

# Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Meeting

## **Meeting Minutes January 27, 2017**

### **Commission Members Present:**

Michael Donahue, Chancellor's Designee from LSU  
Chad Major, Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana  
Louis Romero, Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana  
Brian Castille, Louisiana State Firemen's Association  
Charlie Metcalf, Louisiana State Firemen's Association  
James Wood, Louisiana Fire Chief's Association

### **Commission Members Absent:**

Martino Latino, Louisiana Fire Chief's Association  
Karen St. Germain, Governor's Appointee  
Butch Browning, State Fire Marshal

### **In Attendance:**

Loree Ramezan, FETI  
Christine Melancon, FETI  
Kathe Jones, FETI  
Jarod Charlie, FETI  
Christen Vaughan, FETI  
Dwayne Thevis, IPFPD #1  
Brian Lindberg, South Bossier Fire  
Ed Smith, Baton Rouge  
Chad Monceaux, Crowley Service Area FPD #11

The Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission was called to order by Mr. Chad Major. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. James Wood. Invocation was led by Mr. Brian Castille. Mr. Chad Major called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. The meeting began.

### **Director's Report**

Mr. Casey presented his report. The punch list was done on the new addition. There were still some things that they needed to do on their end and they were waiting on the engineer's approval on the work.

The bid that had been awarded to Fire Blast Global for the skills trailer had been challenged by Pro-Pull, a local manufacturer regarding state licensure and the PO had been cancelled. The Motor Vehicle Commissioner had confirmed that whomever they awarded the bid to has to be a licensed seller or manufacturer in the state. As soon as they received some more

information, they would be putting the skills trailer back out to bid. They would however be responsible for all costs currently incurred by Fire Blast Global so far on the trailer.

The LP fueled structural fire prop was out to bid as well and the bid process on it was cancelled for the same reason. As soon as the exact requirements and correct language was provided to them by Sally in purchasing then it would be added to their current documents and would be used in the future bid process. They were requesting more time on their grant from AFG and he did not foresee a problem with that request.

The second Ram 5500 for use with towing props did arrive. They had not heard yet on AFG 2016. The response was due in late spring.

In regards to the strategic planning group, he did meet with Kenn Fontenot. There was a lot going on with the NFPA standards and once the process on the changes was finished, he would be bringing that back to their own organization. Kenn had wrapped up the initial trainer class (LITCO) and it would be ready to pilot soon. He was working on the four tier and extremely close to the proposal. It looked promising. There were going to be some significant changes in how they did certifications that would merit some looking into by CAC and their group. They would be providing some information on that.

\*Mr. Major asked that the record reflect that Mr. Charlie Metcalf had arrived to the meeting.

Mr. Woods asked if they had a tentative date for the 1002 changes to take effect. Mr. Casey stated that the standard would come out this year, but they would have a year for their testing to reflect it. When it was legally out there, it would be posted on the website and in writing. He could not even obtain it right now in writing.

Mr. Major asked if there were any other questions. None were voiced. This concluded the presentation of the director's report.

### **Certification Report**

There was no certification report to review.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Donahue presented his report. He commented that they were waiting like everyone else right now to see what happened about balancing the budget this upcoming special session. Last year they had taken \$276,000 away from the stat dedicated funding and he was hoping that it would be significantly less this year. The recent flooding hurt their industrial revenue. He thought they had submitted about \$86,000 in lost revenue to the insurance company. They were however, 100% up and operational and they had 0% out of pocket. LSU had met their deductible prior to the flood. They had been able to make improvements to their facilities. Their numbers should be right in line if not ahead of last year.

Mr. James Wood asked where we were going to absorb the costs of the Fire Blast trailer that was cancelled. Mr. Donahue stated that we could take it from the plant account or the 0001 account. A question was posed on how much the cost would be. Mr. Casey stated that it was unknown at this time. The awarded bid was cancelled due to a challenge from another bidder. An opinion must be made by the Department of Motor Vehicle and specific language must be added to the bid package before we can rebid.

Mr. Major asked if there were any questions regarding the financial report. None were voiced. This ended the presentation of the financial report.

**Chairman's Report**

Mr. Major presented his report. He stated that they had just met recently so not much had changed since the last meeting. He did inform them that there was a joint meeting with the LFSA and LFCA the next day and after that they would have their respective executive board meetings. Other than that, he did not have anything else to report.

The next scheduled meeting date was Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at FETI at 10 am. Future meeting dates would be decided at that meeting.

**Old Business**


No old business was addressed.

**New Business**

No new business was addressed.

Motion to adjourn was entertained by Mr. Major. Motion was made by Mr. Romero and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. No objections were voiced. Meeting was adjourned.

**Approved by:**



Chad Major

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