

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

April 12, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

1701 N. Congress Avenue, William B. Travis Building, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas

1. Roll call –10:00 a.m.
2. Adoption of the January 12, 2012 commission meeting minutes.
3. The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees will meet on April 12, 2012 during the commission meeting and may develop recommendations to be presented to the full commission including but not limited to, modifications to the agency operating budget, strategic plan and legislative appropriations request. The subcommittees may meet separately or together.
4. Report from the Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees with discussion and possible action relating to any recommendations developed by these subcommittees.
5. Reports from fire service interest groups and agencies on matters relating to organizational purposes, functions, and objectives, including, but not limited to, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Association of Fire Educators, the Texas Forest Service, the National Fire Protection Association, Safe-D, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.
6. Discussion and possible action concerning reports by the Commission representative to the Texas Fire School Advisory Board and by representatives of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) regarding fire protection training provided by TEEX through its Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI).
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a new Commission representative to serve on the Texas Fire School Advisory Board.
8. New matters from the commission, staff, or public regarding rulemaking which may be discussed in future commission meetings.
9. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates.
10. Recognition of Hutto Fire & Rescue for its contributions to Safety in the Fire Service, 16-Life Safety Initiatives – Everyone Goes Home.
11. Matters referred from the Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (FFAC), including, but not limited to:
 - A. Discussion and possible final adoption on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
 1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 421, Standards for Certification, including, but not limited to, §421.9, Designation of Fire Protection Duties.
 2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 435, Fire Fighter Safety, including, but not limited to, §435.1, Protective Clothing.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments, new sections, repeals, and rule reviews as follows:
 1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 427, Training Facility Certification, Subchapter C, Training Programs for On-Site and Distance Training Providers, including but not limited to, §427.305, Procedures for Testing Conducted by On-Site and Distance Training Providers.

2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 431, Fire Investigation, Subchapter A, Minimum Standards for Arson Investigator Certification, including but not limited to, §431.9, Minimum Standards for Master Arson Investigator Certification.
 3. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 437, Fees, including but not limited to, §437.15, International Fire Service Accreditation (IFSAC) Seal Fees.
 4. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC, Chapter 439, Examinations for Certification, Subchapter A, Examinations for On-Site Delivery Training, including but not limited to, §439.1, Requirements-General, and §439.11, Commission-Designated Performance Skill Evaluations.
 5. Proposed new, 37 TAC, Chapter 455, Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire Protection Certification, including but not limited to new §455.1, Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire Protection Personnel, new §455.3, Minimum Standards for Basic Wildland Fire Protection Certification, new §455.5, Minimum Standards for Intermediate Wildland Fire Protection Certification, and new §455.7, Examination Requirements.
 6. Proposed new, 37 TAC, Chapter 457, Minimum Standards for Incident Safety Officer, including but not limited to new §457.1, Incident Safety Officer Certification, new §457.3, Minimum Standards for Incident Safety Officer Certification, and new §457.5, Examination Requirements.
- C. Report from the Curriculum and Testing Committee with discussion and possible action on amendments to the Certification Curriculum Manual, including but not limited to:
- a. Basic Aircraft Rescue Fire Suppression Curriculum-addition of International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA), *Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations (5th Edition) (2008)* to the reference list
 - b. Fire Inspector Curriculum-addition of "Course Phase Outlines" to Chapter 4
 - c. Fire Investigator Curriculum-addition of "Course Phase Outlines" to Chapter 5
12. Discussion only regarding Chapter 449, Head of a Fire Department, including but not limited to, §449.1, Minimum Standards for the Head of a Fire Department, §449.3, Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Suppression Fire Department, and §449.5, Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Prevention Only Department.
 13. Discussion only regarding 2011 fire fighter injury data collected.
 14. Discussion and possible action on matters from the Executive Director.
 - A. Report on decisions of the Executive Director in contested cases and consent orders.
 - B. Status of division functions.
 15. Executive session pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.074, for the discussion of personnel matters: the appoint, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director, and the appointment, employment, reassignment, or duties of personnel acting on an Interim basis in this position.
 16. Open session for further discussion and possible action regarding preceding agenda item.
 17. Adjourn meeting.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection may go into executive session on any agenda item if authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.