

Motion

John Wiseman/Fireman Joe
Motion passed via voice vote

Secretary Rath casts one vote for Treasure. Passed
Duane Suttles Treasure for 2019 thru 2021 term

Vice President at Large nominations
Nominate Chris Crawford
Motion/second Steve Sheets/Lang

Nominate Pat Thompson
Motion/second Tex Johnson/Dwane Smeathers

Election will take place Tuesday at start of business

Credentials Committee
Number of Delegates 78
Departments Registered 55
Total numbers of Delegates 115

Guests :Charlie Castlin County Commissioner
Mayor Tom Watson
Attorney General State of Kentucky – Andy Beshear

Executive Director Report- Randy Lawson

I have been busy with fielding phone calls and emails for the President.
Attended Firefighters funerals and meetings.
Past President Bob Gattie is not doing well if you send him a card it would be greatly appreciated. Bob Gattie
11308 Taylorsville Rd.
Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299

Fire Rescue Training- Mark Rudder

SFRT delivered 7,953 Classes and reached 104,483 Students.
2019 Fire School 260 agencies attended 724 Students
In 2020 we will have three new drivers training simulators, 3 new flashovers simulators,
and a new ventilations prop.

We are transitioning to the new FF1 and FF2 testing skill sheets are on the
WWW.kyffcert.com website.

Please get your 20 hour requests in to your area office.

Kentucky Fire Chiefs- David Houser
Ky. Chiefs Conference August 20-23

Kentucky Professional Firefighters -Joe Bear President

The KPFF is very happy to work with the KFA we have a great working relationship that others are jealous of. In Frankfort the KFA/KPFF/KY Chief are working hard for the Firefighters of Kentucky Together we have accomplished a lot but we have a lot more to do. We have a new Legislative Chair Brian O'Neil and New Secretary Chris "Blue" Bartley. The three Firefighter Organizations have a Chili supper every year during the Leg. Session during Firefighter Day in Frankfort please try to attend and meet your Legislators and invite them to the Dinner. This is a great time to sit down and talk with them.

Funeral Policy- VP Bobo

The Committee has updated the policy on Funerals. We are asked many times what the KFA provides and does for funerals of firefighters. We can't afford to send the KFA Honor Guard to every funeral. So, we have several types, the Line of duty, Off Duty, Current or past member, Affiliate of Department, Non-Firefighter honored by Department. This Guide will be on the KFA website.

Pre-filed Resolutions Sent to Legislative Committee (7) pre-filed

Floor resolutions (need 2/3 vote to send to committee)

#8 Support State Fire Marshall Alexandria FD/Nky.

Motion/second Dave Jansing/john Benzowitz
Passed via voice vote sent to Leg. Com

#9 support STEM programs Alexandria FD/ Nky

Motion/second Pohlman/Birkle
Passed via voice vote sent to Leg. Com

#10 Work Force funding of dual credit high school classes

Motion/second Jack Parton/Givens
Passed via voice vote sent to Leg. Com

#11 All Fire Commission members that neglected to attend FC meeting in Owensboro should resign their seat immediately unless absence was authorized by FC.

Motion/ Second Krogman/Brumfield
Passed via voice vote sent to resolution Com.

Fire Commission- Bruce Roberts

Thank You for the last six months for the support I had during being interim Exutive Director. We have two new employees Candice Price will be taking care of State Aid and Nifirs Nina Altman training facility grants and Hep A&B shots. Training facility grants are in 35 departments coming in for interviews. No fitness equipment given out anymore.

We will be awarding extractor washers in place of fitness equipment. Memorial Service October 2, at 11am 8 names being placed on the wall this year.

We are still selling pavers around the Memorial. The money is used for upkeep of the Memorial.

Hepatitis A can go through Fire Commission just like Hep B.

CPAT building in Nky Bill Birkel building. Had a cpat test and only 15 people showed up.

National Fallen firefighter Memorial is October 5 and 6th

The fund raiser (challenge Coins) made 13,000 made. We need to start looking at adding some more panels for names. This project needs to happen soon.

Treasure Report- Duane Suttles

Membership is up 25% over the last 8 years.
Membership drive at State fire school and has increased personnel membership greatly.
423 Departments out of 800 departments in the State are members.
49 Delinquent Departments.
96 Personal memberships they are \$25.00 you receive your own smoke signals, the \$3,000 life and dismemberment insurance.
32 Sustain members they are business that support the KFA.

Treasury fiscal year runs august 1st thru July 31st . We took in \$169,329.00 spent 142,933 we finished in the black \$ 26,396.00
State Fire School and several other accounts all three funds equal & 101,856.00
Investments CDs \$102,000.00

President Thompson discusses State Fire School 2020. Several years ago, Lexpo told us that there were going to be some problems to work around with the expansion of Rupp and the convention center. Last year we lost use of a parking lot and some Class rooms. so, this year and we would lose the remaining lots and class rooms and they booked a major concert on the same weekend.

So, we will be taking a different direction next year. Using Lees town campus of the Bluegrass Tech. President Beatsch will be signing contracts with move Host hotel to Embese suites. We are moving KFA meeting to Thursday a 4 pm. More to follow. The Fire School Committee is very busy working on the 2020 School.

In recess until 8am Tuesday 7/31/2018 ,10:35

Tuesday July 31, 2018

8:01am President Pat Thompson called the Kentucky Firefighters meeting to order with all Officers present.

Directors reports

Jackson Purchase Tex Johnson – everything is going well.

Dixie- Steve Sheets

Having raffle for \$500.00 gift card benefiting Scholarship program.
Next meeting Sept 26 at Springfield/Washington County FD. Starting at 7pm.
Memorial service Area 5 6PM October 26
Joint meeting with Green river November 21 in Owensboro.
Dixie Fir School March 13 thru 15 in Elizabethtown.

Northern Ky- Bud Leaderer- Thank You for a great Conference. Working on the 2020 Conference. It will be in Wilder Ky.

Bluegrass Emergency Services -Steve Fante
80% of departments in area are members of KFA.
Hotel for 2022 Conference has been signed.

Central Ky. – Michael Rath Working on getting Membership up and putting a class together on value of CKYFF and KFA.

Southeastern FF Terry Wattenbager – Annual Fire School in October 4-6. Raising funds for 2021 Conference.

Jefferson County FF none
Mountain FF – Les Smith
Fire School August 23-25

Buffalo Trace-
32 year as association
Add Bethel FD. 24 Departments
Fire school October 18-20

Lake Cumberland- David Gross
Working on membership

Advisor Jeff Pohlman-
Helping Vice President with Conference.

Website/Smoke Signals- Bufford Hurley - Please send in content and pictures. We have a calendar and news from around the State. On the Website is everything you want to know about the KFA Contact numbers of E-Board and Committee Chairman, Past Minutes, Past President list from the First President to present, Bylaws and SOGs. Please use it. We can post on the Website new apparatuses and job openings.

Steering Committee Rick Bobo- Thank you to the Committee and a lot of changes have come out of the meetings. The Committee will be working on some future plans.

Constitution and Bylaws- Terry Keller
No report at this time

Hall of Fame- VP John Beatsch
Two individuals will be inducted in the Hall of Fame tonight they are Frank Taylor from Owensboro and Bob Newman.

Public Education Greg Schultz - The Pub Ed. Group has lots of resourcees that don't cost us anything. Vision 20/20 has a lot of information podcasts to name a few. Looking into changing name to Community risk reduction. The Vision 20/20 conference is three day of excellent information.
The NFPA fire prevention slogan is Not every Hero wears a cape plan your escape.
Kentucky Forestry has grants available for public education.

NVFC -Pat Thompson

NVFC is the lead organization for the Volunteer fire Departments. This organization is so behind the Fire service and new trends. The Fire Act grants are behind but we are told every grant will be awarded.

Scholarship/ Allen Johnson

WE have had 11 applied for the scholarship this year. Applications on the website to apply for the scholarship. Must renew each year around Christmas.

EMS/ Jimmy VanCleve

Kentucky Ems Board has been reduced from 17 to 13 members by the Governor. Fire Department first response must now have signed agreement with your ambulance service or become class 6 ambulance service. Provider regulations are being updated. Question on radios in back of ambulance for licensing?

Answer: Radio must be able to transmit in both forward and in the back. It does not state if it has to be mobile or portable radios. The biggest problem is the VHF capability on v-tach channels this creates a problem with departments going to 800mhts systems. A task force has been set up to try to find a cure for this problem.

Election for Vice President at Large- Pat Thompson will be VP at Large for term 2019 to2021

Ethics/ Dave Jansing

No report

Resolutions / Howdy Kurtsinger

Pre-Filed resolutions 1 thru 7 are in your packets.

Resolutions

PF1 Therefor be it resolved The Kentucky Firefighters Association work with the Kentucky Fire Commission to seek changes to Kentucky Revised Statute and or Kentucky Administrative Regulations to allow three years to achieve volunteer(150) certification.

Motion to support resolution PF1

**Motion for adoption/Sec Paul Hehman/Rick Cox
Passed via voice vote**

PF2 There for be it resolved the KFA works with the Fire Commission to seek changes to the Kentucky Revised Statutes and or Kentucky Administrative Regulations to develop a new certification upon the completion of a determined level of training for the Kentucky fire service.

Motion to have Fire Commission investigate and bring back at next Conference.

Motion/second Paul Hehman /Dave Jansing

Amendment in the Second whereas change Volunteer to Career

Motion on Amendment/second Dave Jansing/George Givens

Amendment Passed Via voice

Vote on original motion as amended Passed via voice vote

PF3 There for it be resolved that the KFA work with the Kentucky Fire Commission t seek necessary changes in the KRS and Kar to create the position of Fire Department Instructor.

Motion to adopt PF3

Motion/Second

Jimmy Van Cleve/ Hehman

Passed via voice vote

PF 4 There for be it resolved that the KFA work with the Kentucky Fire Commission to seek approval and funding to hire and employ a full time permanent individua to assist all Kentucky Fire Departments in recruiting and retaining firefighters.

Motion/second to adopt

Rick Cox/Terry Wattenberger

Passed via voice vote

PF5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kentucky Firefighters Association work with the Kentucky Fire Commission to seek changes in the KRS and KAR to establish the position of Utility Firefighter.

Motion to adopt PF5

Motion/Second

Birkle/ Henderson

Passed via voice vote

PF6 THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED, that the Kentucky Firefighters Association advocate for a tax credit for all active Volunteer Firefighters who are certified at the 150-hour level and maintain a minimum training standard annually.

Motion to adopt

Motion/second

Barton/Raferty

Passed via voice vote

PF7 Therefore be it resolved that the Dixie Firefighters Association urge the KFA t advocate for a new level of volunteer firefighter certification for firefighters who support the mission of the fire department , but who do not engage in interior firefighting operations.

Motion to adopt

Motion/second

Smeathers/Johnson

Passed via voice vote

#8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Firefighters Association supports fully funding and staffing The Office if State Fire Marshall at a level to ensure safety of the Citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Motion to adopt

Motion/second

Hoy/Bowman

Passed via voice vote

#9 Therefore be it resolved that the KFA supports revision of the KAR governing Fire Commission Budget to include supplemental funding of STEM programs for tuition, books and necessary equipment to expand this valuable resource t more locations in the Commonwealth.

Motion/second to adopt Berkle/Adkins

Passed via voice vote

#10 Therefore be it resolved that the KFA supports the reconsideration of funding these vital Fire Collage Level Programs.

Be it Further resolved the KFA supports expansion of the workforce Development Funding to include STEM dual credit classes on the high school level.

Motion to adopt Wiseman/Henderson

Passed via voice vote

Resolutions- Mark Lucket

#11 Therefore be it resolved that all committee members that neglected t attend the Kentucky Fire Commission meeting at the Kentucky Firefighters Association conference in Owensboro should immediately resign their seat on the Kentucky Fire Commission unless an excused absence was authorized by the Fir Commission.

Motion/Second to adopt Committee resolution Ray/Krogman

passed via voice vote

Unamminous vote

Heather French Henry Canadente for Secretary of State talked

Lunch

Bylaws Committee Floor Resolution.

#14 in Bylaws article 3 Membership in last line after hazardous materials response team to add properly organized rescue squad, Fire Authorities.

Add #3 meeting minimal requirements of KRS 39f

Motion to adopt to committee resolution floor Givens/ Jansing

Passed via voice vote

Motion to vote change in bylaws Gross/Benzowitz

Passed via voice vote

#13 floor Resolution

Therefore, it be resolved that the KFA recommends legislature shall set standards for qualifications and guidelines for appointments to the Kentucky Fire commission.

Motion/ second 2/3 majority Jansing/ Brekile

Motion/second to adopt by Leg Committee Henderson/Blanton

Passed via Voice

#12 **Therefore be it resolved** The KFA recognized Pat and Mary Thompson, The Airport-Sorgho Fire Department, the Green River Firefighter Association, Area 3 State Fire Rescue Training, and All Daviess County Fire Department for their outstanding contributions and their hospitality during the 2019 Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference.

Motion/Second to adopt Pohlman/Keller

Passed via voice vote

Legislative Report- Howdy Kurtsinger

Another session has passed and as in past years many issues need to be resolved. We were able to protect most of the legislative issues that affect

the fire service. One bill that I think will have a negative effect on the funding for the fire service did pass. That bill was **HB 176** would; Amend KRS 136.392 to specify that a rate change in a premium surcharge rate used to supplement both the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund and the Firefighters Foundation Program fund shall only be adjusted by an Act of the General Assembly and be applied 90 days after the effective date of the Act.

The effect will be that the insurance surcharge will never be increased and as has been proven by the Chapter 75 taxing districts their rate has never been increased, now they are struggling to stay funded.

We were successful in passing **HB 273** which states the follows;

Amend KRS 95A.210 and create a new section of KRS 95A.200 to 95A.300 to define and establish the Alan "Chip" Terry Professional Development and Wellness Program and create a fund for the program's administration;
APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY

We will be hoping to provide help to our firefighter family through a train the trainer program. Firefighters helping firefighters.

SB 140 also passed which we allow for the Commission provide for inoculations for hepatitis A along with the B vaccination we currently provide.

Another issue that I feel needs to be discussed is the KRS pensions and all the changes. The legislature has made changes so many times over the years and never give the changes time to take effect to see if there will be negative or positive before they make more changes.

One issue with pension that must change is the life mortalities or life expectancies on pensions for dependents. The board and their actuaries have always look at these issues, then apply the new table to the next five years of pensions. This has always been completed every five years and new changes go into effect in January

As of the time I am writing this report we are scheduled to attend another special session on pension reform. This time the special session addresses the KERS-Non-Hazardous pension for quasi-government employees i.e. (University, health departments and others).

Legacy award- Eric Philpot

We formed the Legacy award that don't meet the requirements for the Hall of fame.

The nomination forms are on KFA Website under resources. We have not received any yet. Each regional association can nominate 2 people each year. The regional is responsible for purchasing the award from the KFA so the award is standard across the state. Then a representative will present the award to the individual where the regional association chooses.

Chapter 75/ Past President Pohlman

120 Fire Districts in Kentucky. Only special district with a tax cap.

Liberty and sanitation districts do not have a cap.

Fire District allowed up to a dollar if you have a fire-based EMS you can go up to two dollars. Legislation was written in 1940s now most districts are paid and the Chapter 75 KRS way out dated.

The tangible tax is another issue that affects Fire districts.

- Worked with Howdy during Legislative session on Chapter 75 tax cap legislation
- Currently working with Howdy on Chapter 75 tax cap legislation for next session
- Submitted resolution to increase board member pay. Also, have been working on this issue for the past few sessions

Honor Guard- Charlie Rafferty

We have a new Trailer which the Fire Commission got for us to use. The Memorial photo was used on the trailer.

We are looking at new uniforms the ones we have now are getting in bad shape. The new should be ordered soon.

October 3rd last year several of us attended the Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort and continued on the National Memorial in Emmitsburg.

Conference Cities

VP Eric Philpot 2021 Conference

Will be in Corbin. It will run Thursday August 5 thru Saturday August 7th. We are trying something new to see if we can get more people to attend since it is later in the week and people can come on the Presidents Banquet Saturday night. Hotels and venues are locked in as of now just trying to finalize everything.

VP Rick Bobo 2022 Conference

The conference will be in Louisville at the Hustborn hotel Hustborn and I-64 Dates July 30 thru August 4.

We are selling Challenge Coins each year to fund raise. We will have a Trap shoot in spring 4-man teams. More info to follow.

VP John Beatsch 2020 Conference will be August 1 thru 4 2020 the 100th Conference. The hotels are Host hotel is Holiday Inn , Hampton the third hotel is comfort inn and suites. The Banquet will be at the Syndicate event center. Everything within a 3-mile drive.

WE are having reverse raffle fund raising event the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Finance Committee/ John Wiseman

The transportation Cabinet sent a letter explaining a change with the license plate the \$10.00 fee that was optional is now mandatory. This is good for us. The license plate fund is a large part of our budget.

The Finance Committee audited the books found everything is in order. The budget for this year. 183,600 budgets. 1% less than last year.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget.

Motion/second

Newman/ Stambush

Passed via voice vote

Old Business -None

New Business

2018/2019 Committees Chairs read

Good and Welfare

Terry Keller announced that the Bromley Fire Department will be closing. Dwayne Smithers reported that the Daviess county was struck by lightning. Thank you to everyone that has helped us.

Stand in recess until 7pm at Presidents Banquet

Presidents Banquet

9:30 President Thompson released all committees

2019/2020 E Board sworn in by Dave Jansing.

President Beatsch called the 2019 KFA Conference adjourned at 945

Respectfully submitted

Steve Rath

Secretary

