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July 30, 2018

The 2018 Kentucky Firefighters was held in Louisville from July 28 to July 31 hosted by President Joe Bowman, his Lovely Wife Roberta and the Jefferson area Firefighters.

Saturday July 28,2018

The Conference started with an education class: Cancer Awareness: Dr. James Cripps in the morning and Active Shooter; Edward Meiman in the afternoon. That Evening Bowling and a cookout were the activity of the night and everyone had a great time.

Sunday July 29, 2018

Morning Worship
Fire Commission meeting
KFA Memorial Service was held and, in the evening went to a Louisville Bats baseball game.

Monday July 30, 2018

President Joe Bowman called the 98th Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference to order.

All Officers were present.

The Rules of the Conference were read by Palamaterian Mike O'Day sr.

Motion to adopt Rules of the Conference.

Motion/Second **Joe Standbush/ Van Cleve**
Passed via voice vote

Motion to place wreath from Memorial service on grave of KFA Past President Gerald Stewart.

Motion/Second **Crawford/Thompson**
Passed via voice vote

Nominations: Dave Jansen nominated Steve Rath to the Office of Secretary of the KFA.

Motion to close Nominations

Motion/Second

Pohlman/Wiseman

Passed via voice vote

Credentials Committee

Numbers of Departments registered 52

Number of Delegates 77

Numbers of Delegates with multiple votes 2

E-Board 7

Total numbers of Delegates 84

Secretary of State Allison Grimes spoke

Fire Commission Report – Ronnie Day Executive Director

The Fire Commission is purchasing Driver Simulators, a Flashover Simulator and new training program which will be put in service in 2019.

Area 7 getting a building in Boone County

The Fire Commission now has an Active shooter class

Fire Rescue Training- Mark Rudder

SFRT delivered 8,278 hours of training to 84% of the departments in the state.

State Fire School 816 students attended this year.

Fire instructors' renewals- even numbered instructors January 1, 2020

Odd numbered instructors January of 2019

“Any live fire training MUST DECON after training is done”

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. Thank You for your support of your legislative team.

The IAFF is in Seattle this year.

The KPFF convention is in Newport in 2019

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

Tuesday July 31, 2018

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

Retired Chief Russ Sanders from NFPA gave presentation on NFPA 3000 Active Shooter standard.

Russ Sanders won the 2018 Everett Hudiburg Award given by the International Fire Service Training Association.

Dale Dobson with the Department of Agriculture gave a report on the farm safety classes given around the State. A Big Thank You to the KFA, Dixie and Green River Associations for all of the help and promoting of the Farm Rescue classes. There will be a movie filmed in New Haven KY the First of August on grain bin rescue.

Vice President Pat Thompson informed the body that the Executive board has hired Past President Randy Lawson and Hall of Fame Member as the Executive Director. He has signed a one-year contract.

Mrs. Saunders gave the body information on her foundation My Brothers Burden Walk support to Firefighters battling cancer. Her foundations provide care packages to Firefighters nationwide. The walk will take place August 19th at Burlington Fire station and finish on August 24 at Lexington Fire Station 1.

Directors reports

Jackson Purchase Tex Johnson – everything is going well.

Green River- Marc Henderson- Meeting turn out is very good. Joint meeting with Dixie November 15 at Hitchfield FD 630 pm. Would like to thank Charlie Rafferty for all his dedication with the Honor Guard. We have 48 out of 70 departments are dues paying KFA members Pat and I are working at increasing that. Lots going on in Green River. Working on 2019 Conference almost ready for everyone to join us in Green River. Raffle off a 4-wheeler this year in March tickets on sale soon.

Northern Ky- Bud Leaderer- Thank You for a great Conference. Thank You President Bowman for such a great job on short notice. Working on the 2020 Conference.

Eastern Ky.- Billy Selvage for (Duane King) 97% of area Departments are dues paying members of KFA. The Association is going to pick a couple of Departments that can afford to send someone and pay for them to get them involved.

Bluegrass Emergency Services - Rick Bobo stepping down as Director of Bluegrass after 12 years to become 3rd Vice President of KFA> Stephen Fante will be new Director.

75% active membership trying to get more involved. Started fund raising for 2021 Conference.

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. Raising funds for 2021 Conference Reverse raffle November 17, at Corbin Center for chance at \$5,000.

Jefferson County FF Bob Frizzell- Bob Williams will be new Director. Bob Retiring from all Fire Service. Bob Williams Thank you for the chance be Director. J-Town Fire School at Crown Plaza September 20-23.

Mountain FF – Sam Stacy Hazard Fire School August 24-26. Sam Challenges everyone to bring one new person next years Conference.

Standing Committee Reports

Advisor Jeff Pohlman- it has been a different year than usual when we had a change in the Presidents Office. It was a smoother transition because Joe was involved in the Association. He had a very busy transitions with contracts for Fire School and his Conference. But Joe was surrounded with people that were willing to help.

Membership Duane Suttles- The EKFA challenges all reaquions to match them in 97% member de[artments in KFA.

We are at 50% membership of Departments in Kentucky.

434 Departments paid

43 Delinquent

54 Personnel Memberships

32 Sustaining Memberships

Everyone please talks to your Departments in your area and encourage them to become members. The \$3,000-dollar death and dismemberment insurance policy are well worth the dues.

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.

Steering Committee Rick Bobo- Thank you to the Committee and a lot of changes have come out of the meetings. The New Executive Director Position is one of the Changes. Now we are looking at changes to the Conference to try and increase attendance.

Constitution and Bylaws- Terry Keller

Proposed changes to bylaws

Add Mission Statement

Change Spelling and grammar mistakes throughout document

Delete Pennyrile and Lake Cumberland from areas

Clarify Article 4 section 3 on a vacancy occurring in Presidents Office

Update the Area hosting Conferences.

Motion- to accept the changes proposed by the Constitution and by-Law committee

Motion/Second

Terry Keller/ Past Pres. Pohlman

Passed Via Voice Vote

Hall of Fame- VP John Beatsch

This year the Committee has 4 four inductees they are Ernie Bowler, his Son Bob Bowler, Bob Frizzell, and Past President Randy Lawson.

The Committee would like propose for next year an award for persons that do not meet the requirements for induction into the KFA Hall of Fame.

The Gerald Stewart Legacy Award. The award would be limited to two people a year.

The KFA will order the plaque so they are consistent and the area association will be responsible to reimbursing the KFA. There will be and area on the website as well to reconizethese individual.

Motion- The name the Legacy Award the Gerald Stewart Legacy Award.

Motion/second

Thompson/Jansing

Motion passed via voice vote

State Fire School Ronnie Day- The Kentucky State Fire School is the Nation's longest Continuous running Fire School. This year we had 324 departments repesented, 816 students 42 Classes.

The coming years will be a challenge. Rupp Arena is going through a makeover. Lexpo Promises they will make it work. The next meeting is August 6th.

Public Education Greg Schultz - The Pup Ed. Group has lots of resoursees 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 Look Listen Be aware fire can happen anywhere. Paducah Fire Service, Electrical and Building Conference is October 26 and 27 2018.

Kentucky Forestry has grants available for public education.

NVFC Greg Schultz When in Washington talked with Legislators about the Cancer Registry act about a month later the Cancer Registry was passed. Please become members they have a large amount of resources available.

Requirment and retention- we need to market ourselves better to the young people to get them involved early.

Scholarship/ Allen Johnson

This year we will be giving away 5 scholarships the winners are:

Alanna Wathen, Brandi Ashley, Jacob Vanover, Payton Fletcher, Sarah Selvage.

Congratulations to all. Please remind your members of the Scholarship we have been a little lean on the applications the last several years.

EMS/ Pat Krogman

Opioids still main problem presenting its self to EMS providers. There are pilot programs for Community Paramedicine by KBEMS is coming to an end. The Lexington Fire Department is starting theirs this month.

There is an extreme shortage of Paramedics in the State. It comes from several things, the pension, few programs, National Registry, and people just are not interested as past years. It's a problem that's in not regional in nature the entire State is having a problem.

Special Events/ Chris Crawford

We are live streaming meetings now please visit our Facebook page, you can message questions during the meeting.

We now have a large blow up Firefighter you may have seen Firefighter Sam walking around. He got great reviews at the State Fair.

Memorial/ Ronnie Day

The Firefighters Memorial at Jupiter Hills Park in Frankfort has become bigger and better than when it was planned. We now have several Benches placed around the Memorial and it is looking very nice. We have upgrades to the walk planned an several other upgrades being looked into.

The Firefighter Memorial will be October 3rd at 11 AM. Please join us.

Please purchase pavers the money is used for maintance for the Memorial.

Ethics/ Dave Jansing

The Committee recommends that in the SOGs that Gifts, Honorariums raise the limit to \$100.00 dollars

Resolutions/Mark Luckett

Resolutions #1 thru 9 Prefilled and assigned to Legislations

Resolution # 10 Conference Resolution- Thanking President Bowman and his Wife and Jefferson County Firefighters on hosting a wonderful Conference.

Motion/ Second

Luckett/ Rudder

Passed via voice vote

Legislative Report/ Howdy Kurtsinger

The 2018 regular session of the Kentucky Legislature has come and gone. This was the long session and it lasted as long as possible ending on April 15, 2018. They have to finish by that date.

As in the past years, many bills that legislators introduced did not see any action. Looking at the information provided by the Legislative Record there were 268 Senate Bills, 605 House Bills, and 702 resolutions that we followed this session. This year 203 bills passed, 61 Senate bills, 142 House bills along with 578 resolutions. The Governor vetoed 13 bills and of them, five overridden. That is 22.57% of the legislation introduce became law.

The reason that I report this information is that many of you who have never been involved in the legislative process may not understand the many issues during the legislative session. The fire service has many but not the only issues. We followed legislation that effect the fire service Pensions, Workers

Comp, Wage & Hour, Taxing Districts, Non-Profits, Incentive and State Aid.

During the session, many of you came to Frankfort to support our issues and for that, I want to say thank you! I also want to make sure you know that we are a group of fire service representatives who work together to try to protect the interest of the fire service, and by working together we can get many issues passed. These are the firefighters who are in Frankfort every day to support us are as follows;

Steve Rath, Jack Reckner, Joe Baer, Chris Bartley Bruce Roberts, Ronnie Day and I attend many committee meetings and legislative sessions. Without all of us working together, we would not be a success.

Resolutions

#1&8 Therefor be it resolved The Kentucky Firefighters Association Supports a tax credit for all firefighters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Motion to support resolution 1

Motion/Second

Wiseman/Givens

Passed via voice vote

#2 There for me it resolved the KFA urges the Fire Commission to make a new level of Volunteer Firefighter certification who support the fire department but do not engage in interior firefighting.

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

Motion/second

Peters/Michael Rath

Passed via voice vote

#3 There for me it resolved the KFA supports a grant program to provide barrier hood funding to Kentucky Fire Departments.

Discussion- The fire Commission can't not take on any more programs but will look into repurposing monies for Barrier Hoods.

Motion not to support resolution # 3

Motion/Second

MichaelRath/Rudder

Passed via voice vote

#4 To change 75.260 (1) Compensation for board members fixing salaries of members to \$50.00 per meeting and not to exceed one meeting a month.

Motion to support #4

Motion/second

Lang/Boid

Passed via voice vote

#5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kentucky Firefighters Association along with the Kentucky Fire Commission, the Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, and the Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association, create a PTSD Task Force to act as one voice to create education, training, and funding through legislative efforts to assure our firefighters suffering from PTSD are afforded the correct medical assistance to aid in their struggles and further educate all firefighters/organizations to recognize the signs and

symptoms of PTSD and be able to assist other firefighters suffering from PTSD the correct medical assistance.

Motion to support

Motion/Second

Van Cleve/ Buckler

Passed via voice vote

#6 THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED, that the Kentucky Firefighters Association support legislation increasing the fire tax or completely eliminating the tax cap as described in KRS 75 Section 6a/6b.

Motion to support

Motion/second

Krogman/Bowman jr.

Passed via voice vote

#7 The Kentucky Firefighters Association support a new license plate for non- members of fire departments and any citizen of Kentucky. Proceeds go to support the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Motion to support

Motion/second

Stambush/Shepherd

Passed via voice vote

#9 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Firefighters Association pursue and support any legislation to hold the parties criminally responsible and to charge said parties with a crime such as felony assault and to be able to attempt to recover any medical cost or loss of income to both the responder and their employer.

Discussion- there are laws just passed that covers most of this.

Motion not to support.

Motion/second

Boid/Givens

Passed via voice vote

Chapter 75/ Past President Pohlman

- 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

Over the last year the Honor Guard has been requested for one funeral that of past president, and Chief Gerald Stewart.

Two members attended the State Fallen Firefighters Memorial, and continued on to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg MD.

On the 3Rd of October the Honor Guard will be at the State Fallen Firefighters Memorial held at Juniper Hills Park in Frankfort KY. In the coming weeks I will be registering members for the 37Th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend October 6Th – 7Th in Emmitsburg MD.

I am continuing to make contacts with other Honor Guards, and fire departments across the state to build a network of fire service personnel.

Conference oversight/ Sam Stacy

Thank you to this year's committee for putting on a conference in short amount of time.

Conference Cities

VP Pat Thompson- Next year 2019 Owensboro August 3rd thru the 6th 2019

Hampton inn river front and Holiday inn will be the host hotels. Website will be up soon.

VP John Beatsch 2020 Conference will be August 1 thru 4 2020 the 100th Conference. We have three hotels more to follow.

VP Eric Philpot 2021 Dates August 4th thru 8th in Corbin first year to try Wednesday thru Sunday.

Finance Committee/ John Wiseman

Audit is complete and filed.

Budget proposed

Motion to accept the 2018/2019 budget.

Motion/second

Wiseman/Michael Rath

Passed via voice vote

Old Business -None

New Business

_Dave Jansing would like to have the KFA give Terry Keller a Lifetime membership. When he and I retired it was forgotten.

Motion to give Terry Keller Past Treasure a KFA Lifetime Membership

Motion/Second

Jansing/Johnson

Passed via voice vote

