

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	September 8, 2015	10:00 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room 134 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Chair:</i> Jim Steele, Phil McLean, Steve Robertson, Richard Sacco, Eric Waltemire, and Dudley Wright	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Sands, Dan Swords, Doug Orahoad and Susan Edwards	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Ohio Fire Academy - Steve Goheen and Patrick Lemming, OSFSI – Dave Belcher, Cuyahoga Falls FD – Mike Dutton, Ret. Chief, Chippewa Twp. FD –Ron Browning, Chief	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	None	

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

TOPIC	→ WELCOME & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes		
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 2px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Chairman Steele made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>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>		
TOPIC	→ OPEN FORUM		
DISCUSSION	Chairman Steele acknowledged visitors, and asked them to introduce themselves.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			
TOPIC	→ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT		
DISCUSSION	Executive Director House spoke about rules and moving forward on revisions. Plan to have draft to October Board meeting. CSIO takes 120 days for review. Looking at a year until the rules are in affect. Discussion of approval process.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			
TOPIC	→ OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR UPDATE		
DISCUSSION	President Belcher presented information for the Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors. Working on professional development at the Ohio Fire Academy in October. Committee members are welcome to stop by.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			

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TOPIC	➔ <u>STATE FIRE MARSHAL / OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT</u>		
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Goheen stated that the Hall of Fame awards are coming up on September 16 at the Ohio Fire Academy. Free volunteer class that the Academy runs twice a year starts Saturday September 12 and is full with 25. There were 40 + applicants.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	None		
TOPIC	➔ <u>EMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT</u>		
DISCUSSION	❖		
	<p>Report from Doug Orahood. A lot of things going on – Steve already mentioned the Hall of Fame awards on the 16th. On September 24 and 25, Dan Swords, John Sands and myself will be speaking at the Ohio Fire and EMS Expo. Steve Robertson and Dan Swords will be doing a presentation on Live Fire Operations Course updates. John Sands and I will be doing an EMS and Fire update. On October 22 we will be doing a Program Director’s In-House Training here in the ODOT auditorium. We have been receiving a lot of calls at the Division of EMS regarding specialized training courses such as Tech Rescue courses, Fire Officer courses, and how they would be able to issue Pro Board for the training. We had a conference call with Pro Board to get information and details. We will be holding a meeting here at ODOT on November 12 with Fred Piechota and possibly one or two others from Pro Board to speak and answer questions on delegation of authority for Fire Certification for Pro Board for specialized courses that may already be out there.</p> <p>Doug Orahood gave an overview and demonstration of the updated Course and Examination Administration System. There will be a session on this at the upcoming In House Program Director’s Conference.</p> <p>Dan Swords went over the Fire Safety Inspector Course documents and the curriculum as it is being taught currently. This provides a starting point for review and suggested a committee be made to review where we want to go with the Inspector course here in Ohio. Mr. McLean brought up that Mr. Dutton and Mr. Browning here today were involved in the past in the Fire Safety Inspector course planning. Discussion regarding possible three tier “Inspector” certification including “Hazard Inspector” at ‘Company’ level.</p> <p>Doug Orahood presented request for comment on “One Firefighter Extension Ladder Carry and Raise” brought up by Steve Robertson. Mr. Robertson proposes changing this skill to include “low or high shoulder carry.” Change approved.</p> <p>Dan Swords stated that the Live Fire Ops course is updated and changes made. Next step is to start burning discs and sending them out to the Chartered programs.</p>		
	Action Items	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Form work group for Inspector level courses Coordinate meeting and gather emails of members	Mr. McLean Mr. Swords	Nov. 10, 2015
TOPIC	➔ <u>CHAIR’S REPORT</u>		
DISCUSSION	<p>Chairman Steele asked Director House to discuss issues with the Volunteer Firefighter course. Pass rate issues are being evaluated, there appear to be more course objectives than fit in the 36 hour course. There appear to be instructional inconsistencies. We can look at the questions and work with schools with low pass rates. Should we take the course objectives and develop a course to improve instructional consistency, thereby ensuring knowledge and skills necessary to function as a firefighter and improving ability to pass the test? Discussion followed regarding options. Chief Steele requested data on the Volunteer Firefighter course problem.</p>		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Prepare data on Volunteer pass rates	Mr. Orahood	Nov. 10, 2015

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TOPIC	→ <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
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DISCUSSION	None
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	→ <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>
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DISCUSSION	None.
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TOPIC	→ <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p align="center"><i>A Motion to adjourn was made by :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First: Mr. Waltemire;</i> • <i>Second: Mr. Wright.</i> <p align="center"><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.</p>
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