

Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
	March 11, 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, Deanna Harris</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Rachel Moore, Mel House, Doug Orahood, John Sands, Vesna Bogdanovska</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> None</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Ted Huffman, Tri-C; Daniel Waitkus, Tri-C; Randy Hormann, FCA; Steve Goheen, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors; Scott Walker, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy; Dave Belcher, OSFSI; Terry Gill, Ohio Fire Academy; Sherman Smith, Cincinnati Fire Department; Hugh Hains, Cincinnati Fire Department; Ryan Swank, North Central Ohio Fire Training Academy; Gerald Robinson, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy; Laura Hoehne, University of Findlay; Bill Brobst, 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 January 2014 were reviewed and approved without change; Sacco 1 st , McLean 2 nd , none opposed, minutes approved. Wishing good luck to Rachel Moore in her new position with Highway Patrol.			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None				
TOPIC	Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors			
DISCUSSION	Dave Belcher shared the report for the OSFSI; he stated that the regional programs have been temporarily suspended. On May 10 th , there will be a spring meeting held at the Ohio Fire Academy. They are also currently in the process of planning the Fall Instructor Development Symposium to be held in November at the Ohio Fire Academy.			
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None				
TOPIC	State Fire Marshal			
DISCUSSION	Mr. Walker shared the State Fire Marshal's report. He stated that during the current fiscal year 533 individuals were able to transition from Volunteer to the Firefighter 1 certification thanks to the grant offered by the State Fire Marshal. The new fiscal year will begin on July 1 st , at that time there will be another grant cycle beginning for departments/schools to be able to transition volunteer firefighters up to the firefighter 1 level. Kim Hodnet is the contact at the State Fire Marshal for the grant. The construction project on campus is continuing to move along.			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None				
TOPIC	Fire Coordinator Report			
DISCUSSION	<p>The new fire rules are set to be effective April 3rd, but a lot of things will need to be accomplished between now and that point. Mr. Orahood is working with groups of subject matter experts to review all the questions in the item banks for the Volunteer, Firefighter 1, and Firefighter 2 exams. They are hoping to remove any questions that are bad, and to get the item banks updated for the new curriculum. The updates and fixes on the web based testing system are set to be completed by the IT department in the next 30-60 days.</p> <p>The online Fire Instructor hybrid course for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) was brought before the committee again hoping for final approval and to be able to present it. Mr. Orahood reviewed the course and the addendum that Mr. Huffman brought and recommended that the committee approve it and allow Tri-C to move ahead with the online Fire Instructor course. The online class records will need to be maintained the same as the paper class records are maintained and available for review during a site visit. The rules pertaining to online training classes and requirements are found in the OAC 4765-11-18.</p>			

This topic was discussed for a portion of the meeting; the committee felt that Day 2 of the course syllabus needed to match the cover letter that was attached to the proposed hybrid online instructor course. There also needs to be an updated make-up policy for class/online training that is missed by any of the students.

Mr. McLean made a motion to run a pilot of the hybrid online fire instructor course, and then have feedback from Tri-C on how the class went, no more than a couple weeks after the conclusion. Mr. Robertson second. None opposed, motion approved.

Testing: The Fire Safety Inspector test will not change, it is already built up to the current standard. As for the Practical Skills, 90% of the components are ready to go. The goal is to have everything completed with IT by April 3rd, so they are ready for the new fire rules effective date. There is a request for comment sheet on the EMS website that can be filled out if anyone has any suggested changes to be made to the skill sheets once they are being used by all of the fire training programs.

Webinar: The webinar seemed to be rather successful, the Division is willing to do Regional meetings for anyone who missed the webinar and has questions about the new fire rules, etc. Mr. McLean felt the webinar went real well, and thinks that is a good method to get people together for informational purposes, rather than having them drive to one central location.

Apollo Career Center sent in a request to use the Jones & Bartlett Navigate system as their learning management system. The committee determined that they needed to speak with Apollo to see which publisher they use, and what training they do, before they can make a decision as to whether or not the Navigate system would be an acceptable tool to use.

The committee discussed a few emails that were sent in with questions regarding fire training. One email expressed concern with firefighters being trained to do a 24 ft. ladder carry and rise, the committee determined that this was appropriate, and the issue is not with the carrying of the ladder, but the raising of it. Another email questioned if the division will offer the option of all currently certified firefighters to be grandfathered in to the ProBoard if they wish to have the certification. It was recommended that each individual who wants a ProBoard certificate will have had to have completed practical skills in their initial training, or they will need to go through a practical skills test to be able to be grandfathered into ProBoard. The third question was the desire to mandate May Day training, so that everyone who is trained as a firefighter will be trained properly so they can get out of bad situations safely and with no loss of life. It was determined that the Program Directors are more than welcome to add additional training hours to their classes to focus on May Day training.

The committee had a brief recess at 11:30.....the meeting was reconvened at 11:40.

1403 Live Fire Training pilot course: The class was well received, they were however unable to do the live burn on Day 2, because of the extreme cold temperatures on that day. The smaller charters that attended felt that Day 2 was doable, though they don't have the resources; the larger charters felt that 8 hours was not enough time to run the live burn. There was discussion that the JPR's relating to the live fire training should be on the shoulders of each of the individual fire schools. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the live fire training course.

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None		

TOPIC	Executive Director Report
DISCUSSION	The Division is still in the process of trying to hire a PA2 (Program Administrator 2) who will be the Fire Training Specialist for the Division. They are looking for someone who has a strong background in firefighting and fire instruction. Interviews will start on Wednesday March 19 th .

The JCARR hearing for the fire rules is set for March 17, at 1:30 in the Senate Finance hearing room at the statehouse. Once the rules get past this point and are approved, they are set to be effective on April 3rd.

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None		
New Business		

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steele, Mr. Wright-1st, and Mr. Robertson-2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 12:41.

NEXT MEETING

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

- o Tuesday, May 13, 2014
- o Tuesday, July 8, 2014
- o Tuesday, September 9, 2014