

Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education

Business Meeting

June 16, 2022, 9AM

Roll call

Commissioner Henry- here

Commissioner Specht- here

Commissioner Kelley- not here

Commissioner Cobb- here

Commissioner Solomon- here

Commissioner Farley- here

Commissioner Moore - here

Commissioner Windrow- here

Commissioner Scott- here

Director Elliott- here

Motion with corrections by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Commissioner Farley- Process of meeting with staff to hopefully make things smoother.

Director Jason Sparks- Offering free classes for volunteers has expanded FFII live burn.

September 10th and 11th, November 5th and 6th for chief's conference.

Recruit class 8-22, there's currently a wait list.

Annual fire chief conference in July and have 4 classes scheduled.

Just hired TFACA East Tennessee coordination. Troy Perry- Karns FD- 7/1 start date.

Commissioner Henry- do you have a number of volunteers taking free classes?

Director Jason Sparks- some classes are still in process, but I don't have a number now.

Commissioner Henry- Farley is there more money in the budget for training?

Commissioner Farley- \$10,000 in the budget to continue training. We're getting a residential burn building. We are getting \$400,000 a year for several years now. We have been working on things, got a new full-time position with the firefighting commission.

Guests-

### Communications-

Director Tony Grande- Issue with a FOIII test, a student took test and had difficulty and asked for things look at letter request.

Tommy Kelley is now retired and lives in Arkansas now and he wanted to share his appreciation and I have his resignation letter.

Chairman Biggs-

Kim Cooper, Legal Counsel- Incident this spring. Caught someone looking at another person's test. The questions answered while they sat next to each other were the same until they were separated.

Commissioner Scott motion for agreed order seconded by Commissioner Solomon to speak with said person, no testing for 24 months, and they had to start that level again including classes etc.

Commissioner Farley- This person's chief will be notified once we have an agreed order.

Chairman Biggs- Does this effect the persons EIP?

Leigh Ferguson, Legal- I'll look into it.

Director Tony Grande- Roll call vote- All yes to sending agreed order of suspension from testing for 24 months. Motion carries.

Leigh Ferguson, Legal- The rules are with the attorney general now the person who does these is ill so once they come back to work and finish them it will be 90 days before they are permanent.

Brian Nicholson, Reciprocity, Regional Coordinator- Many people are coming to Tennessee and reciprocity is growing. Year to date as of 6/7 591 certifications for 221 individuals. Most popular test for reciprocity is HMO, top 5 places are Memphis, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Brentwood, and Montgomery County.

Michael Miranda, Regional Coordinator- 2022 EIP update- not much to report on. I have already received programs for departments already for 2023.

Cheryl Deener-

Fred McCay, Accreditation Manager- IFSAC 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. IFSAC conference is in Oklahoma. We met two of the site team people. IFSAC fall conference-Newfoundlanda, Canada. Proboard asked for an extension. Asking to add Live Fire Instructor in Charge and Live Fire Instructor. The new 1403 standard will be updated next year, and these new certifications will put us where we need to be. Amend rule on HMO. Move 6.3 and 6.4 to technical level rope- moving to 2021 standard, must be in place by 2023.

Chairman Biggs- We can't fix the rules here, but we will put that in front of the rules committee.

Commissioner Farley- I think the HMO test needs to be separated. Chapter 5, Chapter 6.2, and chapter 6.6.

Chairman Biggs- We will put that in front of the rules committee and find a solution.

### **Old Business-**

Chairman Biggs- rules committee met 3 times since April, want to have them cleaned up by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Director Tony Grande- How long before it's in Gov Ops?

Leigh Ferguson, Legal- Probably January or February.

Commissioner Farley- Nominate for Chairman- Commissioner Solomon nominated Chairman Biggs.

Motion by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Moore to keep Chairman Biggs as chair, nominate Windrow.

Chairman Biggs seconded by Commissioner Henry motion for Vice Chair.

Motion by Windrow for secretary, Jay Moore, seconded by Commissioner Scott.

Motion for break by Commissioner Henry seconded by Commissioner Scott.

### **New Business-**

Waivers- Total of 13 waivers

Motion by Commissioner Henry to take all under consideration as approves. Motion fails.

Chairman Biggs- Knoxville motion to approve: Commissioner Windrow seconded by Commissioner Solomon, motion carries. Sevierville motion to approve: Commissioner Scott seconded Commissioner Henry, motion carries. Dyers motion to approve: Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carries. Gibson County VFD motion to approve: Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carries. Henderson County motion to approve: Commissioner Solomon seconded by Commissioner Scott, motion carries. Maryville motion to approve: Commissioner Solomon seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carries. McGhee Tyson motion to accept pending facts from them and legal opinion: Commissioner Solomon seconded by Commissioner Specht. Quito motion to approve: Commissioner Specht seconded by Commissioner Scott, Windrow does not approve, motion carries.

Chairman Biggs- August 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM work session 1PM business meeting in Putnam County. Rules committee 7/27 and 7/28 in Murfreesboro.

Motion by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Henry for next meeting

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Moore.