

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD
April 9, 2010

A regular meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Board was held at the Richmond Fire Headquarters in Richmond, VA at 9:00 am. Mr. Michael Reilly served as Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Reilly – Full VFSB Chair – Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators

Richard E. Burch Jr. – Committee Chair – Virginia Fire Services Council

Kenneth J. Brown - Vice Chair & Burn Building Subcommittee Chair – Virginia State Firefighter’s Association

Ed Altizer – Virginia State Fire Marshal

Elaine Gall – Virginia Fire Prevention Association

Mike Armstrong – VA Chapter of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors

Carl Garrison – Virginia State Forester

Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, Jr. – General Public

Robert Scott – Insurance Industry Representative

Kaye Brown – Virginia Municipal League

Brian Mullins – Virginia Board of Housing & Community Development

Tom Moffett – Virginia Professional Firefighters Association

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Jones – Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

Bill Kyger – Association of Counties

Joe Wilson – Industry (SARA Title III & OSHA)

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Billy Shelton

Dave Jolly

Russ Chandler

Brook Pittinger

Christine Lopilato

Amanda Wood

GUESTS PRESENT

Mike Berg

Kurt Kight

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any additions and/or corrections to the minutes from the February 2010 meeting. With no changes to the minutes the February 26, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

Unfinished Business:

- A. No Unfinished Business

New Business:

- A. Board Coins

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Berg, OEMS, informed the Board that OEMS has moved out of the Madison Building in downtown Richmond and are now located in the Technology Park Office Suite next to Fire Programs.

Mike Berg also informed the Board that OEMS will take the next 60 days to review all comments received for the EMS Regulatory Process during the comment period and will have the next draft document in 60 days. The goal is to have the finished document by January 2011.

It was recommended that the VFSB and OEMS Advisory Board meet to discuss pertinent emergency service issues.

The Board also thanked Mike Berg for all of his assistances on the Fire & EMS studies.

COMMENTS FROM THE VFSB CHAIR

Mike Reilly reminded the Board that the fallen firefighter's memorial service is on Saturday, June 5th and he encouraged all Board members to attend this year's service.

The Board members were also reminded that the LODD training class will occur on Friday, June 4th and all Board members are encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending the training can access the flyer at: [LODD Training Class](#).

COMMENTS FROM THE VDFP LIAISON VDFP Executive Director

The following report was provided by Billy Shelton:

- ATL for FY 09 is 99.97% disbursed with less than 3 months to go. Three (3) jurisdictions pending forfeiture (Scottsburg).
- ATL for FY 10 is 89% disbursed
- New 90/10% distribution formula for FY 11 ATL
- Pro-Board Registrations for last quarter were
- VFIRS Report through 12-31-2009 (Final Report)
 - Fires - **26,139** (4.1%); EMS - **424,182** (65.8%); Other Calls - **194,798** (30.2%)
 - Aid Given (Mutual/Automatic) - **34,331**; Fire Exposures - **487**

- Grand Total - **679,937**
- Total Fire Dollar Loss - **\$278,180,173** (\$278 Million)
- Civilian Fire-Related Casualties - **450** (Injuries - 382, Deaths - 68)
- Fire Service Casualties (All Incident Types) - **342** (Injuries - 341, Deaths - 1)
- Top Three Causes with Residential Structure Fire Causes - Heating (15.8%), **Cooking (33.0%)**, Unknown (29.2%).
- Three (3) mobile fire trainers have been awarded and delivery is expected within eight (8) months with arrivals in September, October, and December 2010 planned.
- Three more new fire training facilities are expected in the near future (Fauquier, Montgomery, and Franklin). Shenandoah is the only renovation project pending.
- The new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter simulator purchased through the Department of Aviation with Federal Stimulus Funds is progressing very well. Delivery is anticipated in August 2010.
- FY 11 Budget will be a challenge for all state agencies.
- SPS Marla Decker and DSPS John Buckovich were very appreciative of the professionalism shown during the presentation of the Governor's Awards in February at the Mid-Atlantic Fire Chief's Conference in Virginia Beach.
- Training and Operations Branch and Training and Technical Services Branch have reported NO backlog in certificate issuance. Our goal is to have all certificates in and out the door in < 10days.
- There were no major revelations from the Virginia General Assembly; cuts were anticipated and planned for SFMO and the Bookstore Operation. The Pyrotechnician Bill did pass the VGA which will register registration for all shooters of fireworks in a public venue.
- Virginia State Firefighters Assn. will formally recognize the Fire Officer IV graduates for the last year at their annual conference in August 2010.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The following motion was made at the Committee Meeting:

Topic: 5 Year Training Plan

Motion: To modify the 5 Year Training Plan so that the 2nd offense is a 90 day training suspension and the 3rd offense is a 180 day training suspension.

Discussion:

The following comments were made regarding the **No Show Policy** that was developed as part of the 5 Year Training Plan.

- It was noted that the policy could be made more severe/stricter regarding students that do not show for the course and fail to cancel their registration prior to the class.

- It was also questioned as to where the letter regarding the student not showing up to a class should be sent for students in volunteer fire departments (i.e. the volunteer fire chief for the student's company or the chief for the entire county).

The Agency will post the Draft 5 Year Training Plan policy to the VDFP website and notify

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Motion Carries.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

There were no motions made at the Committee Meeting.

The Committee meeting included a presentation from Tony Dennis, VDFP, on the Fusion Center activities.

The follow are BHCD upcoming meetings:

April 23rd – Sprinkler Coalition Workshop

April 29th – Sprinkler Coalition Workshop Clean up day (if needed)

May 10th – Codes and Standards

July 26th – Full Board Meeting

Carl Garrison stated that DOF received 41 applications for Dry Fire Hydrants and the awards will be announced on May 1, 2010.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, POLICY & FINANCE

The following motions were made at the Committee Meeting:

Topic: Fire & EMS Study Update – Louisa County

Motion: To approve the County of Louisa's Fire & EMS Study.

Discussion:

The study has been sent to each VFSB member for their review and approval. Once approved, the study will be provided to the County's Fire Chief, County Administrator, Board of Supervisors and Fire & Rescue Organizations.

It was noted that the Board will begin to include information on the State's LODD benefits program in this study and all future studies.

Robert Scott will make the presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 19th.

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Motion Carries.

Topic: Fire & EMS Study Feedback Survey

Motion: To accept the Fire & EMS Study Feedback Survey as submitted for previous and future studies.

Discussion:

The Committee was given a copy of the Fire & EMS Study Feedback survey.

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Motion Carries.

Topic: Training Committee Meeting Times

Motion: To move the Training Committee meeting time from 830 am to 900 am.

Discussion:

It was requested that the committee meeting be moved from 830 am to 900 am.

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Motion Carries.

Topic: Montgomery County Extension

Motion: To refer the Montgomery County request for a six month time extension to the Burn Building Subcommittee.

Discussion:

It was noted that the request for extension was not sent through the Burn Building Subcommittee.

In the process of developing building plans. Project completion deadline is 6/30/2010. Locality submitted new building permit to VDFP by 12/31/09, which

reflected the VFSB extended deadline. Building plans were due to VDFP by 12/31/2009 at the same time as the submission of the valid building permit; however, the locality failed to submit the building plans with the valid building permit. At this time, the locality is claiming it is unable to produce building plans due to weather conditions. As of 4/1/2010, the locality still has not completed working building plans for submission to VDFP for review. When the VFSB granted the 6-month extension of 12/31/2009 for submission of a valid building permit and building plans, it was made clear to the locality that no further extensions would be made, and the project completion deadline would remain 6/30/2010. The locality has submitted a letter requesting a 6 month, no-cost time extension through 12/31/2010 for project completion.

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Motion Carries – To refer the request to the Burn Building Subcommittee.

Topic: Fauquier County Extension

Motion 1: To refer the Fauquier County request for a six month time extension to the Burn Building Subcommittee.

Motion 2: To accept the request from Fauquier Co for an extension of 180 days/6 months to complete their burn building. This is a very important firefighter safety tool.

Discussion:

It was noted that the request for extension was not sent through the Burn Building Subcommittee.

The Structures Group has provided final approval of construction documents on 3/23/2010. The locality was funded 7/1/2008 with an original project completion date of 6/30/2010; the locality has received one extension for the submission of a valid building permit and building plans of 12/31/2009 with no extension to the original project completion deadline of 6/30/2010. The locality has submitted a request for a 6-month no-cost time extension through 12/31/2010 for project completion.

Vote 1: 0 Yeas; Unanimous Nays

Vote 2: Unanimous

Action 1: Failed.

Action 2: Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Topic: Board Coins

Motion: NA.

Discussion:

The Board members were provided the newly purchased Board coins and were given a history regarding challenge coins.

Vote: NA

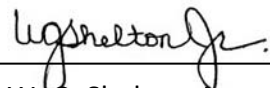
Action: NA

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:58 am

Clerk of the Committee
Brook M. Pittinger

REVIEWED BY:



W. G. Shelton, Jr.
Executive Director

April 9, 2010

Date

No Enclosures.