

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 25, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
Captain Michael McCullough
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 1:25 pm.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Captain McCullough that the minutes of February 14, 2019, meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Deputy Chief Peter Nothe – Wilbraham Fire Department
 - Captain Andrew Tobio – Belmont Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Bryan Johannes – Hudson Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Richard Patterson Jr. – Dracut Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Enrique Arrascue - COMM Fire Department
 - Acting Chief Richard Roe – Massport Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Chief Nash to award accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –
 - Assistant Chief Gerard Mahoney – Cambridge Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Service and Military Pin Guidance Discussion

A discussion took place regarding providing a guidance to the departments in terms of the appropriate location on a uniform for various service, military, and auxiliary pins. Current documents providing such discretionary guidance will be provided at next meeting for continued discussion by the Commission.

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy to table this discussion until all guidance documents can be reviewed.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

General Counsel Rourke discussed the proposed amendment to current legislation in regard to the requirement that the Commission meet monthly (excluding the months of July & August) even if there is no business to conduct or lack of quorum. He will update the Commission as this moves forward. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey explained that he will have divisions provide topical information to the Committee monthly.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey discussed the success of the Side by Side Sprinkler prop which demonstrates in real time how a fire acts with fire suppression sprinklers and how it acts without them. Without the use of accelerants it takes about 2:47 seconds to flashover. This prop is available and can be requested for demonstrations. After each use, it is rehabilitated by our Facilities department. Just as a reminder, May 19th is Fire Sprinkler Day.

The Technical Rescue Committee has one more name submitted to the Governor's office for counsel.

Samantha Philips is now the Director of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); she replaced Kurt Schwartz.

Bridgewater land use agreement with Department of Corrections has been signed. Painters and builders are there this week prepping for staff from Boiler Pressure Vessel, Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit, and Fire Investigation and Enforcement Unit (South Team) to begin using the space in mid April.

E. Fentanyl presentation by Hazardous Materials Response Director, David DiGregorio

Director DiGregorio provided a 30 minute presentation to the Commission to explain the impacts and response of Fentanyl in the Commonwealth.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Roy.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 3:05 p.m.