

FIRFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE June 24, 2014	TIME 10:00 a.m.	LOCATION Washington Twp. FD-Admin. Bldg. 6200 Eiterman Rd., Dublin OH 43016
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Jim Steele (Chair), Eric Waltemire, Richard Sacco, Steve Robertson, Phil McLean	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Mel House, Doug Orahoad, Dan Swords, Vesna Bogdanovska	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	None	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Dudley Wright II	

REVIEW OF LIVE TRAINING COURSE

TOPIC	<u>Welcome</u>		
DISCUSSION	➤ The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None	None	None	

TOPIC	<u>Meeting Discussion</u>
DISCUSSION	<p>Discussion started with the Live Fire Training Course that was piloted in February. There were some issues; thoughts were that they would be selecting people from across Ohio to be a cross reference, but when the pilot course was running, only 28 people attended and half of the students were from the Ohio Fire Academy. This course did not get the opportunity for advice of counsel from the committee. They met in March 2014 and there was a discussion in previous meetings about the experience with the program. There were two (2) Fire Instructors that attended this program. There are about 6 pages with notes, but after that meeting, there was no information at all.</p> <p>All the course materials were sent on March 28. In May, a notification was received that a new class was presented from Hocking College which was very similar to the pilot course that was conducted by the Ohio Fire Academy years ago, offering a hybrid class on-line.</p> <p>It was discussed with the University of Findley that the committee wants the live fire training course to include a live burn. The class in Hocking College was scheduled last week but it was not a certified class. Notice was sent to them by division staff that the class needs to meet state standards, but there was no communication from them as of today.</p> <p>The discussion continued on the video for the pilot class. The one that is included in the program was received from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, but for Flow path, there needs to be more than one video shown.</p> <p>As a group, they have consensus on day one (1). This is a part of the class where they do more pilots testing and they are not aware of any issues for this part of the program. From the comment sheet, there are also a lot of positive comments for day three (3).</p> <p>The program has a problem with day two (2). The issue is with the live burn. It was advised at the time to include a live burn for this part of the 24 hour Operation level course. The goal was to produce a better class of instructor than was out there. The big concern on day two (2) from the pilot was what objectives they are really shooting at in live burn scenario. We waited for seven (7) years and now at the end it was rushed. The comment was made to increase the 24 hours; time can be a problem with JCARR.</p> <p>It was pointed out that there were close to 2700 Fire Service Instructors in the State of Ohio. Part of them does not want the live burn part in the class, and other part does not have ability to do it.</p> <p>Discussion returned to the materials provided from the University of Findley. It was pointed out that many of them were made correctly, like water flow calculation, but Findley did not have the same vision that the Fire Services Instructors have for live fires. There was talk about giving some examples for the day of burning, explaining the danger of using propane like liquid, pit fires, and doing acquired structures. It is</p>

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impossible to throw acquired structures in the additional 8 hours. Advice was that there needs to be a set minimum hours for that, not maximum. Discussion continued regarding the hours.

It was confirmed that the pilot was compressed and became a course for a short time. It was supposed to be ready in January, but because bad weather conditions the pilot was moved to February. This created some of the issues. It was advised to create a new rule about the hours for the class, and the same one will be pushed to go through JCARR at the end on this year. If a rule change is decided, it has to be now. Otherwise, it will have to wait for another five (5) years. Also, part of the discussion was to make some standards for Fire Charters that all need to be met.

Opinions for live burn continued in the discussion.

It was told that cost for becoming Fire Instructor is different in every school and they control that cost.

There was a discussion about fire charter audits and that they are a good way to control the schools. One of the ideas was the Division and Committee needs to control this new course. Discussion continued for Positional JPR's concept, in chapter 3 from the task book.

The conversation went back to the course, especially for live burn. 1403 was covered in day one (1). The question was who can do the class. If they do not have the props, why bother to do the class? Expenses were part of the conversation. It was told that the standards will go up if burns were added on.

Another question was what roll will be taken for Fire instructors in engineered buildings, roll as a student, as a safety officer or as a lead instructor. The concern is the minimum safety for this.

Conclusion was that this committee could correct this program. One proposal was to add on 2 more days in the course.

Conversations continued for Fire Charters. Right now there are Fire Charters that have the ability to teach any of the state certified classes; so that means that they can do the class without meeting new standards.

The committee is looking for directions if this needs to be pushed on, what the committee wants? Conclusions were that day one (1) is good and day three (3) is great the way it is. Day two (2) needs to be modified. Proposal was to flip day two (2) with day three (3) in the pilot. Ideas were written up on the representation wall board. (Please see the attachment below).

Discussion continued for adding guidance in the program and the committee members agreed on that. It just needs to be figured out how it can be accomplished.

It was pointed out that the committee made a mistake with the University of Findley because the guidance was not provided for live fire, but it was requested to be corrected.

Few assignments were assigned, please see below.

Discussions continued with how many Fire Instructors were certified, and what will be reviewed. A suggestion was to develop a track that will show who is doing the class.

This meeting was closed with the decision that new rules need to be written up, with suggestions for the amount of hours needed to be added to the program.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Different burn evolutions (Tactics)	Eric Waltemire / Dan Swords	July (On the next meeting)
Side pictures requirements (Strategies)	Mr. Phil Mclean	July (On the next meeting)
Bringing draft rules	Mr. Melvin House	September Meeting

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TOPIC	<u>Adjournment</u>
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DISCUSSION	➤ Meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.
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TOPIC	<u>Other</u>
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DISCUSSION	➤ Next meetings: Tuesday, July 8, 2014
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TOPIC	<u>Attachment</u>
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