

Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: FETA, 6868 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 10:09 AM

<u>COMMISSION MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>REMOTE</u>
Bryan Adams	✓		
Brandon Davis		✓	
Russell Di Salvo	✓		
Stephen Guidroz	✓		
Ken Himel	✓		
Michael Kimble		✓	
Matt Lee		✓	
Chad Major	✓		
Cassidy Martin		✓	
Tracey Normand	✓		
Louis Romero	✓		

2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge

3. Minutes: The minutes from the February 27, 2025, meeting were adopted with no objections.

4. Administrative Report:

- a. **Superintendent:** Chief Woody gave the report, opening with FETA's mission statement. Chief Woody spoke about the new signage at FETA, the landscaping, and a few other updates on campus. He reported that the IFSAC visit went very well, and FETA is being recommended for re-accreditation on 40 levels. He stated the plan is to add five levels this calendar year. Chief Adams spoke about the significance of the accreditation for Louisiana. Chief Adams also talked about the goal of giving free training next year, starting on January 1, to all firefighters, except for testing fees. Chief Woody mentioned that the Investigation class would be on campus within thirty days. The new curriculum will have two inspector levels and three confined space levels. Making the total five new classes for this calendar year. The mobile prop flashover is on the road. Lead evaluator training is underway, and it is a class that needs to be taken by all lead evaluators. The website is done and live with the addition of the course catalog and schedule. The course evaluation form is also on the website. The leadership conference in Crowley will be May 6th, 7th, and 8th. The laptops have been delivered, are done, and are ready to go. The proper carrying cases for the laptops are in the

works. The mini-schools are back and are doing well. The burn building specs are done, and the finalizations are in place.

- b. **Municipal/Regional Training:** Chief Woody gave the report. The Northern region had 72 classes with 1153 students, and the Southern region had 65 classes with 727 students for February.
- c. **Recruit Academy:** Chief Woody gave the report. He shared the current recruits all passed their EMT and awareness and ops with a 100% pass rate.
- d. **Technical Training:** Chief Woody gave the report. He reported that the technical division has been very busy. The awareness, ops, and tech are done. Overall the technical training is excelling exactly the way it should.
- e. **EMS Training:** Chief Woody gave the report. He reported that Blance is staying busy. There were a lot of industry classes. Twenty students with Exxon Mobil as well as recruit EMT. Open Enrollment EMT is making great progress. Blance is currently in Pine Country for live fire.
- f. **Industrial Training:** Chief Stone gave the report. The industrial division had 27 classes in February, with 26 being Industrial Fire Brigade training and one Hazmat Tech. Chief Stone stated that of the 27 classes, there were two 24-hour, five 16-hour, and nineteen 8-hour classes. There were also six off-site meetings and one Teams meeting.
- g. **Pine Country:** Chief Ogden gave the report. He announced a steady increase in requests for training. The regional certification class Live Fire Instructor (LFI) and Live Fire Instructor in Charge (LFFIC) at Rapides District 7 is coming up. Instructor III and Vehicle Rescue Technician is also coming up at Pine Country Campus. Chief Ogden stated that he is very eager for what is to come.
- h. **Certification and Testing:** Chief Woody gave the report. There was an overall 68.70% pass rate, which is down some from where we want to be. The issues are being addressed and should be cleared up in the next 30 days. There were 10 virtual training coordinator and skill evaluator training courses conducted, with 214 attending.
- i. **Financial Report:** Katie Elliott

Total Revenue for February: \$447,720.74

- Municipal Income: \$41,920.00 | Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$188,082.28
- Certification Income: \$9,025.00 | Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$107,255.80
- Industrial Income: \$396,775.74 | Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$2,435,979.72

Total Fiscal Year Income: \$2,731,317.80

5. **Commission Chairman Report:** Nothing was reported

6. **Old Business:** Nothing was reported
7. **New Business:** Chief Adams reported that in October of 2024, he signed an agreement with the International Association of Marine Investigators to provide marine fire investigation training here. He stated there will probably be a class before the summer. Their goal is to do quarterly training here once it is kicked off. Chief Normand brought up the Fire Chiefs Association Conference.
8. **Next Meeting:** TBD (Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association Conference – Chief Normand)
9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made with no opposition at 11:00 A.M.

Approved on: _____

5-1-25

Signature: _____

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