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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2001 MEETING OF  
THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Vice Chairman Kowalski with the following members present: Commissioners Brammer, Gomeau, Haber, Maheu, Milewski, Mullen, Munkenbeck, Nicol, Stankye and Wilkinson. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 10:05 a.m. Commissioners Carozza, and Vendetta were excused. Staff members Morrissette, O'Neil, Ouellette, Piechota and Piskura were present.

Vice Chairman Kowalski called for approval the minutes of the February 27, 2001 meeting.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilkinson and SECONDED by Commissioner Stankye to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.*

Vice- Chairman Kowalski called for approval of the Staff Report for February 15 – March 14, 2001.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Munkenbeck and SECONDED by Commissioner Milewski to approve the Staff Report for the period of February 15, 2001 – March 14, 2001.*

Commissioner Nicol inquired about item 9 under the Administration Staff Report concerning the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Morrissette stated that annually the Boy Scouts of America conduct various fundraisers in Connecticut and throughout the United States. They have also been conducting fundraisers in support of their Explorer Programs. Because there's been an increase in activity with Fire Explorer Troops throughout the state, a fundraiser has been earmarked for these programs. The Connecticut Rivers' Council Boy Scouts of America requested assistance in terms of providing a letter of support from the Fire Administrator. Prior to providing a letter, an inquiry was made to both the Ethics' Commission and the Governor's Office as to the appropriateness. Both offices approved the initiative. A letter of support was penned on Boy Scout letterhead with his signature and title.

Commissioner Nicol inquired who were the members of the sub-committee looking into recruit training and lodging for the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs' Association.

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Mr. Piskura stated that Chiefs Bill Austin, West Hartford, Ron Natrass, Stratford, Robert Ross, Middletown, John Walsh, Willimantic and Daniel Warzoha, Greenwich were appointed to the sub-committee by the Career Chiefs.

Commissioner Nicol questioned the results for the practical exam for Pump Operator in the Certification Examination Monthly Summary

Mr. Piechota stated that he was not aware of any particular problems with this exam. It appears the low pass rate is attributable to the fact that only five exams have been administered.

*Motion carried.*

Vice Chairman Kowalski called for approval of the March 15 – April 14, 2001 Staff Report.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilkinson and SECONDED by Commissioner Gomeau to approve the Staff Report for the period of March 15, 2001 – April 14, 2001.*

Commissioner Maheu inquired about item 1 c) under the Training Report and the use of social security numbers as it relates to data privacy concerns.

Mr. Piskura stated that federal law states that you cannot require the submission of social security numbers but it doesn't prohibit you from asking individuals to volunteer the information as long as you tell them they have the option of refusing. This clause will be added to our program applications.

Commissioner Maheu inquired about concerns over data privacy and someone getting into our database.

Mr. Piechota stated that he was very confident that our database is not accessible online.

*Motion carried.*

Vice Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to suspend the agenda at this point to introduce the guests to the meeting.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Stankye and SECONDED by Commissioner Wilkinson to suspend the agenda. Motion carried.*

Mr. Morrissette introduced Robert M. DiMartino, Songwriter and Arnold Beizer, Esq. as guests to the meeting. Mr. Morrissette stated that following the events of the Worcester tragedy Mr. DiMartino wrote and produced a song as a tribute to the fire service. Although this song uses Worcester as the basis he is hoping to promote the song as a national song for the fire service. He is looking for opportunities to bring this project to the attention of the fire service and to the fire service organizations. Also, he is looking for some support with this project. He came to my attention

through the Lieutenant Governor's Office and he has had recent discussions with the Governor on this project.

Attorney Beizer stated that he represented Mr. DiMartino and is the Attorney and Manager for Mr. John Whitehead who is the internationally known singer willing to perform the song that Mr. DiMartino wrote to honor the fire service. Attorney Beizer gave a brief career overview of John Whitehead.

Mr. DiMartino stated that he wrote "Six White Doves" to honor firefighters all over the world. He believes this song is appropriate for its cause. As you listen to this recording remember this is just a demo recording and it has many changes to go through lyrically and musically, before it reaches its final recording. With your support we can bring this song to the forefront, showing the rest of the country, the pride the people of Connecticut feel. We can declare this song as the first official firefighter's song honoring our fallen heroes. He stated that his goal is to see proceeds from the sale of this record go towards the firefighter's fund enabling them to purchase the necessary equipment to make their work safer, as they make ours. Your consideration is vital in achieving this goal.

Several songs were played for the Commissioners to demonstrate the Artist, the quality of the recording that can be achieved, a song produced for the City of Hartford and the "Six White Doves".

Mr. Morrissette stated that he had a number of copies available to share with any fire service organization or national group for consideration.

A question and answer period followed.

Vice Chairman Kowalski returned the meeting to the normal order of business and moved to item 4.

Mr. Morrissette gave an update on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial project. A tentative date for a groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for June 12 at 2:00 p.m. A meeting was held yesterday trying to set forth preliminary plans for that event. The final design work for the memorial should be completed shortly and bid specifications for the site work developed. As part of our lease agreement this project was brought to the attention of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and they will ultimately be responsible for approving the work and flagging the wet land areas. Also yesterday there was a sub-committee meeting of the Memorial Committee to begin establishing criteria for memorializing individuals on the memorial. A draft statement establishing line of duty death criteria has been developed. This will be published and distributed shortly through the State Firefighters' Association for comment by all fire departments. Once this statement has been reviewed and modifications made the criteria will be put in place.

Commissioner Nicol questioned the time selected for when to hold the groundbreaking ceremony and added that this would place a hardship on the fire service taking part in this event.

Mr. Morrissette stated a typical groundbreaking ceremony is not a big event, it is more to garner some publicity for additional fundraising efforts and the like. The program is very short with not more than three speeches planned. It should be concluded in a timeframe of less than an hour. More consideration will be placed on the dedication ceremony rather than the groundbreaking itself.

Moving to item 4 b.) Mr. Morrisette gave an overview of the CFSA Education Committee established to serve as a liaison between the Association and the Regional Fire Schools. In addition, the Commission was asked to have representatives serve on that committee. Commissioner James Wilkinson is the primary representative and the alternate is Commissioner John Vendetta. There has been one meeting since the committee was formally established and he asked Commissioner Wilkinson to report on activities.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that he attended the first meeting and that the committee is at present meeting on a monthly basis because of the pending regional school legislation. After the legislative session this committee will probably meet on a quarterly schedule. The meeting was well attended with all but one regional school in attendance. He stated that all representatives of the regional schools were very motivated and united in their efforts and because it was near the scheduled Fire Service Day at the Capitol most of the discussion centered on that subject. Representatives asked that a member of the Academy staff be appointed to represent the Academy at future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Academy. With the exception of the fact that he had contact over the weekend with Al Hawkins about some developments that have happened during the last week or so, the momentum of Bill #6542 is still gathering some steam but now seems to have gotten watered down somewhat. He stated that he would bring up this subject for discussion under matters to be raised by Commissioners later on.

Mr. Morrisette stated that he has spoken with both Al Hawkins and with President Bunnell of the Firefighter's Association regarding staff representation on the Committee. There was a favorable response to his request; however, he has not received formal confirmation of this.

Moving to item 4 c.) Mr. Morrisette gave a legislative update and asked representatives of various organizations with legislation pending to comment on their initiatives. He stated that he received a call last week and was appraised that it appears the funding for the thermal imaging camera (TIC) program may be reduced. Originally the Governor had included \$3 million as part of his budget. There were two or three bills also in the legislature with a similar amount of funding. He is now told that the legislature has reduced the proposed appropriation although he has nothing in writing. The two main reasons for the reduction he was told is that the legislature became aware that Anthem Blue Cross has made over 100 grants to various municipalities that have Anthem as their primary health insurance carrier for their employees. These municipalities will receive a small grant, around \$2,500, that should go towards the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. Secondly, with the FIRE ACT now passed, legislators feel that every fire department has a good chance of getting a windfall of money.

He stated that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Procurement Division published an RFP, about six weeks ago. The due date for responses from the vendors was one week ago, Friday. DAS asked him to assemble a committee, with representatives who have not been part of the planning process to serve as an evaluation team. He contacted five of the statewide fire service organizations and asked them each to supply a representative to serve on the evaluation team. All of those organizations have come forth with a representative. There are preliminary plans to meet this Thursday and next week to finalize the evaluation. The Office of Fiscal Analysis needs some dollar figures to determine if they are in the ballpark with available funding or whether they have to rethink the entire project. Also, it came to our attention that one of the TIC vendors is considering filing a lawsuit because they feel the process that had been utilized to develop the RFP was compromised.

Vice Chairman Kowalski gave an update on a proposed sprinkler bill. The intent of this bill is to provide enabling legislation and tie it to CGS Sec. 29-315, to enabling any community to adopt an ordinance for all new one and two family homes. The bill passed through Public Safety, went back to the floor, came off the house floor, it was then referred to the LCO, came out of that, went back to the floor, came back out of that, went to the Planning and Development Committee which is the Committee of Cognizance of any statute that would effect a community or municipality. We thought we had it almost through there with no problem until last Friday when an amendment was tacked on which eliminated the enabling language and provided language for an amendment. The amendment was to have the State Fire Marshal investigate the need of sprinklers in one or two family homes. If they are deemed needed, then they will promulgate regulations to mandate it. What that did is it turned it from an enabling statute to mandated statute once the need is assessed. This is a little different then what the original intentions were. This could cause a severe impact to communities that did not want to enact a local ordinance.

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that as far as any of the fireworks legislation, to our knowledge, none of the fireworks bills got out of committee. We're still pursuing data and please communicate to your organizations to report any fireworks emergencies to their fire marshal who in turn will report to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

A discussion period followed on the sprinkler bill.

Commissioner Wilkinson inquired about the distribution criteria for the thermal imaging cameras.

Mr. Morrissette stated the only population criteria that was discussed was actually in the hope that additional funding would be available to provide additional cameras to those municipalities with population increments greater than 25,000.

Moving to item 4 d.) Mr. Morrissette gave an update on the status of the Limited Access Highway account. It appears that OPM will make up the approximate \$28,000 shortfall in the Limited Access Highway grant program by reducing the amount proposed to be transferred. Our agency had money which the Administrator was going to transfer to the Department of Social Services to take care of a significant shortfall in one of the Medicaid Programs. We anticipate confirmation of this within the next few weeks. As part of our proposed budget, the Governor's Office did include an additional \$20,000 to this account based upon passed claim history and reimbursements made by the agency. Hopefully that will take care of any additional problems in subsequent years.

A discussion period followed.

Moving to item 4 e.) Mr. Morrissette stated that at the February meeting an Agency Website Privacy Policy Draft was distributed for review and action.

Vice Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Agency Website Privacy Policy.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Munkenbeck and SECONDED by Commissioner Milewski to approve the Agency Website Privacy Policy. Motion carried.*

Moving to item 5 b.) Mr. Piskura gave an overview of a special initiative for the New London Fire Department. Mr. Piskura stated that he met with the Human Resource Director for the City of New London to discuss recruitment and training of protected class members into the career fire department. He is helping them develop a pre-employment training program. This is an abbreviated 40-hour program with subjects extracted from the FF-I and FF-II curriculum, Introduction to the Fire Service. Hazardous Materials, Fire Department Organization, an introduction to CPAT which candidates will be required to go through, power tools, CPR, map reading, sprinklers, SCBA and ropes and knots. This is not designed to end with any certification. It is just strictly a familiarization to the fire service. This project has taken on a life of its own and the lead for this project is retired Chief Dan Keogh formerly of Poquonock Bridge. He is doing an excellent job representing the Academy. What has come to light separate from our involvement down there, the appointing authority of the Personnel Department for the City of New London may have an unusual approach to determine who is eligible to apply and who isn't. There may be court challenges not for what we are specifically doing but for what the City of New London may be doing. From the training aspect we feel that we are doing everything appropriately and we are not involved with the appointing authority that can pick and choose firefighters. There is another component of this that at the end of this 40-hour program there will be a test administered that the city uses to rank people.

Mr. Piechota explained that the test that will be developed is based upon the topics mentioned by Mr. Piskura. The topics covered are part of the FF-I and FF-II level and questions were drawn from our FF-I certification examination question banks. Some questions were created based on areas covered in the abbreviated program. He stated he was comfortable we could justify this examination the same as we have done any other examinations that have been challenged.

Vice Chairman Kowalski inquired to what extent would it be the actual CPAT Program training or is it going to be a derivative.

Mr. Piskura stated that it would be the actual orientation session in preparation for taking the CPAT exam itself.

Moving to item 5 c.) Mr. Piskura stated that he and Mr. Morrisette met with the agency's Assistant Attorney General (AG) to discuss several issues such as social security number use, data privacy concerns, minimum age, and out-of-state assignments and contract language. It is highly recommended by the Attorney General's Office that the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control expand its stated mission to include references either specifically to CPAT and possibly making enabling in "other services". We're primarily a training and information agency. This board over one year ago voted to get involved in CPAT. We believe the rank and file staff is protected by your action then. But according to the Assistant Attorney General there is a fine line the State of Connecticut will elect to support or not in a litigation case. The AG's Office advises that we incorporate CPAT as a bona fide service of the Commission.

The second recommendation was to also include Industrial Fire Training Programs that also should be referenced as a bona fide activity of the Commission. The third item pertained to out-of-state training which the Assistant Attorney General highly recommended we incorporate a reference to what we are doing, whether we are training a municipality or doing industrial training. It is very clear that from the

safest standpoint our Assistant Attorney General recommends that we incorporate references to these various things that we do into a statement that covers our activities.

Mr. Morrisette stated that from a legislative standpoint, in the past, when it's been explored to open up our legislative mandates there was some concern. Anytime you do that you run the risk of other unintended actions being forced upon you by the legislature. This is something that we would like to explore as a staff and possibly come up with draft language for consideration during the next legislative session. We can do it on an agency level with policy statements and direction from the Commission but it would probably be cleaner and beneficial to do it by technical amendments. At this time we just bring this to your attention for discussion.

Commissioner Nicol inquired if this would be an amendment to the Commission's legislation.

Mr. Morrisette responded affirmatively that it would be amended to incorporate the AG's recommendations.

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that the staff do some research to determine if any additional areas need to be added to the amended legislation.

A discussion period followed with Commissioners in agreement that the staff should move forward and prepare draft language.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Stankye and SECONDED by Commissioner Wilkinson authorizing the State Fire Administrator to develop the necessary changes for possible legislation changes. Motion carried.*

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that because of some issues in reference to voting, he would like to recommend that when a vote is taken for the purposes of accepting or supporting a specific issue that we utilize a roll call vote. Additionally, he recommended that when a Commissioner is making or seconding a motion they should repeat their name for the record. He asked Commissioners what their feeling was on the roll call vote.

Commissioner Milewski stated that he did not think it would be a problem because many of the items voted on are unanimous and usually for standard business. However, if the motion is on a matter of a controversial nature, then a roll call vote would be a good idea.

Vice Chairman Kowalski requested that a roster be available at all Commission meeting for a roll call vote when necessary.

A discussion period followed.

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that he would like to put on the table for discussion Bill #6542 and some information that surfaced over the past weekend pertaining to the regional fire school issue. Quite frankly he stated that he takes exception to some of the issues mentioned in the correspondence as not being correct. An email communication was sent by Al Hawkins and addressed to Commissioner Wilkinson and several Regional Fire School representatives. Vice Chairman Kowalski

proceeded to read the communication. In his communication Mr. Hawkins states that "Representative Pawlekiewicz confirmed that there appears to be information coming from the Governor's office about a "turf fight" between the Connecticut Fire Academy and the funding of the regional fire schools. In this communication Mr. Hawkins requested that the Commission go on record with the Governor's staff and members of the House of Representatives and Senate with their stand on this bill. He stated that he is aware that there are many open issues regarding the future funding of the regional schools and how their mission should coordinate with the Connecticut Fire Academy. In closing he stated that he thinks that the failure of this legislation to pass this legislative session will have severe impact on the future of fire service training in Connecticut."

Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that based on the information given by the sub-committee the Commission developed a unified statement at the February Commission meeting to support the regional fire schools in their effort to acquire funding. He stated that he was concerned that the regional fire schools feel that there is information coming from the CFA against their effort. He feels that maybe the Commission again needs to send a letter to the committee to explain that our resolve is still to assist the regional schools in soliciting funding and facilitate their improvements. One area of concern with this bill is the large price tag, but anything is attainable as long as it is worked in a unified position. One thing that concerns him is the fact is that we're being perceived as not being unified.

Commissioner Munkenbeck stated that the Commission's minutes are public record and due to the fact that there was no meeting last month, no one has seen the approved minutes which shows that the Commission supports the regional schools in their effort.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that he contacted Mr. Morrissette yesterday to discuss this matter. It was Mr. Morrissette's opinion, which made a lot of sense, that there are very few people at the Academy in a position to communicate with the Governor's Office. One of Al Hawkins' immediate concerns was that he was under the impression that there was a Bonding and Revenue meeting this morning and if the Bill did not come out of this meeting then it was dead for this legislative year. He recommended that an email be sent to the Governor, LT. Governor, the leadership of House and Senate and members of the regional fire school committee stating that at the February meeting this Commission did vote in favor of that legislation and ask them to support it.

Mr. Morrissette stated that he spoke with Al Hawkins yesterday morning and the LT. Governor's Office to discuss this issue. Previous to today there was only one contact between the LT. Governor and this office and that was the afternoon prior to the Fire Service Legislative Reception. The LT. Governor personally called to inquire about the regional school bonding request because she was receiving letters and calls asking for support. She was looking for some background information. He stated that he gave her full background including the fact that the Commission had already voted at their February meeting to go on record as supporting the regional fire school initiative. Following this conversation he hand delivered to her office a copy of the regional school plan, a map identifying the location of the facilities and a copy of their current fiscal year grant through the Comptroller's Miscellaneous Account. He stated that he did share this information with Al Hawkins and also with Representative Pawlekiewicz who had also received a call from the LT. Governor that day. The LT. Governor's response to Representative Pawlekiewicz was that she could not currently support this proposal because her legislative agenda was set. The request had just come to her attention and she



had concerns over the dollar amount. She stated that she does not want to see the issue die, but rather would like to see some funding go towards the conduct of a comprehensive engineering study.

Mr. Morrisette stated that in the Commission's letter of support to the State Firefighters Association he left it open ended that whatever the Association would like him or the Commission to do in support of the project to let him know. To date he has not been asked to do anything except a request from Al Hawkins who inquired about the likely hood were of the bill getting out of the Public Safety Committee. He stated that he called the Public Safety Committee and was assured that the bill would get out and relayed that information immediately to Mr. Hawkins.

Commissioner Brammer stated that he agrees with Commissioner Wilkinson that the damage has been done, but he thinks that it's more important to get a message out there that this is not the case at all amongst the firefighters and the regional schools. Something has to be done to put a halt to some of the rumors out there.

Commissioner Munkenbeck stated that it doesn't sound like the politics and the groundwork for this issue was handled very well. He stated that he didn't feel that the Commission should be in the middle of this issue.

Commissioner Haber stated we are in the middle and it's a matter of record we voted it down in January. The vote was changed in February and those minutes were just approved. Nobody is aware of the vote change.

Commissioner Nicol stated that this request has a big price tag and to think that it's going to happen the first year a request is made that is unreasonable. He does not think that the Commission should put pressure on the Administration to support this bill.

Commissioner Stankye stated that he doesn't think the request is to bang on the Administration's door. What has to be done is to stop the damage that's been done. He stated that he agrees with what Commissioner Brammer has suggested to send an email message to the Governor, LT Governor and the heads of the Appropriations Committee restating that the Commission is in favor of the request for funding for the regional fire schools.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnson and SECONDED by Commissioner Wilkinson authorizing the State Fire Administrator to send a letter to reaffirm the Commission's support of the regional fire schools' request for funding to all the Directors of the regional fire schools, Chairman and Co-Chair of the Finance Committee and legislative representatives concerned.*

Mr. Morrisette stated that he would like to have the flexibility of sending out two separate letters. One letter to respond to the email message going to the directors of the regional schools and a separate letter to be sent to the legislative representatives and Chairman and Co-Chair of the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Nicol requested that a copy of the letter sent to the legislative representatives be also sent to all the directors of the regional schools.

Commissioner Brammer asked Commissioner Johnson if it would be better in the motion to leave open for the State Fire Administrator to send the letter to whom he sees fit rather than designating certain people.

*MOTION was AMENDED by Commissioner Johnson and SECONDED by Commissioner Wilkinson authorizing the State Fire Administrator to send a letter to reaffirm the Commission's support of the regional fire schools' funding request to all persons concerned on this matter.*

Commissioner Stankye stated that the purpose of this effort is to stop the damage that's been done and to let everyone know where this Commission stands.

A discussion period followed.

*Motion carried.*

Commissioner Haber read a letter of thanks from Commissioner Vendetta and Family regarding the Commission's expression of sympathy on the recent death of his wife.

Mr. Morrisette gave an update on the FIRE ACT legislation and thanked the Training Division for quickly putting together two grant writing workshops. He expressed thanks to Adjunct Instructor Robert Drozynski from Norwich who was able to develop curriculum and put together a very nice program. He stated that he coordinated with Congressman Larson's Office and CRCOG to have a FEMA representative attend the two Grant Writing Workshops scheduled in April. Also, we coordinated and advertised via the list serve a FEMA EENET Teleconference on the FIRE ACT Grant program. The program was aired live at the CFA on April 9, which was opened to viewers.

Mr. Morrisette reported that the agency's part-time information technology (IT) staff person is transferring to a full time position with the UConn Law School. This leaves the agency without any IT support.

Mr. Morrisette invited Commissioners to take a walk through the bookstore even though it is not yet complete.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about concerns or issues with the current recruit program.

Mr. Piskura stated that there is a problem and there has always been because there is some misperceptions among the Career Chiefs as to what we can or can't do at the Academy. The Career Chiefs have formed a users group to look at several issues such as curfew time, mandatory lodging policy and night training for the recruit program.

Discussion period followed.

Commissioner Nicol asked for an update of the CPAT program.

Mr. Piskura stated that CPAT was taking off with the Fairfield Fire Department coming on board.

Mr. Morrisette stated that a quote has been received from Tilcon who is the contractor who will do the paving for the Meriden Facility. We are awaiting word from DPW as to when the funding will be transferred to this agency allowing issuance of an agency purchase order for paving. It appears paving will be completed within the next few weeks to permit scheduled CPAT sessions to commence. We were also told that DPW would be providing funding for a replacement boiler.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Piskura stated that while at the National Fire Academy last Friday; at that point they only had about 500 applications for the FIRE ACT grant. He spoke of the urgent need for all fire departments in the state to apply for something, for anything. He stated that it is a very easy process and all fire departments in the state should take advantage of. He offered his assistance to any department needing help.

A discussion period followed.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Munkenbeck and SECONDED by Commissioner Maheu to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

Mr. Morrisette spoke about a request from Bruce Varga, Fire Inspector, Milford Fire Department to provide support and serve as a co-sponsor of their Juvenile Firesetting Coalition Annual Conference on May 31, 2001. He stated that he agreed to label the brochures and absorb the mailing costs as our contribution to this conference.

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Nicol and SECONDED by Commissioner Johnson to support the Milford Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Coalition with their conference. Motion carried.*

Vice Chairman Kowalski adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Edward F. Haber, Secretary  
Commission on Fire  
Prevention and Control

### **MOTIONS**

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### **STAFF FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED**

**Commission Legislation Amendment(s)** – Vice Chairman Kowalski stated that the staff do some research to determine if any additional areas need to be added to the amended legislation.

Commissioners in agreement that the staff should move forward and prepare draft language.

**Commission Roll Call Vote** – Vice Chairman Kowalski requested that a roster be available at all Commission meeting for a roll call vote when necessary.

**Regional Fire School Bill Support** – Commissioner Nicol requested that a copy of the letter sent to the legislative representatives be also sent to all the directors of the regional schools. (NOTE: See motion and amended motion above on this same subject.)