

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 4, 2018**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief John Nash
Chief Alan J. Roy
Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Gregory J. Burns
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
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

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief John Nash at 2:01 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Captain McCullough that the minutes of October 16, 2018, 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 Roy and seconded by Captain Chief Burns to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Lieutenant Jason Bangma – Bellingham Fire Department
 - Captain Brian Monahan – Duxbury Fire Department
 - Captain Donald Tebeau – Mansfield Fire Department
 - Provisional Chief Donald Stats – North Reading Fire Department
 - Assistant Chief Michael Patterson – Burlington Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Chief Burns to award re-accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Chief William Kessler – Uxbridge Fire Department
- Chief Dean Kochanowski – Dudley Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Timothy Kelly – Devens Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Chief Nash began by updating the Commission that a draft of the FCAM recommendations regarding the credential and re-credential process will be released to the Commission in January.

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey began by briefing the Commission about the budget and legislative process currently underway. The annual budget briefing will be scheduled as part of the February Fire Service Commission and Massachusetts Fire Training Council meetings.

Discussion regarding the proposal for the transfer of land from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Fire Services for a southeastern academy began. The site is 18 acres of land and includes existing classroom and building space. It would support a training yard and help relieve the wait list of over 200 for career recruit. Acquiring this third property would help manage the influx of new recruits. The property would also provide adequate space for training props for technical rescue training.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a search and rescue prop for the Springfield site is just about the go out to bid.

The Department's Learning Management System (LMS) is proving effective for blended learning, data gathering, and has really allowed for the growth of our online course offerings.

The impact and support of the Merrimack Valley remains ongoing; new appliance fires, CO incidents, equipment repairs are all presenting problems. National Grid's gas service lock out is impacting alternate heating options.

Lastly, the Fire Safety Division hired a Fire Protection Engineer so the Department is now up to full complement of three (3) engineers.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on January 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Nash 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 2:53 p.m.