regard to the new radios. The pagers for the group order that Okolona put together should arrive sometime next month.

The fire chief's executive board will meet with the vice president of LG&E to discuss concerns involving scene response. During the recent ice storm, there were at least four structure fires where firefighters were unable to access the structure due to it being energized by fallen lines. LG&E could not be reached to request assistance.

2009 Fire School – The 2009 Regional Fire School will be held at the Galt House downtown. A guest speaker, Deputy Chief Mike Bryant of the Los Angeles Fire Department will be featured. The group should be in good shape financially due to the success of the 2008 school. Department support (personnel) will be needed to help with the program in its new location.

LEGAL COUNSEL – Attorney Byrne referenced the handouts that were provided this evening on taxable benefits (compendium updates, section S – dated April 7, 2008), specifically the \$360 income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters. He also mentioned the incentive pay bill and reminded the departments of the importance of paying time and a half for all hours worked over 40 and to include state incentive pay in the calculation.

A question was raised about the status of the lawsuit with the Kentucky Homebuilders Association. Attorney Byrne reported that a hearing may be scheduled for March 3. Chief Reckner had reported to the chapter 75 group that a partial settlement may be near.

Chairman Bauer reported that the issue of firefighter's deducting the cost of meals while on shift was recently asked. Answer: Unless contributing toward meal costs is mandatory, then the deduction cannot be taken.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by motion of Buechel. Second by Lake Dreamland. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING – 04/16/09 (7:00 PM) @ Harrods Creek # 1

Respectfully Submitted: Terri Livers EFA