

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 5, 2017**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Mr. John Golembeski

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Michael Morrissey
Undersecretary Patrick McMurray

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
JoAnne Caruso
Alanna Malatos

No guests were present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Alan Roy at 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Alan Roy and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough that the minutes of October 17, 2017 be clarified by further vote which indicated that the prior two applicants using municipal service for credit would be grandfathered prior to change in policy made by the Commission September 19, 2017. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made Chief John Nash and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Deputy Chief Jeffrey Davis – Leominster Fire Department
 - Captain Daniel Mathews – Natick Fire Department
 - Chief Stephen Murphy – Nantucket Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro – Hanover Fire Department

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Chief Adam S. Lavoie – Warren Fire Department
- Chief Matthew Grafton – Stoneham Fire Department
- Chief Robert Pedrazzi – Ayer Fire Department
- Chief Kevin Roy – Fitchburg Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Keith Weightman – Andover Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Daniel Dow – Natick Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey briefed the Committee on the acquisition of additional space at the Department of Corrections in Milford for the Boiler & Pressure Vessel inspectors and the Fire Investigation Unit's Central Team.

The new fire code is effective January 1, 2018. The NFPA and the MFA are holding training dates for departments throughout the winter. The new edition of the State Building Code will also take effect on January 1, 2018.

Welding and Hot Works Commission will be holding their introductory meeting today. The purpose of this Commission will be to create and update regulations and licensing requirements.

National Association of State Fire Marshal's (NASFM) are launching conversation this week to discuss construction code following incidents in both Waltham and Cambridge during the construction phase. They were awarded a FEMA funded grant to create a comprehensive training program to be completed in 2018 with the intent to offer said training for free.

A comprehensive overhaul and review of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council policies is underway and recommendations will be made by subcommittees regarding outdated policies.

The 28th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards will be November 21st at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA.

The Fentanyl Summit here was a success and opened dialog about best practices between many public safety agencies such as the FBI, HLS, DEA, US Coast Guard etc. all speaking to protect the public and first responders.

The legalization of marijuana is presenting unique challenges now that there is a spike in growth of grow facilities. This cash business presents challenges for public safety and we are working with communities to provide safeguards. The building and fire code is not ready to deal with the specifics of these facilities in terms of site security, ingress and egress, the chemical processes and the "maze" design adopted to prevent contamination of the product.

Staff members have been honored both internally and by Governor Baker for the Performance Recognition Awards held at the Stat House on November 21, 2017. The recipients included the Learning Management System (LMS) Core Team for their tireless work over the last 2 years to implement the LMS system; MaryElizabeth Lynch-Lent was nominated for her work on the agency's compliance with public records requests conforming to the guidelines under the new 2017 policy ; and Peter Senopolous who received the Manuel Carbello Governor's award for Excellence in Public Service for being a part of the Finance Regulation Review Project Team who worked to streamline the regulatory process.

The key backfills for the Code Compliance & Enforcement Officer for the Fire Safety Division has been filled by Matthew Murray. The Recruit Program Coordinator for the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has been posted and hope to have filled by early 2018.

We are hosting a series of twelve training events involving Homemade Explosives beginning in January and through June 2018 which will target all disciplines, fire, police and EMS. A Post Blast Investigation course will be offered to arson investigators will be offered once a year in April with priority seating for Boson Marathon Communities.

Lastly, State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey proposed a joint meeting of the Fire Service Commission and the Fire Training Council in early 2018 for the Budget Presentation following the approval of the budget by House 1.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on January 16th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room but will work with the Fire Training Council to determine a date that they can meet for the joint budget presentation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief John Nash and seconded by Mr. John Golembeski. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:21 a.m.