

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE July 14, 2015	TIME 10:06 a.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room 134 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
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ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Chair: Phil McLean, Steve Robertson, Richard Sacco, Eric Waltemire, and Dudley Wright
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Sands, Dan Swords, and Valerie Koker
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None
	<i>Visitors:</i>	<i>Ohio Fire Academy</i> - Steve Goheen <i>EMFTS Board Chair</i> - Deanna Harris
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Jim Steele

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 style="text-align: center;">The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 2px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>Chairman Wright made a motion for approving the meeting minutes from May 12, 2015. Motion to Approve the 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> </div>
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TOPIC	➔ <u>OPEN FORUM</u>
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DISCUSSION	Chairman Wright acknowledged visitor, Steve Goheen, from the Ohio Fire Academy.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

TOPIC	➔ <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>
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DISCUSSION	Executive Director House reported that a rules coordinator has been hired. There have been 20 requests for changes drafted and it is in the process of being completed.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

TOPIC	➔ <u>OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR UPDATE</u>
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DISCUSSION	None
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	None	None

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TOPIC	➔ STATE FIRE MARSHAL / OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT		
DISCUSSION	Mr. Goheen stated the Ohio State Fire Marshal has received a purchase order to begin the academy classroom remodel. It will have state of the art classrooms to include new technology. One example of new technology is the ability for a student, who might be afraid to ask a question, to text a question to the instructor during class.		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC	➔ EMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT		
	❖ Status of Live Fire Training Course		
DISCUSSION	<p>Report from Dan Swords that the Live Fire Training course has been updated based on comments received from the pilot. Mr. Swords discovered a better quality video regarding fallen firefighters and working to add that to the program.</p> <p>Mr. Swords responded to questions regarding the certification process and when the rules will change. Concerns were brought up with respect to the timeline. This process is out of our hands, therefore, we cannot control the timeline.</p> <p>Mr. Eric Waltemire presented a proposed <i>Path to Becoming a Live Fire Trainer</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 40 Hour Public Safety Instructor Course including certification. • Enroll in the 24 Hour Live Fire Training Operations Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Complete the Life Fire Training Operations “certification” process within one year of completion of the course including live fire training. ➢ The live fire training “JPR’s” shall be sent back to the sponsoring charter for completion under the supervision of a chartered program/program director. ➢ Upon completion of the JPR process (shall be completed within one year of completion) the program director of the sponsoring charter shall submit a candidate application with a certificate of completion for the Life Fire Training operations course to the State of Ohio Division of EMS for certification. • All current Certified Fire Instructors (certified prior to April 7, 2014) shall be grandfathered in provided they accomplish the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Submit grandfathering application for certification. ➢ Sunset on certification opportunity for 3 years after grandfathering process is established. • Continuing Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Count as part of the (6 Hour) student participation hours. ➢ Participate in a live fire training evolution during each certification cycle. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 24 hour Live Fire Training Operations course may be completed in any 24 hour combination as long as the entire process is completed within one year of enrollment. • A certified fire instructor may enroll in the 24 Hour Live Fire Operations at any point. <p><u>Points of Discussion regarding the Path to Becoming a Live Fire Trainer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandfathered Certified Fire Instructors • Charter Program – proof of participation and different rules. • Certifications – 1 year to complete at enrollment or at completion? • Suggestion to have opportunity to take the test 3 times (currently they can only take the test once) <p>Dan Swords asked if there were any other changes to the language in curriculum or certification process for acquired structures. The curriculum is available for acquired structure. Suggested to add a minimum of a 24 Hours Operation Course.</p>		

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MOTION:

- A Motion to take what Dan Swords has provided, incorporate the changes that Eric Waltemire proposed to the path to be a live fire instructor and add in the option to do additional training for acquired structure with a minimum of a 24 hour course.
- **First: Mr. Phil McLean;**
- **Second: Mr. Eric Waltemire.**

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved

Mr. John Sands reported that the EMS course and examination system had a webinar to examine all of the updates that are being deployed today. Course attachments will deploy July 28, 2014. Director Melvin House stated the biggest challenge was the inability to take only the knowledge exam because it was necessary to sign up for a course. Now there is an option to sign up for the knowledge exam only. On August 1, 2015 the revamping of certification will be done.

Mr. John Sands reported they are working on the Skills USA to be held in 2016 at the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office. Ohio Department of EMS, the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office and the Ohio Department of Education are working together regarding the Skills USA in 2016.

The Ohio Fire Awards still needs a recipient for one category. Mr. Dudley Wright expressed his concern with the nominating system, as it is not an effective process. Executive Director House stated that all the organizations were solicited, however, it is up to the organizations to nominate those who are worthy. Executive Director House stated that DAS gave the Division of EMS permission to purchase the awards. Mr. Wright expressed his appreciation for the funding of the awards and EMS organizing the process.

Action Items	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Committee members e-mail Doug Orahod with the Ohio Fire Awards.	Doug Orahod	July 17, 2015

TOPIC	→ CHAIR'S REPORT
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DISCUSSION	Mr. Dudley Wright thanked everyone for the work done on the 1403 project.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC	→ NEW BUSINESS
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DISCUSSION	<p>MOTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To propose a rule change to allow 1 year from completion of courses to certify, excluding instructors. • First: Mr. Eric Waltemire • Second: Mr. Steve Robertson <p style="text-align: center;"><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the levels of inspectors. Dan Swords was asked to send all of the members a copy of the curriculum and objectives of the current class and then have a discussion.</p>
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Mr. Steve Goheen stated there are many complaints received regarding inspectors. The building industry would like to have inspectors who understand the building codes.

It was decided the committee will get the live fire and rules completed and then move forward on the research and have discussions at future meetings regarding inspectors.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dan Swords to provide the curriculum and objectives of the current class to the members of the committee.	Dan Swords	None

TOPIC	→ OLD BUSINESS
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DISCUSSION	None.
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TOPIC	→ ADJOURNMENT
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DISCUSSION	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p><i>A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dudley Wright:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First: Mr. Steve Robertson;</i> • <i>Second: Mr. Eric Waltemire,</i> • <i></i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> </div> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.</p>
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