

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD

Live Fire Training Structure Committee
Thursday, February, 24, 2022
Virginia Beach Convention Center
Meeting Rooms 5ABC
11:30am

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Live Fire Structure Training Committee was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Bettie Reeves-Nobles served as Chair.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. ROLL CALL

Bettie Reeves-Nobles, (LFTS Committee Chair) – General Public

Jerome Williams (T&E Committee Chair) – Certified Fire Service Instructor

James Poindexter – Virginia Professional Firefighters Association (VPFF)

Abbey Johnston – Virginia State Firefighters Association (VSFA)

Dennis Linaberg – VA Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

Claudia Cotton – Board of Housing & Community Development (BHCD)

Steve Sites – Virginia Municipal League (VML)

R. Scott Garber, Chair – Local Fire Marshal

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dennis Linaberg – VA Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

NON-COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

NA

GUESTS PRESENT

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Garrett Dyer

Brook Pittinger

Amanda Kennedy

Jamey Brads

4. SIGN-IN SHEET FOR GUESTS

5. CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting - NA

8. REPORT FROM VDFP CHIEF OF TRAINING – NO REPORT

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9. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR

Nobles-Localities must get the reports in to VDFP. This is critical for the safety of facility and persons.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of On-Going Live Fire Training Structure (Burn Building) Building Grants
Fluvanna
Hanover County
Suffolk County

- Fluvanna County: on second round procurement solicitation. Bid with the County attorney since November. Have received 4 extensions
- Scott County: complete 98%
- Hanover: site work completed
- Suffolk City: no update but not required to report until after the building permit is submitted.
- Rockbridge: on the 7th round of plans review. Additional revision being reviewed by the County A&E firm.
- Shenandoah County nothing to report.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Burn Building Requests:

- i. Goochland County- Ferguson and Watkins presented on their need for a new burn building. Current building is a cold building. Live fire has not occurred in current building since 2014. The proposal presented the challenges such as water and site contingences. The burn structure requested was a container style burn structure. They are currently looking for additional property to accommodate a more permanent structure. Class B only for this fire structure. Aerial apparatus training availability

Motion: approved by the committee to move to the full board vote

Vote: unanimous

Motion Action: Motion Approved and Carries

- ii. City of Richmond- Proposal presented by Melvin Carter

Motion: approved by the committee to move to the full board vote

Vote: unanimous

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B. Burn Building Repair Grant Request – FYI Only

- Virginia Beach awarded 53% of requests totaling \$34,549 to address issues identified in their internal inspection.
- Lynchburg City awarded 69% of their request totaling \$38,849 to address issues outlined in the 5 year inspection

C. Discussion on Live Fire Structures Policy

i. Timeline for Projection Completion / Maximum Project Extensions

Topic Discussion: Committee discussed the increasingly strained commodities and contingencies based on the current policy. Pittinger informed the committee they could put in certain language to state there could be a reapplication process if commitment has not been met. Sites discussed the opportunity to provide a milestone checklist that localities can use to benchmark their completion. Cotton requested a list of challenges Fluvanna met. Planning is critical for the benchmarking moving forward. Agency can come up with steps to meet and incorporated into policy.

D. Discussion of Delinquent Annual Inspections

Review of the information provided to committee. No additional discussion on this item. Division Chiefs have a done a great job in reaching out and providing encouragement that the annual inspection reporting is required for funding. What happen: No buildings have been taken off the certification list. This is a new process in two years of infancy. VDFP believes suspending sponsored training in these delinquent Should cease that the continued point of contention. Roanoke County identified there is an appointment scheduled and identified. Bedford County identified there was a completed inspection. Cold buildings are removed from the list. Sites what is VDFP's expectation on this information by the time we meet again for this information. VDFP defined the expectations of completion deadlines.

ADJOURNMENT - The Board adjourned at 12:27

Clerk of the Committee: Amanda Kennedy