

# FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	November 14, 2017	10:01 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS – Room 1106 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Eric Waltemire-Chair, Phil McLean, Steve Robertson, Richard Sacco., and Dudley Wright.	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Miller, Jack Smith, Doug Orahood and Susan Edwards.	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None.	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith – Sinclair Community College, Steve Goheen – Ohio Fire Academy, Scott Walker – Ohio Fire Academy, David Belcher – Ohio Society of Fire Instructors, Daniel Waitkus – Cuyahoga Community College, Ted Huffman – Cuyahoga Community College.	
<b>ABSENT</b>	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Timothy Thomas, Sr.	

## A G E N D A   T O P I C S

TOPIC	→ <b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS &amp; REVIEW / Approval of Minutes</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chairman Waltemire requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion to Approve the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>First: Chief McLean;</i></li> <li>◆ <i>Second: Mr. Robertson</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion approved.</i></p> </div>		
TOPIC	<b><u>OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE INSTRUCTORS</u></b>		
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	David Belcher thanked everyone for the support for the fall development symposium. It was a great event.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			
TOPIC	<b><u>STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE</u></b>		
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Steve Goheen announced that this would be his last meeting as he is retiring.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			
TOPIC	<b><u>DEMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT</u></b>		
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Jack Smith started by discussing the 1001 firefighter course pre-admission standards and giving an example of how taking the 1403 baseline vital statistics can work to increase safety. Mr. Smith received a call from a fire charter that had a burn day open to local departments. They took baseline vitals prior to participation. Three of the participants had blood pressure of over 150. One individual had a blood pressure of 170/110. By measuring vital statistics prior to the start of the exercise, a possible hypertensive emergency and ALS transport was avoided.</p> <p>Mr. Smith discussed the new state fire code and stated that the Fire Safety Inspector course will be available on January 1, 2018. Columbus Division of Fire is planning to offer a Fire Safety Inspector (FSI) course in January which will be run as a beta. Other items are on hold to allow time to develop the new FSI course. The Hazard Recognition Officer (HRO) course will be rolled out on April 1, 2018. Drop back from FSI to HRO will be available January 1, 2018. A discussion regarding Pro Board certification for FSI and HRO ensued. Mr. Smith indicated that the certification option was a long term goal. Mr. Orahood stated that he had not yet contacted the Pro Board.</p>		

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None.		

## NEW BUSINESS

TOPIC	<u>HRO/FSI &amp; LIVE FIRE INSTRUCTOR COURSES</u>
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### DISCUSSION

Mr. Smith requested to postpone discussion of the Live Fire Instructor Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) until Executive Director House arrives. Chief McLean discussed the workgroup meeting session held in Richfield in late September. In that meeting, the members conducted an intensive review of the NFPA curriculum, all slides and book, and it was determined where modifications could be made to conform to Ohio requirements, per discussions with NFPA. Later that day, NFPA informed EMS that they would not be allowing any modifications, and only teaching from their materials would be permitted for an approximate fee of \$800 per student. The decision was made to use the IFSTA test bank for the HRO and FSI courses. The HRO course will be aligned to the FSI I material and the FSI course aligned to the FSI II material. Mr. Smith requested input and guidance for developing the course hours and objectives. Further discussion regarding suppression systems, court preparation and plan review as well as general knowledge areas was held. Because so much time and work have been put into developing the HRO course and aligning the FSI course with FSI II, a suggestion was made by Mr. Molnar to move forward with the idea and make any adjustments at a later date. Chief Wright had a question regarding 4.2.4 which Mr. Molnar answered. Executive Director House arrived at the meeting at this point. Chief Waltemire suggested the work group meet again for another session regarding the HRO course and any comments be sent to Mr. Smith and Chief McLean. Chief McLean will try to get the work group together in mid-January for a session.

Discussion began regarding the Live Fire Instructor JPRs. Mr. Smith stated that the grandfathering portion of the Live Fire Instructor was moving forward. Applications have been sent to all of the program directors to each of the Ohio fire chartered institutions to distribute to instructors associated with the charters. About half of the applications have been received and there have been a lot of problems with those applications. November 15, 2018 is the deadline for charter-affiliated Live Fire Instructors to submit their applications. The deadline to submit an application to be grandfathered as a Live Fire Instructor is January 2021. All unaffiliated instructors will get emails first and closer to the expiration dates will also be contacted by telephone. Some discussions have been held regarding programs that do not take this certification as seriously as they should. The floor was opened to discussion regarding regulation, costs and unfunded mandates from the state. Mr. Robertson indicated that previous discussions left the JPRs to the charters. Rather than mandate how many hours must be spent on each JPR, a better solution might be to require each charter to have a document in place outlining their training of the LFIs. Mr. Huffman indicated that having three days of burns lasting for eight hours per day with six instructors per day rotating positions would be cost prohibitive and asked for clarification. Discussion ensued with the idea expressed by Chief McLean that it should be left up to the charter. Mr. Robertson stressed that a guideline is a guideline and should not be mandated.

Discussion regarding the plans for training LFIs followed. Chief McLean asked Mr. Huffman about their instructors. Mr. Huffman shared his charter's process which involves the 1403 apprenticeship program and partnering with another instructor. Further discussions ensued regarding taking the lead under the oversight of an experienced lead instructor and regarding the rotation through the positions. It was indicated that eight hours was not required in each position. Executive Director House indicated that the Division's biggest concern was with incident command. Mr. Robertson proposed one eight hour day of shadowing the incident commander and another eight hour day rotating through the burn positions. Executive Director House supported the idea of submission and approval of plan with two days of burns. Sign off of the training was discussed at length. It was suggested that a flow chart be created to show how it should work. Mr. Smith will prepare a flow chart. Further discussion regarding the cost issue, training and legal issues followed. Chief Wright suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting. Mr. Smith restated that one eight hour day of incident command with the other objectives would not be mandated and the addition of a live fire trainer training plan is what was discussed and agreed to. Executive Director House added to include competency.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Plan work group session regarding HRO.	Chief McLean	Mid-January 2018
Prepare flow chart of LFI requirements.	Jack Smith	January 9, 2018

## OLD BUSINESS

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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>MODULARIZED FFI COURSE</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Proposed schedule for modularized firefighter I course. Discussion regarding reimbursement availability through the Marshall's office for courses that might extend past the fiscal year end. Suggestion was to split reimbursement, and negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Smith indicated that any input would be welcome. Discussion regarding EVOC requirement ensued, which must be completed prior to taking state certification exam because application is available at the end of exam.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Continued discussion regarding grant funding.	DEMS Staff/Director House	January 2018
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF FIRE RULES</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Director House stated that the rules were progressing through the legal process as planned. A hearing was held. There were no comments or negative feedback. The next step for the rules is the JCAR hearing at the statehouse Thursday November 26. All are welcome to attend. Rules are on track for January 1, 2018 implementation.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None.		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>PRACTICAL SKILLS</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Smith has been taking a look at the practical skills and will be presenting a proposal in January. Some of the skill sheets don't make sense alone and there will be an attempt to combine some of the skills. Changes will not affect Pro Board status.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None.		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Chief Waltemire brought up the nomination and election of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee. Director House indicated that the nomination process and election would be held at the January meeting. It is dependent on the EMFTS Board seats.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None.		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Hormann from the Fire Code Academy had questions regarding OAC4765.20-16 C and D. He would like continuing education credit for people who take his training. Director House cited current law that requires continuing education for firefighters to be signed off on by their affiliated fire chief or a program director of an Ohio chartered fire charter.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None.		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Huffman raised a question regarding Instructor course delivery for courses with both Fire and EMS students. Director House stated that attempts were being made to resolve it.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None.		

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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>→ ADJOURNMENT</b>	

*Chairman Waltemire requested a motion to adjourn.*

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

*None opposed, none abstained. Motion approved.*

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.