

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	September 13, 2016	10:00 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room 1106 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Eric Waltemire-Chair, Steve Robertson, Richard Sacco, and Dudley Wright	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Molnar, Doug Orahoad, and Susan Edwards	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith from Sinclair Community College, Dave Belcher for OSFSI, Steve Goheen from State Fire Marshall’s Office/Ohio Fire Academy, Jeff Geitter from the Columbus Fire Training Academy.	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Phil McLean (vacation), Patrick Wambo	

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

TOPIC	→ WELCOME & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes
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DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p><i>Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Chief Wright;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Mr. Robertson.</i> <p><i>None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.</i></p> </div>
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TOPIC	→ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
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DISCUSSION	Director House introduced John Molnar, new Education and Testing Chief in the Division of EMS. Will defer remainder of the report until later.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC	→ OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR UPDATE
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DISCUSSION	Dave Belcher reported that the Fall Symposium would be held on October 14 or 15 to be held at the Ohio Fire Academy.
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TOPIC	→ STATE FIRE MARSHALL’S OFFICE
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DISCUSSION	Steve Goheen discussed the “Feel the Heat” day for media folks scheduled for October 7, 2016. October 3 is an Open House at the Academy to highlight changes and updates. September 19 and 20, 2016 Dr. Covetta is coming in to give a program on incident safety. Marshall approved grant (\$200 per Fire I) to cover EMS training as a prerequisite.
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TOPIC	➔ <u>DEMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT</u>
DISCUSSION	<p>Director House spoke about Fire Rules, and the Hazard Recognition Officer certification was added to draft rules so we wouldn't have to wait for the next rules change to add that. Chapter 11 became Chapter 24 so it was with the other Fire rules. Chapter 20 is for Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector, Chapter 21 covers instructors, Chapters 22 and 23 are professional standards (FF/FSI and Instructor respectively), 24 covers Charters, and Chapter 25 is definitions. The last two weeks have been spent working with the DEMS Rules Coordinator to fix references. The draft rules will be given to this committee before the next committee meeting for review and discussion. All changes requested at last two meetings have been incorporated. Based on a conversation with Chief McLean a few tweaks were made to the Hazard Recognition Officer based on the conference call Chief McLean had with the work group. The rules should be ready for review once the references are corrected. The concepts of the changes will be laid out at the Program Director's meeting in October and then brought to this group to be finalized, a stakeholder's meeting will be held and then the rules will be sent to JCAR. It is still likely to be July before they become effective. A lot of work will need to be done between now and July especially on the Hazard Recognition Officer course. Mr. Molnar has expertise in building courses and will be working with Chief McLean and the work group, as well as Mr. Orahood to build the Hazard Recognition Officer course. An option to drop back will be available from Fire Safety Inspector to Hazard Recognition Officer at renewal or, if not at renewal, drop back would require certification holder to send in a notarized letter requesting to drop back which is the same as with EMS. The point was made that 24 hours less of Continuing Education is important to many firefighters and many people will likely drop back.</p> <p>In working to improve fire training in conjunction with this committee, Division staff have done some research and have been working on the recommended hours guide. We found that, on average, Ohio has 20 more required hours for FF II certification but 42 hours fewer required hours for FF I certification than the national average. The spreadsheet included in your materials shows the national hours, NFPA hours, what Ohio currently requires and the proposed change to Ohio hours. I am proposing to move 20 hours from FF II to FF I. This decision needs to be made soon but may be discussed to decide where the hours should go and I understand this needs to go to the Alliance. Mr. Robertson suggested having a sub-committee with subject matter experts convene and review which hours should be moved. Further discussion will be held with the Alliance and organizations, also send to sub-committee for review. Discussion will be continued at next meeting. Concerns regarding cost and the Fire Marshall's grant money were discussed. Mr. Goheen expressed that he did not think covering the extra cost through the grant would be an issue.</p> <p>The current rules require practical skills for all firefighter certifications. There has not been any practical skills testing for the Volunteer certification. The rules need to be changed or practical skills testing for volunteer firefighters must be required. DEMS staff created a Practical Skills Analysis by taking the course objectives from the volunteer course and correlating them to FF I skill sheets so that skills and course objectives match. There was no course objective to teach donning SCBA, although there were objectives for doffing SCBA, changing bottles, etc. so I am suggesting that a course objective be added to cover donning SCBA and include that skill as well. Fire charters would be given time to implement these changes and by July, practical skills testing would need to begin. The Division suggests 7 mandatory and 2 random skills as on Practical Skills Analysis sheet which was included in the meeting materials.</p> <p>A motion was made by Chief Waltemire, and seconded by Steve Robertson that Volunteer skills testing be developed and implemented. None opposed, none abstained, motion passed.</p> <p>At previous meetings we discussed doing a complete review of all practical skills. A gap analysis was done by DEMS staff during the Pro Board review. It was suggested that a group will be set up to review and work on skills and hours guide with Mr. Molnar, Mr. Orahood, and people from throughout the state will form a group for this purpose.</p> <p>Doug Orahood – updated the committee on the test validation process. Should be done with IFSTA item bank review by November or December and would like to start Jones & Bartlett by January 2017. In the process of developing a webinar system so that people will not have to travel to Columbus and hopefully more subject matter experts will become involved in the validation process.</p>

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Test appeals, especially with the Volunteer tests, are on the rise. Mr. Orahood reviewed test appeal procedure, discussed the possibility of course development and instructor guides for Volunteer course. Appeals based on technical difficulties are usually granted.

2016 Ohio Fire Awards will be on October 21 at the Ohio Fire Academy. Program starts at 1:30. The 2016 Program Director In-Service Conference is scheduled for October 27. The draft agenda is included in meeting packet. Once the agenda is finalized we will get out the registration forms.

Mr. Robertson suggested adding coverage of the new skill sheets, and also skill sets and randomization - discussion about how random skills are chosen and what to do if the "random" skills are not "random." Further discussion about grouping random skills by difficulty level and reprogramming. Recommend mentioning this at the Program Director's Training. Mr. Robertson also suggested curriculum for the 36 hour course be discussed.

Director House talked about 1403 compliant burn facilities. Charters have been notified at their charter visits that burn facilities will need to be compliant by the next site visit. Many sites are still using shipping containers. Currently looking for a funding source to build 1403 compliant facilities in areas that currently have few or none. If you know of any

Request for Change to a Practical Skill has been submitted and is in your materials. 7-3 – removing ladder from a pumper. Included are the Great Oaks skill sheet and the current skill sheet from the EMS website. Objections were safety, performance and "other" – variance of equipment. Discussion ensued and change was denied. Committee agreed to leave skill as is. It was noted that SCBA is not required on the EMS skill sheet but is required on the Great Oaks skill sheet and it is also allowable to use a prop to hold the ladder. It is not required that the ladder be on a Pumper.

Conference call regarding Fire Hazard Officer. At alliance meeting all organizations were in favor of moving forward with it. Concerned that NFPA would be willing to make their materials available to us. Need to

Who instruct? Fire Safety Inspector Instructor = Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor but not necessarily a Fire Safety Inspector Instructor. Practicing Fire Safety Instructor. Written exam or written exam with pictures? Too early to decide on how we would test it. Moving along with testing validation. Photos and test item writing will need to be evaluated. 101 life safety initiative. We don't have authority to enforce 101 because not referenced in Ohio Fire Code. Some training in the Ohio Fire Code would be necessary to be able to document hazards correctly. Important to know where to look it up. Can focus on Ohio fire code and still meet NFPA standard. Good progress but groups we haven't met with yet. Ohio Fire Marshall? Fire Inspector I referenced on skill sheets. Ohio Fire Marshall is looking to increase code hours so FSI will probably go from 72 to 80. FSI will meet the NFPA standard.

Chief Waltemire presented information from the Alliance meeting. The Alliance was in consensus that it should be written in rule that if you request an extension, you will automatically be audited. A motion was made by Dudley Wright that if a firefighter requests an extension, they will receive a mandatory audit for the certification for which the extension was requested. Steve Robertson seconded the motion. None opposed, all in favor. Motion passed.

The Alliance also discussed the EVO class and that 16 hours is not enough to meet the intent of the standard. The consensus from Alliance was to take it to an 8 hour class and have a disclaimer that department is responsible for making sure they are a competent to drive on the road and meeting skills of 1451(?-he wasn't sure of the number) standard. Director House shared that most, if not all, states require 16 hours and the EMTB just voted to require 16 hours on EMS side. Chief Waltemire voiced that this should be taken back to the Alliance and shared with them to see if they would agree to the 16 hour course with a disclaimer. Chief Wright confirmed that the decision from the Alliance was to do the classroom portion of EVOC and let the individual departments do the hands on training. Most Charters are not doing the road course – most may practice the driving portion in a parking lot. Director House expressed that he had no trouble with the concept

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of the 8 hours of classroom but the struggle is with how to ensure the other 8 hours is completed in accordance with the objectives? How do we meet the objectives? My understanding is that the chauffer's license was deferred because of the addition of the 16 hour EVOC requirement. If the EVOC is reduced, what are the other ramifications? Mr. Goheen stated that "It was a DOT agreement. DOT agreed to waive CEL requirements for firefighters as long as they had an initial 16 with an 8 hour annual update for driving." Per Mr. Orahood, BWC also requires firefighter training before driving an apparatus. Mr. Robertson said it wasn't a good idea to open the CEL can of worms. Chief Waltemire leave as is and make a pre-requisite. Look at content and make it do-able.

Meets NFPA standard X in accordance the Ohio course objectives and standards; in general it would meet most of the NFPA standard but would be reliant upon meeting Ohio course objectives. Adjusted to make it achievable. Can't say it is NFPA compliant but in accordance with the standard and compliant with Ohio objectives.

Pre requisite or not? Could easily make it a pre-requisite but unaffiliated people would have trouble getting it.

Mr. Orahood read the BWC Rule - Chapter 4123:1-21-05 M – inspection maintenance and repair of apparatus. Fire department vehicles shall be operated only by members who have successfully completed an established or recognized driver training program.

Director House agreed with comments from Mr. Robertson that we make the course achievable. Consensus to move EVOC 16 hours to a pre-requisite? Either that or as a certification requirement. Must have to take the state test. EMS must stay a pre-requisite but is recommended that EVOC be a certification requirement – must have prior to taking state test. That makes it more achievable and allows charters to teach as a pre-requisite or may also do it later.

TOPIC	OLD BUSINESS
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TOPIC	NEW BUSINESS
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TOPIC	→ ADJOURNMENT
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DISCUSSION	<p align="center"><i>At 12:17 p.m. Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to adjourn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First: Mr. Robertson;</i> • <i>Second: Chief Wright.</i> <p align="center"><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.</p>
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