

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE June 15, 2017	TIME 10:00 a.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS – Room 1101 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Eric Waltemire-Chair, Phil McLean, Richard Sacco, Timothy Thomas, Sr., and Dudley Wright.	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Miller, Doug Orahoad, Jack Smith and Susan Edwards.	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None.	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith – Sinclair Community College, David Belcher – OSFSI/OFOA, Brian Rospert – Milan Twp. Fire, Andrew Smith 0 Berlin Twp. Fire, Rich Vober – Akron Fire, Scott Walker – State Fire Marshall/Ohio Fire Academy, Randy Hormann – Fire Code Academy, T.J. Cullison – Columbus Division of Fire.	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Steve Robertson	

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

TOPIC	→ <u>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes</u>	
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Chief McLean;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Chief Wright</i> <p><i>None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</i></p> </div> <p>Introduction of visitors.</p>	
TOPIC	→ <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
DISCUSSION	Director House thanked attendees. Director House stated that his report was concerning various agenda items and he would like to continue with the agenda at this time.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		
TOPIC	<u>OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE INSTRUCTORS</u>	
DISCUSSION	<p>David Belcher, representing the Ohio Society of Fire Instructors, reported on the May meeting where Executive Director House presented information on which much positive feedback was received. National Fire Academy is coming up and there are 130 firefighters from Ohio attending this year. The schedule for the fall Instructor Development is being finalized.</p> <p>Chief McLean volunteered to speak regarding the Hazard Recognition Officer at the Instructor Development function this fall if there is a need.</p>	
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None		
TOPIC	→ <u>STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE</u>	
DISCUSSION	<p>Scott Walker, representing the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Ohio Fire Academy, gave an update on the State Fire Marshall selection process. Meeting with the Fire Counsel is scheduled for June 29, 2017 to start to go through the applications. There is currently no deadline for selections. The Ohio Fire Academy recently took possession of the new driver simulator trailer and are working through a few things. We hope to be able to bring it to a committee meeting for members to see it. Currently waiting for approval on new mobile tower for exterior and interior ladders, interior stairwells. A new intermittent employee, Andrew Carter, has been hired and will be working out of the Owens County Center for Emergency Preparedness. Ohio Weekend has 129 people traveling to the National Fire Academy. Also, FireRescue1.com recently ran a story identifying</p>	

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	the Ohio Fire Academy as the number one fire training academy for Firefighter I and Firefighter II in the country.	
TOPIC	DEMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT	
	<p>Mr. Jack Smith reported on charter site visits. So far all charters visited have been recommended to renew their charters. Also discussed Volunteer Firefighter course curriculum and improving pass rates which is currently at 50% statewide. Some challenges are baseline literacy rates, ADA issues, and large amount of curriculum to cover in 36 hour class. Proposed solution is a model referred to as “Flip the Classroom” allowing some content to be front loaded. Also discussed modular approach to Firefighter I – practical testing and written testing as well. Discussion ensued regarding Volunteer and Firefighter I certifications and testing.</p> <p>Mr. Smith presented plan for modular approach to Firefighter I course. Review module at end of course to cover comprehensive exam. Review module would be put together by EMS. Pilot a course with 4 or 5 charters from different areas of the state. Would require change in policy to allow practical skills to be done during course. Discussion ensued, support for idea was expressed. Decision to start a pilot program with at least 4 charter with practical skills during each module with review of written and practicals at the end of the course. Chief Wright felt strongly that skills should be tested at the end of the course.</p> <p>Instructor Emeritus status for retired inspectors/instructors and also retired fire chiefs possibly from another state who would not be in the field – some type of Fire Chief Executive designation. Chief McLean presented a concept of this idea including number of years in the service and desire to teach specific topic or topics as a Fire Safety Inspector Instructor or Fire Instructor. Currently there are only 143 Fire Safety Inspector Instructors in Ohio. Would need to be sponsored by a Fire Chief. Fire Chief Executive designation would allow a chief from another state to come to Ohio in an administrative position and become certified without taking practical skills. Chief Wright would like to add this topic to the agenda for next meeting.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Instructor Emeritus / Fire Chief Exec. Designations	Further review and discussion by Committee members	July 11, 2017
TOPIC	COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT	
	<p>Chief Waltemire presented Committee Chair Report. Discussed speaking at the OSFI and the Ohio State Firefighter’s Association. Thanked Chief McLean for setting up sessions for updates. Was able attend the session at Piketon. Appreciates the good information going out and good feedback coming in.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		
TOPIC	NEW BUSINESS	
	Director House introduced John W. Miller, new DEMS employee.	
TOPIC	OLD BUSINESS	
	<p>Director House gave a brief update on discussions with NFPA on HRO curriculum, trying to come up with numbers. Chief McLean is working to resolve issues on curriculum.</p> <p>Cancer awareness training – Mr. Smith had no updates but Director House mentioned that cancer awareness training would be rolled into the new Firefighter I course. Mr. Sacco mentioned bill introduced to state legislature.</p> <p>Fire Instructor teach back – nothing new to report.</p> <p>Chief McLean stated that OSFA has two more seminars scheduled – one at E-Hove Career Center in September and the other at Sinclair Community College in November.</p> <p>D. Orahood mentioned that the Ohio Fire Awards nominations are due by June 26.</p>	

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TOPIC

→ ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to adjourn.

- *First: Chief McLean;*
- *Second: Chief Thomas.*

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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