

Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
	January 14, 2014	10:00 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218	
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Committee Members:</u> Jim Steele, Dudley Wright, Richard Sacco, Steve Robertson, Phil McLean</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Rachel Moore, Mel House, Doug Orahood, John Sands</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> None</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Scott Walker, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy; Steve Goheen, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Clark State Community College; Bill Brobst, University of Findlay; Laura Hoehne, University of Findlay</p>			
ABSENT	Committee Members: Eric Waltemire			
AGENDA TOPICS				
TOPIC	Welcome			
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order at 10:09. The meeting minutes from November 2013 were reviewed and approved without change; Sacco 1 st , Robertson 2 nd , none opposed, minutes approved.			
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	None			
TOPIC	Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors			
DISCUSSION	The Executive Board meeting is being held this Saturday, January 18, 2014. The Ohio Symposium was a huge success; there were over 160 attendees during those two days.			
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	None			
TOPIC	State Fire Marshal			
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Walker brought the State Fire Marshal report to the committee; he stated that there has been a number of staffing changes at the Fire Marshal. Ken Klouda moved from the FSI program to Fire Prevention, leaving an opening in the FSI program. Heidi Stone is now over the EMS Program.</p> <p>The FF1 grant program has been extremely successful, they are currently right on target; there will be another \$500,000 to be distributed for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014. It has been a very positive experience for all the departments and charters in getting current volunteer firefighters trained to transition to the firefighter 1 certification.</p>			
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	None			
TOPIC	Fire Coordinator Report			
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Orahood sent an email out to all the Fire Program Directors letting them know that there will be a webinar discussing all the changes in the fire rules. The two dates are February 12, from 9-12, and February 25, from 1-4. All Program Directors need to participate in at least one of the webinars.</p> <p>The Practical Skills Sheets have been updated and are currently on the EMS website, and can be used by all the fire charters voluntarily until the Fire Rules officially go into effect on April 1, at that time they will be required as part of the fire training. Mr. Orahood is finishing up the Evaluator's Training Manual to go along with training evaluators for the implementation of the Practical Skills.</p> <p>The Objective Check-Off Sheets were changed around by Mr. Orahood, and he distributed copies to all the members of the committee for review. Mr. Waltemire and Mr. Goheen have some changes they want made on the check off sheets, they want to move some of the objectives around on the sheets. Mr. Orahood needs to get approval on the check off sheets so the division can move forward with fire rule filing. Mr. Orahood stated that any changes that the committee may want made to the check off sheets should be forwarded to him, Mr.</p>			

Waltemire, or Ms. Moore. We need a motion to approve the check off sheets to move forward with rule filing.

Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the objective check off sheets with the understanding that they can and will likely be amended. Mr. McLean 2nd. None opposed, Motion approved.

There will be a public hearing for the fire rules on February 18th, Director House would like as many members of the Fire Committee that are able to, to be in attendance. The meeting will start around 9 or 10 am, Director House will forward the final details to the committee members.

Mr. Robertson feels that the company level FSI topic should be revisited, the committee agrees, and will continue to discuss this topic at a future meeting.

Fire Testing is going fairly well, the division is continuing to work with the IT department to iron out all the bugs.

The IFSTA 6th edition is the newest version of training material that will be used, and the fire tests will need to be updated to go along with the most current version.

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None		

TOPIC	Executive Director Report
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DISCUSSION	<p>The Division is working on getting a PA2 (Program Administrator 2) job posted on the state hiring website. The PA2 will be part of the Education section, but will be focusing on the fire side of things. The ideal candidate will be a fire training specialist and will need a strong background in fire training and education. This will be a full time position. The committee is encouraged to pass on this information to anyone they know who may be interested in this job.</p>
	<p>Bill Brobst and Laura Hoehne from the University of Findlay came before the committee to present their most recent draft of the 1403 Live Fire Training course that they were hired to create. The pilot for this course is scheduled for January 27-29th at the Ohio Fire Academy. Mr. Brobst thanked the committee for the opportunity to do this; their goal is to do what the committee wants as far as the course is concerned. Day 1 consists of taking the text of NFPA Standard 1403, in the order that it is written to give a good knowledge and background to everyone taking the course. Day 2 consists of doing the actual live burn. By the end of day 2, all the students should be able to come away with all the knowledge and training to be able to run a live burn through their departments, or fire charters. Day 3 consists of working with an acquired structure, the class will be taken to an acquired structure, in the morning, and they will be able to take pictures, do drawings etc., and then the second half of the day they will go over the drawings and pictures and list what is necessary to prepare the house for an actual burn. They will work on a burn plan in the classroom. At the end of day 3, there should be a complete burn plan put into place. The University of Findlay feels that a day 4 and 5 could be added to the training. Day 4 would consist of prepping the acquired structure for the burn, and day 5 would be the burn day.</p>
	<p>Mr. Robertson shared his concerns about the timing on the modules, and that there isn't enough time for certain topics that should be covered. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed 1403 Live Fire Training Course.</p>
	<p>It has been decided upon that any instructor who had gone through the previous 1403 training course will be grandfathered in to the 1403 course requirement after the Fire Rules go into effect.</p>

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New Business

Nominations were held for the Chair and Co-Chair of the committee.

For Chair of the committee, Mr. Sacco nominated Jim Steele, Mr. Wright 2nd, none opposed, selection approved.

For Co-Chair of the committee, Mr. Wright nominated Steve Robertson, Mr. Sacco 2nd, none opposed, selection approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steele, Mr. Sacco-1st, and Mr. Wright/Mr. Robertson-2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

NEXT MEETING

Next meetings: (Every other month, 2nd TUESDAY. 10:00 am)

- Tuesday, March 11, 2014
 - Tuesday, May 13, 2014
 - Tuesday, July 8, 2014
 - Tuesday, September 9, 2014
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