

Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission Meeting on 9/20/23 **Meeting Minutes For 8/23/23**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 10:00am at
The LFCA's Annual Conference being held at the
Baton Rouge Marriott, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA (225)924-5000

Call to Order by Chad Major

Pledge and Prayer

Roll Call

<u>COMMISSION MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
Bryan Adams		X	
Butch Browning	X		
Brandon Davis		X	
Russell Di Salvo		X	
Stephen Guidroz	X		
Ken Himel	X		
Matt Lee			X
Brian Lindberg		X	
Chad Major	X		
Louis Romero	X		
Dan Wallis		X	

Chad Major made note that there were not enough Commission Members present for a quorum, which meant that the meeting would be for informational purposes only, no actions or votes can be taken.

Superintendent's Report:

L.J. Relle gave the report

- Butch Browning asked about the projected Industrial revenue for this fiscal year, L.J. said at least \$4 million.
- Ken Himel asked if we hired a Captain for EMS yet, L.J. answered yes, Cecil Fairchild.
- Butch Browning discussed how the fire based EMS program is the future of the fire service. He also asked if the WFC money is still available to the recruits. L.J. explained that our grant has run out. Butch discussed that he understood that this grant is available every year. Chad Major offered to get clarification on the grants and the use of the monies. Louis Romero stated that he had not yet received his funds from the last recruit academy, Darren Ramirez says that one of the Chiefs from the Chiefs Association is still waiting on a large sum

of money as well. L.J. was not aware that WFC had not yet sent out money from that far back, he will check on it and get back with the Chiefs.

- Ken Himel spoke about an AFC Grant that his fire department received for either 10 AMPs or 12 and 2 paramedics, he said that you have 3 years to get the AEMTs and 2 paramedics certified. Butch Browning asked if you have to be accredited to teach EMT, L.J. Relle stated that they are pushing for accreditation for AEMT, Butch Browning said that that needs to be opposed. Chad Major said that they have already fought back on that.
- Butch Browning went back to the EMS and asked what would be a good strategy to get instructors across the state? L.J. Relle explained that his plan is through hybrid education (as L.J. is explaining this, Butch is texting). Butch Browning asked if L.J. was going to use something similar to what Mississippi is doing. L.J. said yes, Matt Ard commented as well at how this will allow much more time on skills.
- Open floor discussing EMTs and the fire departments.
- Chad Major asked about the self-generated industrial numbers. L.J. explained that we have corrected the invoices and are treating the customers right and hear what they are asking for.
- Chad Major made mention that we need to start with our legislation sooner rather than later, especially regarding our new location.
- Dustin gave information on how we are now invoicing.

Municipal Report:

Dustin Kleinpeter gave the Municipal report

- L.J. reported on partnering with St George and Ken Himel on a Company Officer and how FETA wants to continue to partner with those that have needs. Ken Himel thanked FETA for the success of the program for a state certification rather than an IFSAC certification.

Industrial Report:

Dustin Kleinpeter gave the Industrial Report

- Dustin explained that Industrial was handed over when Sam Colon left and it took a lot of work to figure out what the issues were. This was the biggest accomplishment that we have had. After figuring out how correct the billing and mending relationships we have business coming back that haven't been using FETA for several years.
- Butch Browning stated that HazMat was done at FETA a long time ago, state police took the funds back to do the training. He suggests that we try to get that back here at FETA. L.J. let him know that we have been there and talking with them working on their program.

Certification Report:

Steve Billman gave the certification report.

- Discussed the old LSU system, the IMS and the Acadis system.
- Butch Browning left the meeting for an appointment.
- Computer based testing will definitely be up and running before the end of the year.

Special Operations:

Dustin Kleinpeter gave the report on the Recruit Academy

- Chad Major asked if the National Guard is involved with the Beauregard fires.

Financial Report:

L.J. Relle have the financial report.

New Business:

- L.J. Relle presented a PowerPoint regarding a new academy.
- Chad Major discussed the importance of having a quorum for each and every meeting.
- Discussed costs of FETA classes and how we might change those costs.

Old Business:

- Chad Major had no old business to discuss with no quorum.

Commission's Report:

Chad Major

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8/23/2023 Minutes Approved

Chad Majors