

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	January 13, 2015	10:00 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room 134 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218

ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Chair: Jim Steele, Dudley Wright, Richard Sacco, Steve Robertson, Phil McLean
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director: Mel House, Doug Orahoad, Dan Swords, Vesna Bogdanovska, Susan Edwards
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None
	<i>Visitors:</i>	State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy: Scott Walker, Steve Goheen, Heidi Stone; Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors and Ohio Fire Officials Association: Dave Belcher; Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors: Jeff Cotner; Bloom Township Fire Department: Terry Gill
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Eric Waltemire

A G E N D A T O P I C S

TOPIC	→ <u>WELCOME & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.</p> <p><i>Chairman Steele made a motion for approving the meeting minutes from November 12, 2014. They were reviewed and approved with one change. On page 3, under Status of Live Fire Training Course in the CHAIR’S REPORT, the sentence “The changes are not implemented, so class cannot be run yet.” was changed to “The changes are implemented, and the class has run.”</i></p> <p><i>Motion to amend the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Mr. Steve Robertson;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Mr. Richard Sacco.</i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve the Amended Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Mr. Phil McLean;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Mr. Richard Sacco.</i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p>
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TOPIC	→ <u>OPEN FORUM</u>
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DISCUSSION	Chairman Steele asked the visitors to introduce themselves.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

TOPIC	→ <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p>Director House talked about the Military Provisions Ohio Administrative Code Public Hearing held on December 29, 2014. The rule will be final filed on January 26, 2015 and the effective date is being worked on.</p> <p>Concentration continues on improving the charter review process and revise renewal process and identifying live burn facilities statewide that are NFPA compliant.</p> <p>He discussed the roll out of the web based testing system and training webinars. The first webinar is scheduled for Thursday, January 15 and will be held using “Go To Meeting” which limits log-ons to 100.</p>
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There are currently three webinars scheduled and more will be added if necessary.

Discussed what is to be accomplished this year including finish revisions to the remainder of the fire training rules, Company Officer Inspector certification process, and live fire training process and asked for feedback from the Committee. He then took questions.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

None

DEADLINE

None

TOPIC

→ OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Mr. Dave Belcher provided the information and brochures about Ohio Weekend at the National Fire Academy scheduled for the first weekend in June. Mr. Belcher then distributed a letter from The Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors regarding the Live Burn (NFPA 1403) Training curriculum with a list of questions.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

None

DEADLINE

None

TOPIC

→ STATE FIRE MARSHAL / OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT

DISCUSSION

State Fire Marshal Superintendent Steve Goheen gave brief update on courses. FF1 and FF2 were extended to 8 weeks including a week of night ops while cutting costs. Staff has been working diligently at new catalogue and it will be comprehensive and user friendly.

Introduced new EMS coordinator Heidi Stone.

Mr. Goheen also mentioned the Outreach program that the academy is working with to develop agreements with regional partners to make the “Academy close to home” a reality.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

None

DEADLINE

None

TOPIC

→ EMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT

❖ Status of EMS and Course Examination Administrative System

DISCUSSION

Mr. Orahood started with the meetings and conferences that have been attended. Dan attended the OFOA meeting and opened a dialogue about what a Fire Inspector 1 and Fire Inspector 2 would look like and are waiting for feedback from the Ohio Fire Officials Association as to what each of those would look like to bring back to the committee. Work is being done to set the groundwork for the Company Level Inspector Certification.

Director House commented that the current Fire Inspector Curriculum is a hybrid of Inspector 1, Inspector 2 and Inspector 3. It has been a long time since it has been looked and as we look at the NFPA requirements against what we are providing, is it giving the fire service what they need? Changes would improve reciprocity and Pro Board certification.

Chairman Steele mentioned that close to 10 years ago when the Fire Inspector was revamped with the OFOA group to make sure the NFPA requirements were being met and that the ground work is probably still there.

Mr. Orahood asked Mr. Swords to comment on the live fire training course. Mr. Swords commented that he would work with Chairman Steele to plan a work session where the curriculum could be laid out and he would accept feedback in the meantime.

Chairman Steele stated he had received one phone call on the live fire training and with the live burn they could go in excess of the 24 hours. He noted that he saw nothing in the rule to prohibit that. Mr. Swords agreed that they could exceed. Mr. Robertson discussed live burn testing.

Mr. Orahood reviewed the rollout of the new EMS Course Administration and Examination System which will replace the current EMS test system. Sessions were held with staff to catch bugs in system and review the training manual. 10 Program Directors and Proctors from around the state came in and tested the new system in December. The new system separates the responsibilities of the Program Directors and Proctors. The Webinars are scheduled for January 15, 22, and 28th. Each session is done through Go-To Meeting and is limited to 100 log ins. The session on January 15th is for Program Directors only. PDs will be responsible for training the Proctors with the manual. Testing will be suspended from February 2

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through February 8 to allow for testing and clean up. New system will go active on February 9. Mr. Robertson attended one of the sessions in December and agrees that the system will be an improvement. Chairman Steele asked about the number of charters and asked if the new system will be able to generate reports such as which charters ran what courses and for how many students. Per Mr. Orahod, we are working with the IT department to get Crystal Report to build reports.

Mr. Orahod presented a letter from Chief Siders regarding a question on a skill sheet 7-1 and turned the discussion over to Chairman Steele who had a conversation with Chief Siders regarding the skill sheet. Per Chairman Steele, the Chief's problem with the skill sheet was with the raise of the 35 foot ladder using only 2 people and that it should be a 3 person raise. Also the 5 minute time limit versus 10 minutes for a lighter, shorter ladder. Mr. Robertson believes that all times were changed to 10 minutes in the past and this one was somehow overlooked. After conversation, the decision was made to amend the time to 10 minutes and make the skill a 2 to 3 person raise and the text will be changed to reflect that a 28 foot ladder is 2 person and a 35 foot ladder is a 2 to 3 person raise. Mr. Swords will come up with language and send it out to the committee for review.

The second skill sheet for review is 7-2 which places a firefighter at the butt end of the ladder and a firefighter at the tip of the ladder. The question was raised whether this was for 1 or 2 candidates. After discussion, the conclusion was reached that Mr. Robertson will research and redo skill sheet 7-2 to be more in line with 7-1 and that one candidate will be tested at a time.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

TOPIC	→ <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>
	❖ Status of Live Fire Training Course

DISCUSSION	<p>Chairman Steele asked whether the work session on 1403 should be before or after the live training. After discussion, it was decided to wait until after the live training.</p> <p>Chairman Steele asked that people check back with their organizations about the Company Inspector course and what the feelings are. Similar to 2007-2008 but the intent is to have someone go out to do some hazard mitigation not to write the citation. Notice of hazard to document. Needs to be a certification for metropolitan departments to buy in to it. Previously, Chief of the Inspectors Bureau out of the Fire Marshal's Office objected to it and said they would not support it but the NFPA standard changed in 2013. The Marshal's office should be asked to talk with the Chief Inspector for buy in.</p> <p>Chairman Steele opened the floor for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chairman for the 2015 Firefighter and Fire Inspector Training Subcommittee. Chief Jim Steele was nominated for Chairman by Chief Dudley Wright and the nomination was seconded by Richard Sacco. None opposed, none abstained, and the nomination was approved. Chief Steele accepted the nomination. Chief Dudley Wright was nominated for Vice Chairman by Mr. Richard Sacco and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Steve Robertson. Chief Wright accepted the nomination.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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TOPIC	→ <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
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DISCUSSION	None.
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TOPIC	→ <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Walker asked about the issue of reciprocity and/or reinstatement and the problem of how many practical skills the person needs to take and the availability of testing sites available, especially during the winter months. Discussion ensued and</p>
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TOPIC	→ <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
DISCUSSION	<p data-bbox="402 254 1109 289"><i>A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Steele:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="516 296 938 363" style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First: Mr. Steve Robertson;</i>• <i>Second: Mr. Dudley Wright.</i> <p data-bbox="402 365 1089 401"><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> <p data-bbox="402 432 821 468">Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>

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