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### **FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2011**

Chaired by: Jim Steele

Meeting Date and Location: July 12, 2011, Ohio Department of Public Safety 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

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

Committee Members Absent: Phil McLean, Mark Lundy

Staff Present: Doug Orahod, Rachel Moore, John Kennington, Ellen Owens, John Sands, Anne Vitale, Jeffrey Leaming

Guests: Charlie Dixon, Columbus Fire/Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors; Scott Walker, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy; Aaron Dupree, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy; Jay Louks, Columbus State

The meeting was called to order at 10:08AM.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2011 FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR (FFSI) TRAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Motion to approve the May 10, 2011 FFSI committee minutes.** Sacco first. Waltemire second. None opposed. Motion approved.

#### OPEN FORUM

Jeffrey Leaming was introduced to the Committee and audience as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Division of EMS. He was the former Fire Chief of the Xenia Fire Department, and will be officially retired from there on July 29, 2011.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ellen Owens gave the Executive Director's report; she updated the committee on recent House Bills that had been introduced. House Bill 244 was introduced on June 1, 2011; it allows Paramedics to administer flu vaccines to firefighters and other medics. House Bill 223 was introduced May 10, 2011 which requires all telecommunicators(dispatchers) to be certified. The training would be 40-60 hours. The EMS Board is forming a dispatch committee which is tentatively scheduled to meet on August 3, with regard to the dispatcher certification. House Bill 288 would allow EMT's who work as part of a swat team to carry firearms.

### OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

Charlie Dixon asked if the proposed 3 phase Firefighter Transition course should be pursued any further or if the idea should just be abandoned. Mr. Steele stated that this matter will probably be discussed in more detail in an upcoming rules meeting. The 3-phase Firefighter Transition course will require approval of the committee and the Executive Director in order to be run.

### STATE FIRE MARSHAL/OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT

Scott Walker stated that their flammable liquids training area is about 30% complete and should be done in the next few weeks. Mr. Walker also stated that there are some upcoming partnerships that the Fire Academy is working on and should be announced next week.

### CERTIFICATION REPORT

Mr. Kennington stated that he has taken over processing the Fire audits.

### FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT

The first order of discussion was the skill sheets. Thank you to Rachel Moore for spending many hours correcting, updating, and typing out the skill sheets. Mr. Orahod opened the newly redone skills sheets up for discussion or comments among the Committee members. Mr. Babb, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Waltemire felt that on skill sheet 1-1 where it states the cylinder is at least 90% full, they feel that it should say 100% full. Skill sheet 2-1 needs to state all six knots must be tied. Skill sheet 17-1, need to remove "steps on hose". Skill sheet 17-1 and 17-2 need to remove "static water source" from the instructions of both sheets. The scoring system on the skill sheets is 70% of the non-critical points. If a critical point is missed, it is an automatic failure. Skill sheet testing is going to be used to help improve fire training in the state, and also for ProBoard testing.

**ACTION: Motion to accept amendments made to the skill sheets.** Waltemire first. Sacco and Babb second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The evaluator training manual is about 70% completed, Mr. Orahod is striving to have it ready before the fall session of schools around the beginning of September. Mr. Orahod would like to have the skill sheets completed and the evaluator's training done and ready to go. Mr. Orahod is completing the draft and sending it out to the committee members for anything that should be added. Mr. Wright wants to know the process that will be used in choosing who can be an evaluator for the skill sheets. Director Leaming suggested selecting the evaluators before the course begins, so that the evaluators will not instruct the same skills that they will be evaluating. Mr. Wright agreed with this suggestion. Mr. Orahod also wants to consult the Fire Academy during the creation of the Evaluator's Training Manual; because they have experience setting up evaluator's training as they have IFSAC training at their charter. Mr. Orahod is currently patterning the manual after Texas' evaluator's training manual. The Division of EMS is responsible for \$2000 worth of issued certificates through ProBoard by June 30, 2012; otherwise the

Division will have to make up the difference. Mr. Orahood has not requested an extension on the deadline; he has not yet discussed the possibilities with the new director.

Fire testing and curriculum update, a forth reference/textbook has been added, that will be used in creating tests and curriculum for Ohio. Mr. Orahood is working on the Fire Safety Inspector exam, there have been compromises on the security of the online testing recently, and we need to tighten up security in order to avoid these compromises all together.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. McLean has a date set with the University of Akron, and Stark State to roll out the 1403 Live Fire Training. The proposal to add the Haz Mat Tech certification is ready to move forward. Mr. Steele is adamant about putting the 16 Life Safety Initiatives into rule so that it can be added into all curriculums. The committee is looking to schedule a Fire Rule meeting on either Tuesday August 23, or Wednesday August 24 as a backup date, the actual time and location are to be determined.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The EMS Education Committee is looking at re-writing the Public Safety Instructor course. Mark Mankins is sitting on that committee, and will bring back information regarding the re-write.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Concerning Tri-C, Cuyahoga Community College West, Mr. Orahood will be drafting a letter to let them know what is required of them in order to meet the qualifications to be able to run a hybrid online Fire Instructor course.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Mr. Steele entertained a motion to adjourn. Wright first. Waltemire second. Meeting adjourned at 11:36.**