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**FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2010**

Chaired by: Phil McLean

Meeting Date and Location: May 11, 2010, Columbus Division of Fire, 3663 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Committee Members Present: Dudley Wright, Richard Sacco, Jim Steele, Bob Babb, Mark Mankins, Jim Holcomb

Committee Members Absent: Mark Lundy

Staff Present: Doug Orahood, John Kennington, Rachel Moore

Guests: Stephen Rich, Canton Fire; John Whitlatch, Canton Fire; Dave Belcher, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Violet Township Fire Department; Steven Wallis, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Ohio Rural Fire Council; John Peters, Ohio Rural Fire Council; Charlie Dixon, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Columbus Fire; Scott Walker, State Fire Marshall/Ohio Fire Academy; Michael Vedra, Columbus Fire

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 9, 2010 FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR (FFSI) TRAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the March 9, 2010, FFSI committee minutes. Steele first. Sacco second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

Doug Orahood was named the Excellence in Service Award winner in Technical Support for the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The award was presented to him in recognition of the online testing system he created that cut down on paperwork, time, and it saved the department a significant amount of money.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT, Richard Rucker

No report.

OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

CERTIFICATION REPORT, John Kennington

Mr. Kennington said that they are still working out the rules for the single card for Fire and EMS, the target date to begin that is January 1, 2011. A letter is being created to be sent out to all those who will be affected by the merge of their EMS and Fire cards to their birthdays.

Mr. Kennington received three requests for exemption from continuing education requirements due to active military service, and injuries sustained during work and outside of work.

First exemption request, active duty from 2006-2010, not informed of need to renew card.

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to approve exemption from continuing education requirements due to active military service during certification period. Steele first. Holcomb second. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to deny exemption from continuing education requirements. Steele first. Babb second. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Executive Director to approve medical exemption from continuing education requirements pending prognosis and documents from treating physician. Babb first. Steele second. None opposed. Motion passed.

FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT, Doug Orahood

Showed a report that gives the committee an idea of the number of Fire Audits that have been sent out since the beginning of the Fire Auditing process in February of this year. Mr. Orahood will be starting the Ohio Certified Public Manager training in July.

The 16 Life Safety Initiatives has been a successful program with a total of about 160-170 Fire Instructors attending the different locations, the feedback was very positive. The one at Ohio Department of Public Safety was held on April 12, 2010. The committee wants rules to add an additional 4 hours to the firefighter curriculum for the 16 Life Safety Initiatives training. The fire rules may need to be set up into subgroups in order to add additional training to the fire curriculum, rather than needing to rewrite rules if this is okay with the committee, it looks cleaner and is easier to understand. It takes thirty days to get the rules from JCARR and Legislative Service Commission, once Mr. Orahood gets that, he can draft the rules and get it out for everyone on the committee to review.

The first draft of the self-study was completed by Mr. Orahood and sent to ProBoard. The process is probably about 95% complete. Mr. Orahood is working on the skill sheets and is using the Alabama Fire College skill sheets as a model. Mr. McLean recommends

sending the skill sheets to the other members of the committee for review. The ProBoard process will be an option for any chartered institution to either adopt or not adopt. There will be a list of the State Fire Charters offering this certificate if the students want to be ProBoard certified.

The division won't charge schools to become part of the ProBoard licensing process. If the schools want to do ProBoard, the documents will also be reviewed during normal site visits. The training institution will need to be accredited and must maintain training documentation required by the division. ProBoard has been very helpful providing us with states that have set up ProBoard to model our skill sheet and methods after theirs. There will be one set of skill sheets for certification with ProBoard. The Volunteer course won't be recognized under ProBoard. Anyone who wants to be an evaluator for ProBoard skills has to be trained and approved to be an evaluator. What ProBoard does is looks at the structure already existing in the state, they look at the rules, the training requirements, how do you govern your training institutions. Our IT department is waiting on the division to get the skill sheets done; and will probably develop system. There will be a process for grandfathered firefighters, and equivalency for ProBoard in Ohio. ProBoard recommended that everyone coming into Ohio should be made to take the written and skills test and not just be issued a card.

The EMS/Fire Program Director's conference held every two years is scheduled for October 7 & 8, 2010 which is the Thursday and Friday of Fire Prevention Week. October 7th will be the Ohio Fire Awards presentation, Mr. Orahod is working on getting the criteria for the awards developed. The Department of Public Safety has received the 16 Life Safety Initiatives, the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation's flag and it will be flying at the Department of Public Safety during that week. Mr. Orahod would like to set up a panel of the committee to review the nominees for the fire awards.

CHAIRS UPDATE, Phil McLean

The 1403 group met on March 9th and considerable time was spent after the regular meeting talking about the 1403 program and they laid out all the detailed hours and a list of how the course was going to run. The time frame is pretty much nailed down of the teaching notes that had to be done, who was going to add what to their presentations, this seemed to meet the needs that all of them had been working on. The meeting was concluded with plans moving in a good direction. Scott Walker contacted Terry Gill regarding a 1403 course being developed by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. Mr. Walker sent an email asking committee members to request the disk with the program on it. On the disk was the draft of a textbook, no course layout was provided on the disk. Mr. Walker speaking about the course: Doug Klein of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors asked if Ohio was interested in providing a train the trainer opportunity as far as their pilot roll out, as part of their new curriculum, which they had developed. Mr. Steele stated that there were only about 12 charters that were doing the Instructor Course, and those were narrowed down to the ones that could do burn training. Through the course of this almost everything focuses on internal fires, Class A structures, and nothing on external props, nothing to educate the instructor how

to use external props. That led to the final idea that the Live Fire training should be 3 days. The Live Fire Training set up at the Ohio Fire Academy for September 10-12, 2010. The Fire Academy is co-hosting the Fire Training, and the Florida group is collecting the funds, it will be open to people all over the country. A lengthy discussion ensued on the 1403 Live Fire Training. Mr. Steele thinks the disk is basically a modified version of the textbook, they saw from the Florida State Fire College. They are following 1403 to the letter. Test questions at the end of each chapter provide a nice little review. Mr. Babb doesn't see any downside to this Live Fire 1403 course. Mr. Steele still willing to move forward with what they are working on and look at the 1403 Live Fire Training. Phil sent an email to enforce what needs to be complete based on the notes from 3/9/10.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None, thank you to Columbus Fire for inviting us out to see their facility.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Steele first. None opposed. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.