

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD

Fire Education and Training Committee

Friday, February 20, 2020

Virginia Beach Convention Center

2:45pm

A regular meeting of the Fire Education and Training Committee was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA at 2:45 pm on Thursday February 20, 2020. Fire Education and Training Committee Chair, James Calvert facilitated this meeting. The committee had a constituted Quorum.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Calvert

James Poindexter

Walter Bailey

James Stokely

Jerome Williams

Scott Garber

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Johnson

David Hankley

Bettie Reeves-Nobles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Day

GUESTS PRESENT

Larry Gwaltney

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Travis Rickman

Brook Pittinger

Mike Reilly

Brenda Scaife

Theresa Hunter

Bill MacKay

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Briant Atkins Garrett Dyer
Jeff Liebhold

CHANGES IN AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes by Walt Bailey and properly seconded. The committee approved the previous minutes unanimously

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The chairman gave accolades to the cornerstone team for a great job on presenting at the conference and for their overall contribution to the additions of the strategic plan as it relates to the advancement of training through technology. The committee had no official business but will be discussing parts of the VFSB Five Year Plan and movement on those goals that are currently being pursued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Topic:** Live Fire Training Certification Class Update/transition from the 1403 Compliance Officer curriculum (FY 2019 Strategic Training Plan)

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Comments: This was discussed as possible negative impact on localities in multiple aspects. The changes made to the NFPA to become compliant may have effect on the smaller localities who cannot afford the changes needed to stay in compliance.

B. **Topic:** Fire Department Rosters Update (FY 2019 Strategic Training Plan)

Comments: The Chairman discussed how they drafted a letter to send out to try and get fire departments to update their website and ways for us to push out this letter.

C. **Topic:** Firefighter I Curriculum Update

Comments: VDFP staff discussed that they would be meeting in the coming weeks to help implement the updated training. This group will be updating the curriculum for online and in person classes. The Chairman of the committee talked about the current number of hours that a class takes. VDFP staff is working to update this curriculum and stated that our curriculum sets the standard and localities are able to go further as they see fit in expanding upon our training.

D. **Topic:** Liberty University Fire Administration Crosswalk Program

Comments: The Chairman asked for an update from Brook Pittinger and she reported that they were still progressing forward on the incentive as it relates to including our curriculum in their training at Liberty University. The Chairman really believes in this initiative and believes that it will be a great thing to continue to push.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Topic:** FY 2019 Strategic Training Plan Updates

- I. Goal 3– Implement Fire Instructor of the Year Program - One per Division (FY 2019)
- II. Goal 9 – Increase the availability and awareness of training programs throughout the Commonwealth. (Annually)

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Comments: The Chairman asked for updates on these items of the strategic plan Chief Mackay responded that it was in the talks and that it may be possible to roll out at our next meeting. The Chairman gave the agency accolades in the implementation of cornerstone which will aide in the effort of this Goal.

B. **Topic:** NFPA Standard Revision Cycle 2019

Comments: The chairman asked for an update on the revisions which were included in the Training and Operations report with implementation dates for compliance to new NFPA standards. Staff stated that it is working to make sure that this is being completed within the time frames.

C. **Topic:** Pro-Board & IFSAC Accreditation updates

Comments: Chairman asked about the status of the agency and Briant Atkins reported that the agency was accredited through IFSAC for 16 levels and the Pro-Board will be meeting on Monday.

D. **Topic:** Governor's Service Award Recognition for awards related to training

Comments: The Chairman gave accolades to two of the Governor Fire Service Award recipients for Bedford County Fire and Rescue and the Smyth regional training academy which was given to the Chilhowie Department who accepted the award.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the committee by Walt Bailey and seconded by Bettie Reeves-Nobles committee adjourned at 3:24pm

Clerk of the Committee: Travis Rickman

REVIEWED BY:

Brook Pittinger