

*Motion to approve by Naifeh, 2nd by Kelley, motion passed*



**THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING  
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**February 13, 2018**

The meeting of the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education was called to order by Chairman Matthew Sorge at 9:00 A.M. Central on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the Martin Center, 960 Heritage Way, Brentwood, TN 37027.

- I. **PRAYER** - (Charlie Vance)
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – (Tommy Kelley)
- III. **ROLL CALL** (Director Fox) – Members Present:

Commissioner Matthew Sorge  
Commissioner Tommy Kelley  
Commissioner Stephanie Specht  
Commissioner Michael Naifeh  
Commissioner David Windrow  
Commissioner Darryl Kerley  
Commissioner Toran Hedgepath

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Jay Moore  
Commissioner Brian Biggs  
Commissioner Julie McPeak – (ex-officio non-voting member)

A quorum has been established.

**Commerce and Insurance / Fire Prevention Staff Present:**

Randy Fox – Executive Director – Fire Commission  
Michael Miranda – Fire Coordinator  
Brian Nicholson – Fire Coordinator  
Joseph Underwood – Chief Counsel – Dept. of Commerce and Insurance  
Ben Conrady – Attorney – Dept. of Commerce and Insurance  
Jeffrey Elliott – Fire Service Program Director – TFACA  
Stephen Snow – Codes Program Director – TFACA

**Guests:**

Fonda Douglas	TN Comptroller Office
Charles Vance	Nashville FD (Retired)
Kevin Massey	Memphis FD
Angelo Lamar	Memphis FD
Brad Goss	Kingston FD

Clint Edmonds	Kingston FD
<b><u>Guests Continued:</u></b>	
Jana Compton	Jackson FD
Carl Alexander	Jackson FD
Brent Sylar	Red Bank FD
Mark Matthews	Red Bank FD
Daniel Snyder	Cookeville FD
Jacob Stevenson	Cookeville FD
Brain Collins	Brentwood FD
Nick Adams	Brentwood FD
Scott Hughes	Fairview FD
Russell Peterson	Brentwood FD

**IV. MINUTES**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Windrow

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kelley

**Motion to: Approve the Commission Minutes from November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as submitted.**

Call for the question - None

**RESOLUTION:**

Vote:            7 – Yea            0 – Nay            0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE**

**VI. GUESTS**

Jeff Elliott- Fire Service Program Director – TFACA:

I'll start by saying last night at 9:30 we ran our roster check at the fire academy to make sure we didn't have any students from Lawrenceburg or any of the responding agencies on campus to make sure we took care of their needs. The only person that we identified is we did have one student in an EMR class. He was a commuter, so we knew that he was at home. What I will say is we're starting the process with the state EMS too. We did have a couple of people affected as far as one Lawrenceburg firefighter in the EMR class, and also some mutual aid firefighters. So it's understandable they would not be at class today, so we're processing paperwork to split the roster and get state EMS to agree that we'll make up their days. So we're sensitive to their needs. And then, just like all of you-all, just waiting to see what we can do for those firefighters affected.

From there I'll go into our report. We usually run year-end reports twice to see how the year ended at the end of 2016 or '17 year, and then again mid-year. So we closed our books on December 31st. Last year the fire program had taught 913 classes. This year when we closed our books, 1,030 class. So we are still seeing the increase that we hope, and it's just an indication that we're still being supported by our Tennessee fire chiefs and working hard for those departments. Yesterday was day one for our recruit class. It's a very diverse recruit class from the standpoint of 20 students. We have three

females out of the 20 students. So those numbers are fairly high for us. And then diverse from across the state, I guess as far east as we've got Oak Ridge, and then west we go into the Milan area. So it's pretty diverse across the state also. We absolutely incorporated. We had the Firefighting Commission on site yesterday to do their portion on talking to them about these will be test days for practicals and also written tests. So those lines are established, having the training program married with the certification program. So that's moving forward.

Report that some of the classes, it's been a bit hard to fill in my first five years for the upper level Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV. We did have 20 students that started January 29th in Fire Officer IV. Actually, the Firefighting Commission had taken that roster, and a lot of them had their practicals assigned the minute they walked into class. So that was a good working with both agencies where those firefighters, those fire officers knew what to expect. And then last Monday, we had a Fire Officer III class actually started in Germantown.

So we anticipate this year we'll see probably three Fire Officer III classes made, and we're hoping we can keep the momentum going there where we have a minimum of two Fire Officer IV classes a year. So we're seeing good numbers there.

Give you a little report on improvements going on with the campus. I reported in Memphis that the conference center was moving forward. We had received the preliminary drawings back, the conceptual drawings, and then it goes to a party that kind of anticipates what cost is. There had to be a few tweaks, but they still feel that our priorities are going to fall within the budget of what it had to. So that project is still moving forward.

March, we have a time line established where we're getting four new pump simulators. We really never -- if y'all ever were able to attend the old academy site under Lewis Baker, once those pump simulators were taken out of service, there was never anything really comparable on the market up until about two years ago. The same company that makes our driving simulator started making pump simulators. So we applied for a grant, we were awarded that, and four pump simulators are anticipated to be installed the 1st of March, and that was to the tune of about \$220,000. So they're very much state-of-the-art, but we look forward to adding that to our programs.

The fire chief orientation schedule has been set for 2018. We actually completed the first offering this past weekend in the Jackson area of Madison County. We had 37 people attending. We are seeing chiefs see the value of this to the point that a lot of them now are requiring their company officers to attend that. The next offering will go to East Tennessee, and that's going to be in conjunction with Smoky Mountain Weekend. The dates are May 19th and 20th. I'll say somewhere around the first week of February is when they opened up those registrations. And as of Friday, 165 people had already registered for Smoky Mountain Weekend. So the people overseeing the registration are very pleased with how those numbers are finally coming in.

I guess the last thing I'll report to the Commission so that we all work together; you know we've had the driver simulator in operation for nearly four years. And for it to be such a dynamic electronic training prop that drives up and down the road catching a lot of vibrations we have really -- we've had glitches, but we've never had to cancel a class. This past week -- and we knew we'd been having issues. This past week, we finally had to cancel the first class. Any of y'all that have the higher-end kit of fire training props, you know that once one of those goes down, it's not going to repair overnight, and it's also going to go -- take its time through the procurement process. We just got the procurement process started to put us in financial terms. The diagnosis cost was guaranteed to be in excess of \$6,000, and then the repair will go on top of that. So those are contracts that have to be approved. It's procurement. We got the PO signed on it, but now we just got the word this morning that Fact (phonetic), the company that services it, won't be available until somewhere around the first week of March. So the reason I'm bringing this to your attention, the number coming today, we're going to have to cancel at least eight classes. I'm going to say probably three-fourths of those probably submitted that as part of their in-service training, so we will all have to anticipate. They may have to modify their calendars they turn into you, and we'll just see from there once it's up and going. I think it will be a quick turnaround. Most

of it appears to be computer and probably video-card related, but it's just something we can't repair ourself. So I think once they're there, it will be a quick turnaround, but we most likely will have to reschedule some in-service training that departments may have submitted. And we'll absolutely be communicating with those training officers and y'all to say how soon we can get that back on track. And that completes my report.

DIRECTOR FOX: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to give Director Snow of the code side of the house an opportunity to speak, if he'd like, about the codes program at TFACA.

DIRECTOR SNOW: Sure. This is a surprise, but it's an honor to be here and I appreciate the opportunity. Particular interest to you-all would be the fire inspector program that we have. Fire Inspector I has been up and running for a couple years, and I think we've seen tremendous success. Brian Nicholson, back in the back of the room, has been the one who really got it started for us. He was the instructor who made that a big success starting out of the gate. And since he has come on with the Firefighting Commission, we've moved on to Chuck Swan, who has mainly led that since Brian has left.

We've had tremendous success with the numbers of classes as well as the pass rate. And our goal has always been with that class to make sure that every person who takes it who is going to become a fire inspector knows exactly what they're going to do on the first day when they're asked to do something that's basic.

The reports that we've gotten from people who have passed the class have gone on into a fire inspector role and have just been tremendous, and they're very thankful and grateful for your role and for the academy's role in preparing them for the job that they have to do.

We also have Fire Inspector II that you've approved, and we're in the process of making the preparation for that course material, and we hope to offer that before the end of the year.

We've increased our number of Fire Inspector I classes to four times a year, and we've now even been asked to take that off campus where we always did it on campus before because it was such a large class at two weeks. We've had plenty of invitations to have those in different locations throughout the state, and so we're going to be expanding either farther with that.

So we look forward to the same success with Fire Inspector II. I know that's a little higher level, but we have a lot of people who are interested in that. And so we do appreciate your commitment to that track and your support of our program, and the inspectors do as well.

DIRECTOR FOX:

And then just to add to his comments, we did have an 85 percent pass rate last week in that first class that he taught for 2018. Some of y'all that were not here at our meeting last time in November in Memphis, we do have approval from IFSAC and Pro Board to proceed on with Fire Inspector II once our rules go into effect and our rules cover it. So we're good to go on that as we speak.

DIRECTOR SNOW: Thanks so much for the opportunity.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS – TN Fire Training On-line**

DIRECTOR FOX: Mr. Chairman, the next thing I have on the agenda is communications. You have agenda item VII-a, Tennessee fire training online. Basically this is something that came into me from Terri Roshell and her program, and it was about rearranging the Fire Officer I course from twelve weeks to eight weeks. The content didn't change. She just changed the way she did her program, and I basically

done that in-house as far as approving it because she was ready to roll the program out. I just wanted to bring that to y'all and make you aware of those changes.

Any comments or questions about that?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR FOX: She also has a good success rate with her program as well.

## **VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Basically I want to thank Chief Windrow for hosting us here today at the Heritage Center and being a good host to us not only today, but last night for those of us that went to his home and had dinner with him. Him and his wife, they were great hosts, a great time of fellowship.

Moving on from that, just to make everybody aware, we have three seats that will be open July 31st of 2018. Those are Commissioner Biggs' seat, Commissioner Moore's seat, and Commissioner Naifeh's seat. They're up for reappointment or appointment, just to make everybody aware of that. Also, it being an even year, 2018, we'll be electing a chair and a vice chair as well. And that will be after July as well.

### **a. Report from legal – Joe Underwood**

MR. UNDERWOOD: I only have a couple updates. Currently we are having new electrical rules that will go into effect in March. They'll update our electrical code for the state of Tennessee, the minimum code, and that will be in mid-March. Also, there are rules that went into effect to split the certification requirements rules for building inspectors, plumbing inspectors, and mechanical inspectors. Previously you'd have to retain the commercial and residential to obtain the state certification to be a building inspector. Now you can have a state residential building inspector, state commercial building inspector, then you can have multiple. You don't have to wait to get both of them to get the one certification. You can get individual certifications. That will also go into effect in March as well.

Our rules are currently -- your rules are currently being routed, and I will have a date at the next meeting. We will have an effective date it will be filed. Then we'll know exactly when it will be effective. And I expect either May or June will be the -- most likely they'll be effective during that -- sometime in that --those -- that month period and going forward with that.

Legislatively, there's been -- you know, we're in the midst of legislative session. I haven't seen anything directly significantly changing the fire service or the pay supplement program that we're dealing with currently. But we're monitoring that. It is the end of the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. After this, they will go to recess, and the elections are this fall, so we'll have a new general assembly next year and a new governor, and that will see new priorities, I'm sure.

I'd also like to -- staff today, Ben Conrady He's one of the legal attorneys in our office. He will be showing up at some of these meetings with y'all and be working on some Firefighting Commission issues as they come along in case something happens where I can't be here or can't be available due to other obligations. Thanks Ben for coming to that.

DIRECTOR FOX: My next thing I'd like to yield to Commissioner Windrow. He's directly in tune with the legislative part with the associations, and I'll see if he's got any updates that we --

COMMISSIONER WINDROW: There are about 18 bills right now that touch the fire service. Fire drills are back. Sprinklers, trying to reduce the size for sprinklers in churches. We think we've got those two under control. Obviously there's one I'm passionate about. And if you're not on my mailing list, let me know and I'll get you on the list. There are 400 people on it already. But Senate Bill 1798, House Bill 1491, is the Tennessee Firefighter Cancer Act for presumption. Obviously that's one we'd love to see passed. This may be our best chance. Senator Ketron is carrying it in the senate, Representative Reedy in the house. They're both cancer survivors. And Senator Ketron will not be seeking reelection, so this may be one of the last times we get this bill introduced with any power. So I'd encourage you to reach out to your representatives and tell them to support that bill. Support that bill. For those of you who don't know, and I think -- I would say it's public record. If you've ever bought an IFSTA manual or Jones & Barlett from the Firemen's Association, you know Barry Brady. He's gotten a dire prognosis. He has cancer. So we know it touches us all the time. We just have higher incidents. So this is our chance. If you need talking points, believe me, I've got them, if you need them to send to your representative. We've just got to push this this time. And Senator Ketron says if he gets support, he'll run it because he's the one that introduced it. So that's a biggie. There is a salary supplement bill out there for volunteers. The fiscal note will probably kill it. The fiscal note will probably kill it, but it's out there.

There's a bill to give free license plates to volunteers again. Trying to figure out why it didn't pass last year. It had 80 sponsors last year. I've never seen a bill in the history of the state get 80 sponsors and fail. So, you know, we've got to give the volunteers something because that's 85 percent of the fire protection in this state. So that bill is out there again.

To pay salary supplement to non -- to profit organizations, Rural Metro, FedEx, VW, if they have a fire department, that bill's out there. Now, whether -- and its fiscal note may kill that as well. I think the best chance to get anything for volunteers this year would be the license plate.

And for the rest of us, right now only police have been shown in the supplement update for salary supplement, but last year we were added as an amendment. It would never pass with just police, I don't think. I don't think any representative would have enough -- would want to do that. But with that said, it makes it a \$20 million fiscal note, so it's probably -- I wouldn't waste a lot of energy on salary supplement increasing. You know, there's some that want it to go away, so -- and this is the end of their -- they're all up for election, so they're not for raising any taxes. So that's where we are with legal.

We'll have Day on the Hill March 7th, picture with the governor at 2:30. Our lobbyists, both our lobbyists will speak to us at 10:30. So there will be more information about that coming out.

MR. VANCE: What about the money for the memorial? How does that look this year?

COMMISSIONER WINDROW: It looks good. Even though Tracy is going to -- Senator Tracy has carried that bill the last couple of years.

MR. VANCE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WINDROW: We think Ketron has it and Womack. I think he's Shelbyville. Whoever the Shelbyville rep is carrying it. So it's just \$10,000. We think it's in there. It's already being worked.

MR. VANCE: Thank you.

#### B. Coordinator Status –

DIRECTOR FOX: The next item on my report would be the status of our coordinator since Linda Brown left us in November. We have conducted interviews. We've made a recommendation to HR. However, we're waiting for approval of that recommendation to come back from DOHR, so I won't be able to evolve any information until I hear more about that form them.

#### C. IFSAC

I will be attending the IFSAC conference in April, just a few weeks prior to going to Gatlinburg for our meeting there that's already been scheduled.

#### D. Pro Board

Also, with Pro Board, I attended the conference in Orlando the first part of January. And there's a lot of stuff in both organizations that's going on concerning the NFPA 1006 standard and the changes in it. Moving everybody from, for instance, Rope I and Rope II to awareness, ops, and tech, that's got entities all across the country and heartburn because of that transition. And they're both trying to work with NFPA to have some leniency and leeway in implementing that change because it's a dramatic change not only just for one level of technical rescue, but for all of the multiple disciplines in technical rescue. So there's a lot of heartburn going on with that knew standard.

A lot of new standards will be -- I think we looked over the next five years, and we have, like, 13 or 14 levels over the next five years that have standard updates, so that's why the accreditation person is so important to us.

Also, with IFSAC and Pro Board both, we submitted Wildland Firefighter I for accreditation. It's under review as we speak. I hadn't heard anything back from the IFSAC or Pro Board at this time other than it's been submitted.

#### E. PTS & Question Mark Presentation –

Later on today, Performance Training Systems. Y'all know Dr. Ben Hurst who was originally from Tennessee. He along with Question Mark has entered into an agreement to do paperless exams. They will be doing a presentation for us later today. His son Walter will be here along with representatives from Question Mark. Commissioner Majchrzak and I have already had some talks with them and seen some presentation and stuff from them, and it looks like something that would be very beneficial to us as far as going from paper exams to paperless exams and all of the benefits that go along with that.

#### F. Educational Incentive Pay Report –

The next item I have on my report is, I put on your table and it's also on your iPads, item VIII-f. It's the educational incentive pay report for the first batch. It's comprised of 60 fire departments for 1,986 firefighters at \$600 each. It's \$1,191,600. I would ask for y'all to review that and, if possible, approve it

and along with any subsequent batches that may come my way that we can process these and get them sent out.

A little update on that is this is 60 of approximately 69 or 70 that I have in queue, and I'm just waiting for forms for the other ten that's there. So basically out of 105 fire departments, that's kind of where we're at on that. We're about halfway through because some of my bigger departments hadn't submitted yet.

COMMISSIONER NAIFEH: Director, if I recall, the last couple of years we have given you batch approval for our approval, blanket approval to --

DIRECTOR FOX: Yes.

COMMISSIONER NAIFEH: -- approve them as they come in and you report back to us; is that correct?

DIRECTOR FOX: That's correct. At the next meeting, I'll report that back to you, where we stand.

COMMISSIONER NAIFEH: I would like to make a motion -- I'm sorry.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Because they have to be completed by the end of the fiscal year and we only have one meeting left to do that.

COMMISSIONER NAIFEH: Correct. We don't meet until April, and I don't want hold up anybody.

DIRECTOR FOX: Right.

COMMISSIONER NAIFEH: Obviously I think that was kind of our reasoning for doing --

COMMISSIONER SORGE: We went in that direction.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Naifeh

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kerley

**Motion to: Approve the Educational Incentive Pay Batch 1 -2-13-18 that you have and also a blanket approval as they come in and report back to us in April.**

**Roll Call Vote requested by Commissioner Kelley**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Vote:            7 – Yea            0 – Nay            0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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G. Reciprocity Report –

MR. NICHOLSON: Good to be with you today and it's an honor to serve the Commission.



Reciprocity, I've been handling the management of reciprocity since Ms. Linda Brown left in November. And we've seen a significant increase in the request for reciprocity this year already. 2017 statistics, we had 461 certifications issued by reciprocity, and that's very good. The majority of those were basic hazardous materials awareness and operations, also Firefighter I and II. But we did see a request also for officer levels and technical rescue. This year, year to date, updated yesterday, we have already had 126 certifications issued by reciprocity. Most of that is due to increased demand. We've had several demands from agencies with the department of defense, the air refueling wing at McGhee Tyson. We've done most of their folks with years in the fire service, but no state certifications, all department of defense, so quite a few there. So we're at about 27 percent already of what we did last year, reciprocity. We are seeing an increase in reciprocity requests for the technical rescue aspects, Rope I, Rope II, confined space, and also some of the other disciplines, vehicle rescue, mechanical rescue, those requests are coming in. So we've already met or exceeded the request for technical rescue reciprocity this year that we did all last year. Again, that's probably due to the department of defense request. In addition to that, we have several requests that are still pending from Memphis Fire Department. They're doing another lateral course. They did that last year in October, and they're doing another lateral course. They're bringing in people that are highly credentialed from other states. And, again, it's a privilege and an honor for us to welcome those folks to Tennessee Fire Service and help them to increase their professionalism and, therefore, increase our professionalism, so we're happy to do that. Are there any questions I can answer for the board?

DIRECTOR FOX: I'd just like to make the comment and thank Brian for stepping up and taking this chore on in Linda's absence because he's done a phenomenal job and turnaround time has been great. He and Michael both last week spent 40 hours in the Incident Safety Officer class and were both certified at the end of the week at that level. So they were keeping up with their regular work and getting training and extra credentials as well, so I'm extremely proud of them and their work. And if you'll notice in his stats, we're at already 25 percent of last year's total in reciprocity, so it is a demanding task.

COMMISSIONER SORGE: I'd just like to also add the comment I appreciate the hard work that your staff does and yourself on this because this process, the way that we now are delivered the information about reciprocity I think is much more streamlined. So kudos from coming up with a way that I think delivers the information they way that we need it.

#### H. Training Programs(s) (Courses by Submittal) Report

DIRECTOR FOX: All right. The next item I have on your agenda from the director's report is training program courses that were submitted and approved in-house. Sevier County had a Rope I and II for 40 hours. Gatlinburg had the same class of Rope I and II for 40 hours. And Memphis had a 40-hour Fire Instructor II course submitted. Any questions or comments on those submittals since our last meeting in November? (No response.)

DIRECTOR FOX: If not, I will turn the floor over to Michael Miranda, our coordinator, to give us an update on their 2018 training programs for in service.

#### I. In-Service Training Programs – Coordinator Michael Miranda

MR. MIRANDA: Good morning. As I reported back in the Memphis meeting, we were conducting peer review the first week of December across the state, the 4th, 6th, and the 8th. For those of you who attended the Middle Tennessee peer review, I apologize. I have amended it. Since then I think it's changed to the -- dramatically for the better. For those who have participated in West Tennessee, I got a lot of good feedback from West Tennessee and then took that change to East Tennessee, and the peer review process seemed to greatly improve. Now, we had 110 departments submit programs, a total of

1,008 courses that were submitted and combined into their programs. With the inclement weather we had in January, we wound up having 32 departments submit changes to their curriculum or to their programs due to the weather rescheduling classes. In light of the driver training prop going down, I know a lot of departments were utilizing the driving simulator for part of their in-service. I know I would be happy to accommodate, you know, any -- if any department needs to change their curriculum, you know, if they want to cancel that class and add another one, we're happy to work with them and get that taken care for them or reschedule the simulator without having to do a whole bunch of substitution forms, so just resubmit the program under a different date and I'll change their program because that was obviously due to no fault of their own and no fault of TFACA either. It just happens. Other than that, does anyone have any questions regarding the in-service?

DIRECTOR FOX: And just to add to that, I want to thank Michael as well for taking that up after Steve left and doing a good job with it. And, actually, it's evolving. And he's open to change and making it better, and it's working out better as well. That's all I have from the director's report. Are there any questions or comments that you may have for me? (No response.)

DIRECTOR FOX: Hearing none, we'll move to old business.

**Old Business**

DIRECTOR FOX: Mr. Chairman, I don't have any old business at this time. That will put us into new business.

**New Business**

DIRECTOR FOX: The first thing under new business, Mr. Chairman, will be the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson 2018 Conference for consideration for 22 hours. Russell Robinson, he's the one that sent this to me. As you know, he's a training coordinator and works for the State Fire Marshal's Office & Fire Investigations. He's also a very big part of the investigator course at TFACA and also with the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson putting these programs together for them for their conferences. He's unable to attend this morning due to being called in to actually start the investigation in the Lawrenceburg fatality. So he sends his apologies for that and knows that you understand his situation. So if there's any questions about that, we can refer them to him or whatever.

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**New Business**

**X.1)a. TACA 2018 Conference for consideration (22 Hours)**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Windrow

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kelley

**Motion to: Approve TACA 2018 Conference for consideration (22 Hours).**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Vote:            7 – Yea            0 – Nay            0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**X.1)b. Memphis Fire Inspector I (160 Hours) & II (68 Hours) Courses for Consideration**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Specht  
Hedgepath

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner

**Motion to: Approve Memphis Fire Inspector I (160 Hours) & II (68 Hours) Courses for Consideration**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Roll Call Vote:           5 – Yea           0 – Nay           2 – Abstain Kelley & Naifeh

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**X.1).c. Eastman Chemical Rope I (24 Hours) Course for Consideration**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Naifeh

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Specht

**Motion to: Approve Eastman Chemical Rope I (24 Hours) Course for Consideration**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Vote:           7 – Yea           0 – Nay           0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**X.1)d. Smoky Mountain Weekend 2018 Courses (47) for Consideration**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Windrow

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Specht

**Motion to: conditionally approve this request pending the arrival in the director's office of correlation sheets.**

**Roll Call Vote**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Vote:           7 – Yea           0 – Nay           0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**X1)e. Pigeon Forge Hazardous Materials Tech Course (80 Hours) for Consideration**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Specht

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Windrow

**Motion to: Approve Pigeon Forge Hazardous Materials Tech Course (80 Hours) for Consideration**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Vote:            7 – Yea            0 – Nay            0 – Abstain

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**X.2)a. Consideration to approve waiver for Robert Chiaradio Instructor I Waiting Period**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Naifeh

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kelley

**Motion to: Deny waiver for Robert Chiaradio Instructor I Waiting Period**

Call for the question - None

RESOLUTION:

Roll Call Vote:            6– Yea            0 – Nay            1 – Abstain Hedgepath

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**XI.    PUBLIC COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS – NONE**

**Recessed for 15 minutes**

**VIII.e. Presentation by PTS & Question Mark on Computer Based Testing**

**XII.    DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Our next meeting will be in Gatlinburg at the Park Vista on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time

With on father business the meeting adjourned @ 11:31 A.M.