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**FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2013**

Chaired by: Jim Steele

Meeting Date and Location: March 12, 2013, Ohio Department of Public Safety 1970
West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present: Dudley Wright, Eric Waltemire, Richard Sacco, Mark
Lundy, Mark Mankins

Committee Members Absent: Phil McLean

Staff Present: Doug Orahod, Rachel Moore, Melvin House

Guests: Steve Goheen, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Clark State; Pat Beckley,
Ohio Fire Academy/State Fire Marshal

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2013 FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE
SAFETY INSPECTOR (FFSI) TRAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the January 8, 2013 FFSI committee minutes.
Waltemire First. Sacco Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. House stated that there is a lot going on currently in the division, and this has caused a slowdown in the progress of a few things. The certification process has been mapped out for EMS applications; they have been revamped and will be moved to being exclusively online like the fire applications. There will still be paper applications available in cases where they are necessary. Phase two of this process is to update the 12 firefighter applications that exist, this process should begin soon, and any changes or suggestions will be brought before the fire committee for approval. The work on the fire applications will probably be starting in June.

The fire rules which have been going through rewrites and updates will be going to JCARR on March 29th. They are currently fixing the small issues with grammar, punctuation, and questions brought up by the legal department.

John Sands, Doug Orahood, and Mel House have attended all the regional fire chiefs meetings in order to answer any questions that may exist. The merger with the Medical Transportation Board which was part of the EMS Strategic Plan is moving along smoothly. The Medical Transportation Board licenses the vehicles and equipment used by EMS personnel. By the end of the month, the boards should be merged. The Board composition will change, there will be a reduction of fire seats, they will go from 8 to 6 on the EMS Board.

OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS UPDATE

Mr. Goheen stated that the regional Fire Service Instructor meetings have started around the state. They are headed up to Tri-C next week, there are 50 to 60 individuals slated to be in attendance. On November 1 & 2 there will be an Instruments for Instructional Improvement program that will be held in association with Ohio State.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL/OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT

Pat Beckley presented the State Fire Marshal's report. There is a new PIO working with the Fire Academy, his name is Michael Duchesne. Starting in May, the Ohio Fire Academy will require Compass testing of all Firefighter 1 & 2 trainees, as well as all EMT-B, and EMT-I trainees.

FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT

The Fire Safety Inspector course has been updated, and is now on the website, the new code is now available on the website along with the old code. There is a power point containing 665 slides that was created by the Ohio Fire Academy to be used as a 4 hour training program to share updates for all Fire Safety Inspectors. About a week ago, the new online testing system was up and running, the first Fire Safety Inspector test using the 2011 fire code is now online and being tested. The rest of the fire tests will be uploaded, and hopefully by July 1st the skill sheets will have been added and be usable by all fire training charters.

The Public Safety Instructor curriculum changes were brought before the committee for approval to move forward with the creation of the new courses.

ACTION: Motion to approve the new Public Safety Instructor curriculum with its specific fire side, and EMS side training. Waltemire first. Wright second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The testing portions need to be developed, so the curriculum and all can be presented as a whole package. The curriculum needs to be updated; a group has been working on the curriculum for about 3 years now.

The curriculum for Fire Instructor currently certifies an individual to the Fire Instructor II level, though in Ohio it is just classified as a Fire Instructor.

New web based test system; the Division is working on some changes that should be made in the next couple of months.

Also, the Firefighter 1 & 2 curriculum will need to be updated to match with the 2013 standard, and the objective check off sheets will need to be updated to go along with this as well.

The Fire Instructors meeting will work on making the curriculum as well as the objective check off sheets more user friendly.

The Division has ordered item banks for Firefighter 1 & 2, and Haz Mat Awareness and Operations, and also Pumper/Driver which can be added to the EVOC curriculum as part of the training.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Haz Mat Tach proposal for technicians. The committee as well as Director House is supportive of this future certification addition. The Ohio Fire Alliance needs to give their support of this proposal in order for it to be moved ahead with.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

Goodbye and Thank you to Mark Mankins for his many years of service to the fire community, and to the committee as well. We hope he enjoys his retirement, and he will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Mr. Steele entertained a motion to adjourn. Mankins First. Sacco Second. Meeting adjourned at 11:03.