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The 2016 Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference was held in Covington Kentucky from July 29 - August 2 hosted by President Jeff Pohlman , his lovely wife Dottie and the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association.

Saturday July 30, 2016

The 2016 Kentucky Firefighters Conference started with an educational class " Safe and Sound" A sandy Hook Initiative by Michele Gay. Michele gave an inside account of what happened at Sandy Hook a perspective from a teacher and a parent. The Lessons learned were very eye opening and Michele is a very exciting speaker.

The Kentucky Fire Commission held their annual meeting.

The educational day was followed up by Firehouse Magazine's Editor in Chief Tim Sendelbach. Tim Grew up in Northern Kentucky(Wilder and Southgate fire departments. Tim's talk on challenges of Modern fire Officers hit home and made you think. Tim brought in experiences from his career around the country and in Northern Ky. Tim is a flamboyant speaker and thrust people he knew in the room into his stories and lessons.

Sunday July 31, 2016

Morning Worship Service was held at the Marriott riverview.

The annual Memorial Service was held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. We memorialized three LODD'S, Assistant Chief Terry Culver, Captain Zachary Clevenger, and Lieutenant David Conley. This year we paid a special tribute to KFA Secretary Monica Rath who passed away in March from her battle with Lymphoma.

The Ladies Luncheon and golf Outting followed Fun was had by all.

Monday August 1, 2016

President Jeff Pohlman called the 2016 KFA Conference to order. Keith Hammann Campbell County Fire Protection Association welcomed everyone to the 96th Annual Conference. Past President Sam Stacy gave the Invocation. The Covington Fire Department Honor Guard Presented the Colors. The Pledge to the flag was Led by Major Val "Bud" Lederer. All Officers were present.

Northern Kentucky Firefighters President Wanda Isaacs Welcomed everyone to the KFA Conference and have a good time in Northern Kentucky. Vice President Billy Salvage welcomed everyone and Thanked the Northern Kentucky Firefighters and President Pohlman for such a good start to the conference.

The following public figures gave a short speech and welcomed everyone to the are; Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, Senator Wil Schroder, Representative Joe Fischer, Judge Executive Steve Pendrey, Covington Mayor Sherry Carran, Mayor of Alexandria Bill Rachford, Newport Vice Mayor Frank Peluso.

Carla Querciolo from Build a Bear Program discussed their program and donated bears to all departments present.

Amanda Cross from American Income Life answered questions and explained you do not have to talk to a sales person to get the benefit the KFA offers through them.

President Jeff Polhman Opens the 96th Kentucky Firefighters Conference. Parliamentarian Mike O'Day presented the members with the Rules of the Conference.

A motion was made to accept the Rulse of the Conference.

Motion/Second

Mike O'Day/Joe Stanbush

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to place the wreath from the Memorial Service on the gravesite of Secretary Monica Rath.

Motion/ Second

John Beatsch/ Pat Krogman

Motion passed via voice vote

Presentation of Lifetime Membership Retired Chief Rich Messingschlager of the Independence Fire District.

Secretary Steve Rath read the conference committees. They are as follows:
Credentials- Ronnie Day, Michael Kurtsinger
Finance- John Wiseman and finance Committee
Conference – John Wiseman
Nominations- Ronnie Day, Michael Kurtsinger, Greg Bayer, Michael Rath
Parliamentarian- Mike O,Day Sr.
Credentials- Ronnie Day

Reports:

State Fire Commission- Ronnie Day

Area 7 Northern Ky.- building a SFRT training and CPAT facility at Boone County training Center.

Area 14 Jamestown leased 25,000 sq ft facility for SFRT and CPAT located at industrial park.

Area 9 Morehead- purchased 30,000 sq ft facility for FRT and CPAT located at industrial park.

Area 15 Lexington purchased a mobile multi- purpose facility for SFRT located at the Lexington Fire training center.

New Hires

Area 2- Marc Boaz, Area 5- Rusty Todd, Area 6- Rick Larkings, Area 12-Greg Reams, Area 14- Josh whitis.

New Field Coordinators

Area 3- Mandy Ward, Area 14- Rob garland, Area 7-Vacant, Area 12- Vacant.

State Fire Rescue Director Marc Rudder

Fire Rescue Training- Marc Rudder

- Beginning January 1st 2016 Fire service Instructors with Instructor Number even number recerts in even year, Odd number Instructor number recets in odd year. SFRT has been given funding to offer a methodology class in each county.
- SFRT conducted a total of 8,161 classes in during FY 2016 and served 110,941 students.
- Received a King Ceiling Prop. These props allow to teach effective ways to pull ceilings. SFRT is finalize the purchase of Max Fire Box for each area. This prop shows flow path control, backdraft and flashover without having students enter a Prop.

- SFRT has two work groups currently scheduled to meet to update the Drive/ Operator and Technical rescue curriculums. The work groups will work with the Accredited certification office to make sure the two align.

State Fire Marshal- Mike Haney

Fire Marshal Haney introduced himself.

Kentucky Fire Chiefs- Mike Morgan

Kentucky fire Chiefs Conference August 17 thru 19.

Kentucky Professional Firefighters- Joe Bear

- The Fire service had a good Legislative year and it could not happen without all the groups working together (KFA, KPFF, Ky fire Chiefs and fire Commission).
- There is Federal Legislation introduced to provide the CDC to start a cancer registration.
- Starting ground work for bill dealing with PTSD.

Kentucky Firefighters Association Officers reports

A report from the following officers have been filed with the secretary and will be attached to the minutes: President Jeff Pohlman, VP Billy Selvage, VP Pat Walsh, Vp @ Large Chris Crawford, Treasurer Duane Settles, and Secretary Monica/Steve Rath

Committee reports

Legislative Report – Howdy Kurtsinger

This has been one of the most successful years ever. I started lobbying in the 1980's and I can't remember when we passed so many pieces of legislation. I have to thank everyone that made the calls to legislators and keeping our request on the agenda to pass.

This year in the budget there is an increase incentive pay for career firefighters from \$3100 to \$4000 and a increase in state aid program from \$8200 to \$11000 for Volunteer fire Departments. This is the first increase since 2000.

- SB 43 Provides for death benefits for the survivors of emergency medical services personnel who were killed in the line of duty.

- SB 195 Creates presumption of a death In the line of duty and eligibility for the death benefit for fighters who obtain certain types of cancer.
- SB 203 Provides for the spouse of a hazardous member to receive the pension benefits owed to them while they appeal the boards decision that was denied the line of duty benefit.
- HB provides that anyone retiring can still be a volunteer firefighter and receive their pension benefit.
- HB 473 Caps the required training that the Fire Commission cat set at the current levels.

Again thank you to all those that made the calls or came to Frankfort when asked. You made the difference I passing legislation or not.

Report filed and attached.

Resolutions:

At this time all prefiled resolutions The resolves wereread by Secretary Rath.

There were two resolutions that were read on floor.

Nominations – Ronnie Day

Nominations for the position of Secretary were opened on floor. Steve Rath was nominated by Pat Krogman and seconded by john Beatsch.

President Pohlamn recessed meeting until Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

