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2025 Winter Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2025

Owensboro, Ky

Joint Meeting started by M.C. Pat Thompson 13:00 PM Central

Moment of silence for Past KFA President Allen Stapleton and KFA Hall of Famer John Wiseman

Invocation – Father Matthew Young (Ky Fire Commission)

Pledge of Allegiance – Ricky King (Ky Fire Commission / Green River Firefighters Association)

Ky Fire Commission Meeting

Ky Association of Fire Chiefs Meeting

KFA Meeting called to order by President Kyle Carpenter at 14:29 PM Central

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Eric Philpot:

President Carpenter

1st VP Rucker (via Zoom)

2nd VP Crawford

3rd VP Roberts

VP at Large Thompson

Treasurer Bobo

Secretary Philpot

Approval of 2024 Fall Meeting Minutes (Ashland, Ky):

****Motion by VP Crawford, 2nd by VP Roberts, no discussion, all in favor**

Officers Reports:

- President Kyle Carpenter
 - August 2024
 - Aug. 2nd- 7th KFA Conference
 - Aug. 15th- State Fair Booth
 - Aug. 19th-22nd Fire Chief Conference
 - Aug. 27th- Buffalo Trace Fire School Meeting
 - September 2024
 - Sept. 4th- Memorial Meeting
 - Sept. 10th- Funeral Belfry FD Darrell Helton
 - Sept. 24th- Local Government Committee
 - Sept. 25th-27th- KLC Conference
 - October 2024
 - Oct. 2nd-Kentucky Fallen firefighters Memorial
 - Oct. 8th- Buffalo Trace Fire School Meeting

- Oct. 17th- Fire Commission Meeting
- Oct. 18th-20th- Buffalo Trace Fire School
- Oct. 30th- State Fire School Meeting
- November 2024
 - Nov. 1st-2nd- South Central Association Fire School Bowling Green KY
 - Nov. 9th- Fall KFA Board Meeting
 - Nov. 12th- Buffalo Trace Fire School Meeting
- December 2024
 - Dec. 4th- Kentucky Fire Commission Meeting
 - Dec. 11th- Fire Commission EMS committee
 - Dec. 16th- Meeting at Fire Commission
- January 2025
 - Jan. 15th- Kentucky State Fire School Meeting
 - Jan. 18th- Northern Kentucky Awards Banquet
 - Jan. 23- SOSINK Association Meeting
 - Jan. 27th- Funeral of John Wiseman
 - Jan. 30th- EMS Committee Meeting
 - Jan. 31st- Zoom Meeting for Joint Meeting
- February 2025
 - Feb. 11th- State Fire School Meeting
 - Feb. 14th- Zoom Meeting For Joint Meeting

- 1st VP Eddie Rucker

- August 3, 2024 – attended a pre-conference meeting at Owensboro Ky,
- August 4-6, 2024 – attended the conference at Owensboro, Ky.
- August 7, 2024 – attended after conference meeting.
- August 23 -24 - 2024 – attended Ky State Fair and helped run KFA booth.
- September 9, 2024 – attended the visitation of Captain Darrell Helton of the Belfrey Volunteer Fire Department.
- September 16, 2024 -attended the Carter County Fire Fighter Association Meeting at Hitchens Ky.
- September 18, 2024 – Attended Eastern KY Firefighters Meetings at Hitchens Ky.
- October 2, 2024 – Attended state memorial at Frankfort.
- October 26, 2024 – Attended funeral of Captain Donita Shaffer of the Hitchens Volunteer Fire Department.
- November 19, 2024 – Attended CCFA meeting at Carter City Fire Department.
- November 20, 2024 – Attended the EKFA meeting held at Olive Hill Fire Department.
- January 14, 2025 – Attended CCFA meeting held at Greyson Fire Department.
- January 15, 2025 – Attended the EKFA meeting held at the Grayson Fire Department. Talked about fundraisers and started a gun raffle on a Anderson AR 15.
- February 14, 2024 – Had a conference committee meeting. Talked about hotel accommodations. Letters were written to 15 potential contributors for \$1000 each. We have one \$1000 check in conference account currently. Caterer has been booked for the banquet.

- 2nd VP Chris Crawford

- All Dixie Firefighters Meetings
- Dixie Fire School meetings
- Pikeville Fire School
- Fallen Firefighter Memorial
- KFA Fall Meeting in Ashland

- 3rd VP Troy Roberts

- August 2024
 - 3rd – 6th Attended KFA Conference Owensboro, KY
- September 2024
 - 7th – 8th Attended Pikeville Fire School set up booth in vendor hall
 - 10th Attended local ESA (emergency services association) meeting
- October 2024
 - 2nd Attended Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Frankfort
 - 25th – 27th Attended GRFA Fall Fire School
- November 2024
 - 9th Attended E-Board Meeting in Ashland, KY
 - 12th Attended Local ESA Bimonthly Meeting

- 21st Attended Joint Green River Firefighters Association Meeting
- December 2024
 - No Activity
- January 2025
 - 14th Attended Local ESA Bimonthly Meeting
 - 27th Attended Funeral of John Wiseman
 - 29th Attended KFA Conference Management Committee Meeting (Zoom)
 - 30th Attended Green River Firefighters Association Meeting (Greenville)

- **VP at Large Pat Thompson**

- **August 2024**
 - 8/2-6 KFA Conference in Owensboro
 - 8/7 KFA Executive board meeting in Owensboro
 - 8/15 Kentucky State Fair
 - 8/17-18 Kentucky State Fair
 - 8/27 NVFC Membership meeting via Zoom
- **September 2024**
 - 9/3 NVFC Conference Committee meeting via Zoom
 - 9/4 Kentucky FF Memorial meeting via Zoom
 - 9/13 NVFC Death Certificate meeting via Zoom
 - 9/18-21 NVFC Fall Conference in Kansas City, MO
- **October 2024**
 - 10/2 Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Frankfort
 - 10/6-9 USFA/NVFC Summit in Emmitsburg, MD
 - 10/25-27 GRFA Fall Fire School in Owensboro
 - 10/30 State Fire School meeting via Zoom
- **November 2024**
 - 11/7 NVFC/OSHA Testimony Workshop Webinar via Zoom
 - 11/9 KFA Executive Board meeting in Ashland
- **December 2024**
 - 12/3 CFSI Post Election Educational Webinar via Zoom
 - 12/10 NVFC Conference Committee meeting via Zoom
 - 12/11 State Fire School meeting via Zoom
 - 12/17 CFSI Capitol Hill Webinar via Zoom
- **January 2025**
 - 1/15 State Fire School meeting via Zoom
 - 1/27 John Wiseman Funeral in Dayton, KY
 - 1/28 Robert Cooper Funeral visitation in Owensboro
 - 1/29 KFA Conference Committee meeting via Zoom
 - 1/30 FEMA AFG Grant Review Training (NVFC) via Zoom
 - 1/30 GRFA meeting at SFRT District 3
 - 1/31 NVFC Executive Board meeting via Zoom
- **February 2025**
 - 2/3-7 AFG Grant Reviews
 - 2/5 Legislative Chili Supper in Frankfort
 - 2/20-23 Bryant Stiles Officers School in Owensboro
 - 2/21 KFA Meeting in Owensboro
 - 2/26 KFA Conference Committee meeting via Zoom

- **Treasurer Bonita Bobo**

- Major Highlights – 2nd Quarter 2024-2025
 - Continued the Monthly Management Report
 - Share with E-Board beginning of each month
 - Snapshot of activity going in and out monthly (all deposits/all expenditures)
 - Includes all banking account balances
- Money Market/Earned Income
 - Has not changed/remains the same @ 1.49% interest
 - \$1,480.22 – 2nd Quarter total
- Financial Documents
 - Shared with E-Board – February 3, 2025
 - Profit and Loss Summary

- Profit and Loss Detail
 - 2nd Quarter Budget Report
- KFA Conference Committee
 - Income
 - Registration - \$9,290.08 (3 Invoices Pending Payment)
 - Sponsorship - \$0
 - Program - \$300.00 (1 Agency)
 - Expenses
 - The Limestone (Banquet) - \$6,730.32 Invoice Pending
 - Minor Updates with Web Developer (TWG)
- Membership Income
 - Department - \$30,299.07
 - Personal - \$1,131.36
 - Sustaining - \$1,603.06
 - Total 2nd Quarter - \$33,033.49
- Scholarship Donations
 - In Memory of John Wiseman \$250.00
- License Plate Audit
 - Completed with no observations noted
- 2023-2024 Tax Return
 - Completed/Submitted December 2024
 - 1099 NEC Forms submitted to IRS January 2025

- **Secretary Eric Philpot**

- August 6: KFA E-Board Meeting Owensboro, Kentucky
- September 4: Memorial Meeting Virtual
- September 12: Behavioral Health Summit Corbin, Kentucky
- August 16-17: Ky State Fair Louisville, Kentucky
- October 2: Ky Fallen Firefighter Memorial Frankfort, Kentucky
- October 4-6: SKFA Fire School London, Kentucky
- October 16: Chapter 75 Legislative Meeting Virtual
- October 18-20: Buffalo Trace Fire School Maysville, Kentucky
- October 30: KFA Conference Management Committee Meeting Virtual
- October 30: State Fire School Meeting Virtual
- November 9: KFA Fall Executive Board Meeting Ashland, Kentucky
- November 9: KFA Conference Management Committee Meeting Ashland, Kentucky
- December 12: SKFA Meeting London, Kentucky
- January 13: Conference Management Meeting Virtual
- January 15: State Fire School Meeting Virtual
- January 16: SKFA Meeting Barbourville, Kentucky
- Presented Legacy Award to Margaret Melton
- January 29: Conference Management Meeting Virtual
- January 31: Officer's School Joint Meeting Planning Virtual
- February 5: Attended Legislative Chili Dinner Frankfort, Kentucky
- February 14: Officer's School Joint Meeting Planning Virtual
- February 21: Joint Meeting with Ky Fire Commission, Ky Association of Fire Chiefs and KFA Owensboro, Kentucky
- Promoted KFA to the fire departments in the regional associations.
- Received Department, Personal, and Sustaining memberships and sent out certificates to members.
- Worked on KFA Conference Registrations.

Treasurers Report – Bonita Bobo

- **Financial standings**
 - On File with Secretary Philpot
- **Motion to accept by VP Thompson, VP Crawford, no discussion, all in favor**

Membership Report – Eric Philpot

- **Membership status:**
 - 292 DEPARTMENT MEMBERS CURRENT (328 in 2024)
 - 60 PERSONAL MEMBERS (48 in 2024)

- **11 SUSTAINING MEMBERS (14 in 2024)**

Executive Director Report – Randy Lawson

The following is a summary of activity for the quarter (since last E Board meeting)

- January 2025
 - Participated in a Zoom Conference Management Committee meeting – 1/13/2025
 - Participated in a Zoom Fire School planning meeting – 1/15/2025
 - Participated in a Zoom Conference Management Committee meeting – 1/29/2025
 - Lots of phone calls and correspondence regarding Conference 2025

Directors Reports:

- **Big Sandy – Mike Brown:**
 - Not present, no report submitted
- **Bluegrass – Stephen Fante:**
 - Bluegrass Emergency Service Report
 - Thank you Mr. President
 - Our last meeting was on the 21st of January hosted by South Oldham Fire Department and was well attended
 - Mike Morgan with KYEM presented statewide mutual aid deployment ideas
 - Working with CH75 committee on CH75 updates.
 - Update on Hazmat 6, meeting is the 28th of Feb at the Straton Center in Shelby CO.
 - Several Members attended the Legislative day / chili supper in Frankfort
 - We are at around 75% active memberships.
 - Next meeting is March 18th at Pleasure Ridge Park training center. Meeting starts at 18:30
- **Buffalo Trace – David Kalb:**
 - Working on KFA Conference July 30 – August 3, 2025.
 - Buffalo Trace Fire School October 17-19, 2025 in Maysville, KY
- **Central Ky – Shane Yocum:**
 - Nothing to report
- **Daniel Boone – Jeff Anderson:**
 - Working with SFRT District 9, Fire School May 17th weekend
- **Dixie – Steve Sheets (Report given by Michael Long):**
 - Mr. President and members of the KFA Executive Board, my name is Michael Long, and I am the 2nd Vice-President of the Dixie Firefighters Association, and I am presenting our activity report.
 The Dixie Firefighters Association is in high gear finalizing the Dixie Fire School which will be held on March 7-9, 2025 in Elizabethtown at the Elizabethtown Community & Technical College. Our school generally hosts around 400+ firefighters, and with applications still coming in, I cannot give an accurate student count at this time. We are offering several classes this year that have not previously been offered to hopefully entice even more participation. With school attendance numbers across the state showing a decline, we are trying to make every effort to change that trend. There is still time to register, so please come and participate.
 The Dixie Firefighters Association had several members participate in the annual joint meeting of the Dixie, BESA, South Central KY, and the Green River Firefighters Associations. This joint meeting was beneficial for all represented Associations.
 At the January Dixie Firefighters Association meeting, a nomination committee was formed, and they are currently accepting nominations for our Board of Trustees positions. Nominations will close at the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2025. Voting will take place on February 27, with elected officers officially assuming their respective role at the regularly scheduled March meeting.
 The Dixie Firefighters Association, led by the 2027 KFA President Chief Chris Crawford, will host the 2027 Kentucky Firefighters Association annual conference in Elizabethtown, KY. Dates are still to be determined, however planning for this event has already begun.
 The Dixie Firefighters Association continues to remain very vocal and actively supporting the proposed legislative change to KRS Chapter 75 regarding the current tax cap for Fire Protection Districts. Although this cap has remained unchanged since its inception in 1944, there is current resistance at the House and Senate level to introduce this proposed bill. We stand with our brothers and sisters across the Commonwealth in support of this and will continue to advocate for this much needed update.
 This concludes the report from the Dixie Firefighters Association.
- **Eastern Ky – Billy Selvage:**
 - Not present, no report submitted. (Attending funeral service of Past KFA President Allen Stapleton)
- **Green River – Dwane Smeathers:**
 - Welcome to Owensboro and the 2025 Bryant Stiles Officer School, we hope you enjoy your stay.
 - We had a great turnout at our January 30th meeting at the District 3 Office in Greenville, despite the heavy rain that evening.

- The GRFA has collaborated with Cargill to grant some area departments Grain Rescue (Turtle Tubes) and associated rope rescue equipment. Approximately a dozen departments were awarded one or both items.
- As in the past, we are collaborating with WKU in a research project focused on firefighters and factors related to burnout. WKU will be in the exhibit hall tomorrow night and we encourage everyone to participate in this short interview.
- The 2024-25 GRFA Executive Board consists of:
 - President Charlie Rafferty Airport-Sorgho FD
 - 1st VP John Dunning Grapevine FD
 - 2nd VP Shane Richards Hawesville FD
 - Treasurer Pat Thompson Airport-Sorgho FD
 - Secretary Marc Henderson Airport-Sorgho FD
 - KFA Director Dwane Smeathers Yelvington FD
- Our 2025 Green River Meeting dates and locations:
 - March 27th Hanson Fire Department
 - May 29th Municipal Service Center in Henderson
 - July 24th Owensboro Fire Department Training Center
 - September 25th Lewisport Fire Department
 - November 20th Joint Meeting with Dixie and SCKFA at 6:30 CST at a location TBD
- 2025 Green River Fall Fire School, October 24th – 26th at the Owensboro Community Technical College.
- We hope to see everyone back here for the 2026 Bryant Stiles Officers School, February 20th -22nd, 2026.
- **Jackson Purchase – Tex Johnson:**
 - JPFA is working on our spring school March 28, 29 & 30. East Marshall FD is in their new fire station after the Dec 10 tornado! We will have an open house later in the spring, possibly late April. We will disperse information as soon as we get things planned
- **Jefferson – Joey Bowman:**
 - Had fall fire school, went well. Looking at dates in October 2025. Gathering Dues from departments and working with BESA.
- **Lake Cumberland – David Gross:**
 - Fire School will be April 4-6, 2025 in Somerset.
- **Mountain – Robert Keith:**
 - Not present, no report submitted
- **Northern Ky – Bud Lederer (Report given by Steve Rath):**
 - Thanked everyone for coming up for John Wiseman funeral. Alexandria and Southern Campbell merged into Campbell Fire and Rescue. Several other departments plan to join in merger. Florence FD is starting a new program with Covington FD for Community Paramedicine. Florence hosting Paramedic class, application process is open on Florence FD website.
- **South Central – Nelson Slaughter:**
 - Cancelled last meeting due to weather.
 - Gott FD Captain Penrose passed away.
 - Next Meeting will be March 18 at Franklin-Simpson FD
- **Southeastern Ky – Terry Wattenbarger (Report given by Whitney Minton):**
 - New Executive Board
 - President Brandon Wagers, London City FD
 - 1st VP Whitney Minton, Bush FD
 - 2nd VP Bill Mills, Richland FD
 - Secretary Summer Vandy, Crossroads FD
 - Treasurer Tommy McDaniel, Corbin FD
 - Memorial Bench has been purchased for Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort, will be placed in the Spring. Purchased with money raised from sale of challenge coins. We still have about 13 coins left if anyone is interested.
 - New Fundraiser for leather helmet. More information will be released soon.
 - Fire School October 3-5, 2025, will have a class list out by Ky State Fire School.

Committees Reports:

Chapter 75 – Jason Meiman / Stephen Fante

House Bill 604 has been filed. Talking points and bill is available to reach out to legislators.

Legislative – Michael “Howdy” Kurtsinger

The 2025 legislative session as of February 21, 2025, which is a short (30 day) Session, will be on day 16, with only 14 more legislative days until they go home for another year. At the time of this writing February 20, 2025, this year there have been 814 House Bills and 61 House resolutions, 313 Senate Bills and 84 Senate resolutions. The total of 1,127 bills and 145 resolutions for this year's session with the last days to file Bills past (02/19). A total of 1,272 bills and resolutions have been filed during this year's short session. So, many will not even get a hearing.

I have attached a copy of Legislative Report 3 for the 2025 session (as of 02/20/2025). These bills listed are those from this year's legislative session that affect firefighters and fire departments.

The fire service has the members from the following associations in Frankfort on a daily bases trying to protect the benefits that the fire service has and are trying not to lose. So not to forget someone I will just state the groups attending and thank them for the support. Representative from the KFA, KPFF, KAFC, Kentucky Fire Commission and Jefferson County Fire Chiefs have worked during the session.

They will be here until March 28, 2025 when they say "SINE DIE"

If you have questions, please contact me.

NVFC – Pat Thompson

Encouraged memberships for volunteer departments and members. Several grants are available for members. Kentucky will host conference in 2026 in Owensboro. Continuing to monitor the volunteer fire service across the nation.

Honor Guard & Funerals – Charlie Rafferty

Since our last meeting two members attended the funeral service for John Wiseman.

Scholarship – Jimmy VanCleve

For the Spring semester we did award 5 scholarships.

Abby Breeze

Arren Owen

Charlie Riddle

Savannah Philpot

Christopher Rudd

Each of these received a \$2,000 check to use towards their educational journey.

The Fall 2025 scholarship application portal is open and taking student applications. Please promote this opportunity to any firefighter or firefighter dependent that is wanting to go to college and seek a degree. The link can be found on the KFA website.

History – Jimmy VanCleve

The History Committee has been trying to put a History Corner in the smoke signals each edition. We have tried to assemble a complete set of the KFA Conference brochures but we are still missing a handful of brochures. If you have one of the following and will be willing to allow us to make a digital copy, please get in touch with Jimmy VanCleve.

1921

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Public Education & Fire Prevention – Adam Fuller

Will be scheduling committee meetings in the near future. Goal is Monthly meetings starting in March. Attended online NFPA life safety education network meeting.

Recruitment & Retention – Adam Fuller

Will be scheduling meetings soon Goal will be Monthly meetings.

Hall of Fame – John Beatsch

Met yesterday, nominations are still open till April 15th. Application can be found on KFA website.

Resolutions – Keith Hurm

At this time the resolution committee has nothing to report, other than we are closely watching this short session of the KY General Assembly. Looking forward to a great 2025 conference in Maysville, KY

Conference Management – Randy Lawson / Joel Trandell

Working with President Carpenter on planning 2025 Conference. As of yesterday, 120 Registered for conference. Gathering sponsorships for the conference. Ads are available for the conference program. Website www.kfaconference.com

Finance – Bobby Cowherd

Has worked with John Wiseman on this committee. Looked over budgeting information and will begin next year budget in May.

State Fire School – Marc Henderson

June 11-15, 2025, at Central Bank Center

We are slightly ahead of schedule

34 classes are scheduled and all instructors have been notified and class descriptions are coming in.

Ericka has produced a class list handout that was/will be given to students this weekend and save the dates have been published as well as a flyer on the vendor show that will be handed out this weekend.

We know that Sunday is Father's Day of that week and we are offering a couple of 4-hour Sunday morning classes.

We have most of the class locations nailed down, just a couple to work on.

Jimmy will start building the registration website after we get done with Officers School.
We plan to have registration open by April 1, 2025.

After looking at student evaluations and talking to vendors, we have decided to move the vendor show to Saturday June 14th, from 2:30 to 8:30. We hope to get more students to visit by moving it.

Vendor packets are done and are given to each vendor for tomorrow and I will talk about the options for vendors/sponsors at tomorrow's vendor meeting.

The KFA has agreed to utilize a second vendor hall this year which will open more space behind the Center and more room inside for classes/vendors.

We are currently working on sponsorship opportunities for the KFA that would/could encompass State Fire School, Conference, Smoke Signals, and Sustaining Memberships. I will send out more information when we have it finalized.

Thank you to the Fire Commission, Lexington FD, and to all the people that pull together to put on a great school.

PTSD – Greg Buckler

Progress, still gathering information for the brochure for Firefighters to have access too, to let them they are not alone in this battle. Hopefully will have a draft by state fire school meeting.

If anyone from the executive board has any input of organizations in Kentucky to add to the brochure please contact me.

Agency Reports:

Ky Fire Marshal – Mike Haney:

Not present, no report submitted

Ky Fire Commission – Bruce Roberts:

Several positions are going to be opening in the fire commission. Formed a work group to research the fees associated with IFSAC training and testing. Training Facility Grant will open April 1, 2025 and close April 30, 2025.

State Fire Rescue Training – Marc Rudder (Report read by Pat Thompson):

69% of departments have received training from State Fire Rescue Training utilizing their FY25 21 hours through the end of January. There is time left so contact your coordinator to schedule the classes that will benefit your department.

We currently have an order for drones. We will be offering drone courses for certification – NFPA 2400 – later this year.

With the launch of our new website, there is a section for courses for certification. This is a location to find courses that we will be offering including Fire Instructor I and II, Fire Officer I – IV, Driver Operator Pumper and Driver Operator Aerial. There are options for virtual or in person classes. Many of the virtual classes will have test sites listed which will normally be one in the West and one in the East. Also, displayed will be the virtual offerings for Flashover Awareness, Wildland Awareness, FF Survival and FF Rescue.

We continue to acquire training props to offer more realistic training at the district offices. We anticipate making the change to new FF Survival and Rescue props in FY26. We will also have a new quint to utilize in our Driver Operator and Aerial courses.

The accredited certification office will update to the new edition of NFPA 1010 for FF 1 and FF 2 in July. This means that anyone that has not completed both the skills and the written exams for those levels will have to start new. We will also begin utilizing IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 8th Edition and Jones and Bartlett Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills 5th Edition. Recruit class 006 started Monday, February 17 at The Fire Academy of Kentucky. There are 27 recruits representing 15 departments with nearly 50% of those being departments sending students for the first time. We had departments that had requested spots but withdrew due to hiring students that attended a previous class as volunteers.

Fire Commission Operations – Carrie Wilburn

Closing out PPE Grant, please update if you are still waiting on PPE.

Thermal Imaging Grant information is coming in quickly.

Loans are available from the Fire Commission.

Working with KYFires to get platform to be more user friendly.

New website is up and running for Fire Commission.

Fire Commission Facilities – Derrick Hall

District 2 has received new property donated to them. Fire Academy construction of dorms and maintenance facility meetings are being held. District 4 had engineering assessment on building. District 5 looking into donation of property for facility to grow. District 6 had some damage done to roof from snow. District 9 met with industrial board to add more property. District 11 looking into new property. District 12 getting 9 acres appraised for purchase. District 14 received flooding damage at campus, working on estimates. District 15 received new mobile air compressor to be used across the state.

KBEMS – Eddie Slone (Report given by Wayne Briscoe):

Thanked the fire commission for the new EMT and Advanced EMT programs that have started. Hopkinsville Fire is running a paramedic program.

KY Professional Firefighters – Joe Baer:

Doing a raffle for a Polaris side by side. Appreciate all organizations for attending the Legislative Chili Dinner. Had very good meetings with legislators. Convention May 19-21 at Covington Hilton. Florence and Independence will host. New organization is London Fire Department. Rep John Blanton has contacted KPFF about wrecker services are requesting red lights to be installed on vehicles.

Ky Fire Chiefs – Mike Morgan:

Conference will be August 19-21 in Bowling Green. Have a couple VP Vacancies across the state. Working on legislation along with Fire Commission, KPFF and KFA.

Ky Homeland Security – Josh Keats:

Not present for KFA meeting, no report submitted

Ky Emergency Management – Dustin Heiser:

Not present, no report submitted

Supporting Heroes – Eric Johnson:

12 firefighters honored in Emmittsburg this year at the National Memorial.
Working with families to get registered and travel expenses.
20th Gala is July 26 in Owensboro, 40 members will be recognized.

Old Business:

- License Plate Update (Motorcycle) – Now available from local clerk's offices.

New Business:

- None

Good and Welfare:

- January 18, NKFA held awards dinner, Mike O'Day Sr received the lifetime achievement award.

Executive Session –

****Motion for executive session Crawford, 2nd Thompson, All in favor**

- Discussion of personnel

****Motion to close executive session Crawford, 2nd Philpot, All in favor**

Next Meeting:

Kentucky State Fire School, Lexington, KY June 12, 2025 at 17:00 EST

Motion to adjourn made by VP Crawford, 2nd by VP Roberts, no discussion, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 16:43 PM Central