

FINAL

**FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2012**

Chaired by: Jim Steele

Meeting Date and Location: March 13, 2012, Ohio Department of Public Safety 1970
West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present: Jim Steele, Dudley Wright, Eric Waltemire, Bob Babb,
Mark Lundy, Mark Mankins, Richard Sacco, Phil McLean

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Doug Orahod, John Kennington, Jeffrey Leaming, John Sands

Guests: Geoff Garrison, Frank Clay, Bill Quinn, Daryl McNutt, Fred Redfern, Randy
Horman, Dave Belcher, Jeff Cottner, Steve Robertson, Bill Mallory, Scott Walker, Jim
Parrish

The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2012 FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE
SAFETY INSPECTOR (FFSI) TRAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

ACTION: Motion to approve the January 10, 2012 FFSI committee minutes.
Waltemire first. Sacco second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Leaming spoke about allowing firefighters the opportunity to reinstate their
certification within the first 90 days after their expiration date by paying a \$75
reinstatement fee. They would have to prove that they did complete all the required
continuing education in order to renew.

OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

Mr. Cotner reported on the Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructor rollouts.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL/OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT

Mr. Walker stated that there are 53 new fire chiefs. The 24/7 online training offered by
them has been very successful.

CERTIFICATION REPORT

None

FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT

The fire rules were a main topic. We are nearing the completion of the Fire Rules, Mr. Leaming has requested that the fire rules be the main order of business until they are completed. Once the rules are completed, they will be posted for 30 days on the website for public comment. Once the public comment time period is completed, then we will move forward with getting the rules through the Common Sense Initiative which is a process that was established by Governor Strickland and has been carried on by Governor Kasich. After the Common Sense Initiative is complete, the next step for the fire rules is the public hearing process, then the JCARR process. It is moving forward though it is not a very fast process. It is about a six month process to get everything completed. Mark Mankins felt that there needs to be reasonable, consistent rules for the dual certified, Mr. Waltemire agreed with Mr. Mankins.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 90 day rule for firefighter reinstatement as drafted by Director Leaming. Waltemire First. Lundy Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

In February 2011 discussions were brought before the committee wanting to create a certification for Haz Mat Tech. A survey was created and sent around to all the fire departments in Ohio to see who has Haz Mat Techs and how necessary they are. There were 182 responses to the survey. Mr. Orahoad presented to the committee the statistics from some of the questions that were asked.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Huffman from Cuyahoga Community College submitted paperwork to request the committee's permission to run a hybrid online Fire Instructor course. They have a class scheduled in April where they would like to pilot the hybrid Fire Instructor course. It is recommended that we let them go ahead and pilot this course and come back to the committee with data and numbers from the training.

ACTION: Motion to approve the hybrid Fire Instructor course for Cuyahoga Community College. Mankins First. McLean Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The committee requests that the students all fill out evaluations to give them an idea of how effective the course was. Mr. McLean wanted to make sure that Mr. Huffman met all the requirements that the committee recommended for the Instructor course before they allowed them to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Mr. Steele entertained a motion to adjourn. McLean first. Sacco/Babb second. Meeting adjourned at 11:43.