

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE

| MINUTES | DATE August 26 th , 2014 | TIME 10:00 a.m. | LOCATION Washington Twp. FD-Admin. Bldg. 6200 Eiterman Rd., Dublin OH 43016 |
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| ATTENDEES | <i>Committee Members:</i> | Jim Steele, Dudley Wright, Richard Sacco, Steve Robertson, Phil McLean, Eric Waltemire | |
| | <i>(EMS) Staff:</i> | Mel House, John Sands, Doug Orahood, Dan Swords, Vesna Bogdanovska | |
| | <i>ODPS Staff:</i> | None | |
| | <i>Visitors:</i> | None | |
| ABSENT | <i>Committee Members:</i> | None | |

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

| TOPIC | → STATUS OF LIVE FIRE TRAINING COURSE |
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| DISCUSSION | ❖ A review of the JPR's and Skill Sheets |
| | Mr. Dan Swords presented the drafted document "Live Fire Training Operations Level Instructor" and "Objectives Check-Off sheets". The format was good, minor changes were applied. |
| | On the "Structure Fire (Above Ground Fire Attack)" page, line # 8: "Extinguish fire with direct, indirect, or combination attack as directed by officer" needs to be removed. |
| | Another change is line # 4 from the same page: "Prior to entry, check nozzle pattern and bleed air from hose line"; pressure needs to be added on in this requirement. |
| | Discussion continued for nozzle pattern and water fog pattern, explained by connecting. The conclusion was that they would stay on the checklist. |
| | Instructors Candidates, making sure that they will go through all the check-offs, will use these skill checklists. The goal from this was to standardize what can be presented in the fire class. |
| | ❖ Determination of the additional course hours: 8 or 16 hours |
| | Considering that in the Live Burn Fire Class there cannot be more than twenty (20) students but no less than ten (10), additional eight (8) hours class should be added on in the course. Day one (1) is "Awareness" Class. Day tree (3) will be moved in the spot of day two (2), making the second day "Walk through the Live Burn Class and setting up for that class" spent at burn facility, presenting the plan to the group. The last two (2) days should be "Burn" classes: day three (3) all day at the burn facility, structure, interior fires and day four (4) exterior fires. Everybody agrees that this is a low frequency class. |
| | The ratio between instructors and students should be one (1) to five (5), and this ratio is listed in the "Standard". |
| | It was pointed out that the classes for Instructors are ready to be run at the Academy, indoor class, no burn, and they are not affected by these new requirements. |
| The focus of this meeting was to make changes to 1403. Mr. Mel House is concerned that the Alliance partners will not agree to add more hours in the course, and the Alliance partner voice matter to EMS. He will consult to find out if he needs to do anything about adding hours for Live Burn Class, if that is possible, there will be not changes in the rules, but it needs to be confirmed with Public Safety Legal Services. | |
| ❖ Other items needed to allow for filing of rules | |
| It was discussed for Instructors Certification. It was pointed out that there are many states that have Live Fire Instructor certification. A suggestion was made to have Instructors, Life Fire Instructors and Life Fire Instructor Trainers. In North Carolina there are 3 categories of Instructors, difference is their names: Instructor, Live Fire Instructor I and Live Fire Instructor II. Right now, there are sixty-four (64) Fire Charters who are maintaining classes for Instructors. The idea is for all Charters to send information for instructors yearly. Right now, they are sending updates for the new certified trainers, but do not send | |

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updates for the ones who are no longer with that charter. That will help track Live Fire Instructors and give statistics on how many Charters are offering classes, who are the Instructor trainers, and how often they do that training.

If an Instructor goes to a certification program to become a Live Fire Instructor, it is a rule change. The question was if it is allowed to add on another certification in the rules, because there will be two (2) different Instructor types. That is the cleaner way to hit that aim. Also, conversation continued about adding hours for that training. Right now there are four (4) hours of awareness and twenty-four (24) hours operation, total of twenty-eight (28) hours course; adding additional four (4) hours to operation, will be thirty-two (32) total hours for the course and that will be after the rule change.

Mr. Mel House pointed out that having a new rule for adding certification is not allowed. He talked with Public Safety Legal Services and they said “No” for adding more certifications. He explained that he received that answer two (2) years ago. Also, he attended a meeting with the alliance and pointed out that was a major pushback to adding any certifications, no more hours, no more certifications.

Mr. Jim Steele gave a suggestion to have a meeting with alliance partners and discuss about adding certification.

Discussion continued for Instructor trainers in Live Fire Training and Mr. Mel House explained the meaning of the rules.

| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
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| None | None | None |

| TOPIC | → NFPA 1001 STANDARD – EMS OBJECTIVES |
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| DISCUSSION | ❖ Update of the hour guide for Vol. FF, FF1, FF2 |
| | <p>Mr. Dan Swords presented a document from the guide for Volunteers Firefighter, Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II. Before changes can be made to the guide, there needs to be a talk about NFPA Standards. He presented the listing of the equipment. It needs to be decided on how many hours this will be break out. Right now there are eight (8) hours.</p> <p>Mr. Doug Orahod presented chapter four (4), Entrance Requirements from NFPA 1001 Standards. He reads:</p> <p>4.1. General. Prior to entering training to meet the requirements of Chapters 5 and 6 of this standard, the candidate shall meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Minimum educational requirements established by the authority having jurisdiction (2) Age requirements established by the authority having jurisdiction (3) Medical requirements of NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments <p>4.2. Fitness Requirements. Physical fitness requirements for entry-level personnel shall be developed and validated by the authority having jurisdiction.</p> <p>4.3. Emergency Medical Care. Minimum emergency medical care performance capabilities for entry level personnel shall be developed and validated by the authority having jurisdiction to include infection control, CPR, bleeding control, and shock management.</p> <p>Proposal was that the total hours do not need to be changed; changes should apply only on the portion of the hours in the guide.</p> <p>Mr. Doug Orahod talked about starting to develop some guides to provide for Program Directors from the CE Schools, explaining what is all included in that guide. He wants to try to provide all this on-line, to make it easier for searching what is needed.</p> <p>Conclusion was that this guide is OK without doing any changes on the same one.</p> |
| | ❖ Discussion on creation of a hour guide for Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor and Fire Inspector Instructor courses |
| | <p>Mr. Jim Steele asked for a simple guide with certain course hours for all certification levels of Instructors. Mr. Dan Swords will provide that, he already has a draft for Inspectors.</p> |

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| TOPIC | → <u>OPEN FORUM</u> | | |
| DISCUSSION | Mr. Mel House gave updates about web-page updates, explaining the changes in IT department. | | |
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| TOPIC | → <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> | | |
| DISCUSSION | Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. | | |
| TOPIC | → <u>NEXT MEETING</u> | | |
| DISCUSSION | <p>Next meetings: (Every other month, 2nd TUESDAY. 10:00 am)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 ◆ Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 ◆ Tuesday, January 13th, 2015 | | |