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FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2011

Chaired by: Jim Steele

Meeting Date and Location: September 13, 2011, Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present: Jim Steele, Eric Waltemire, Richard Sacco, Phil McLean,
Mark Lundy

Committee Members Absent: Dudley Wright, Bob Babb, Mark Mankins

Staff Present: Winston Ford, John Kennington, Jeffrey Leaming, John Sands, Millie
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Guests: Dave Belcher, Violet Township Fire/Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors;
Scott Walker, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12, 2011 FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR (FFSI) TRAINING COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to approve the July 12, 2011 FFSI committee minutes. McLean
first. Sacco second. None opposed. Motion approved.

OPEN FORUM

There was an introduction of the guests who attended the meeting. Also, Winston Ford
was introduced to the Committee as the new Public Safety Legal Counsel for the Division
of EMS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Leaming spoke to the Committee regarding House Bill 128 which talks about
changes in the law coming up on September 23. It discusses changes in the nomenclature
of responders and requires organizations that are substantially volunteer or volunteer
need to have a minimum of an EMT-Basic driving or on-board the vehicle when
responding to a scene. If the EMT-Basic is in the back a certified firefighter or certified
EMS provider can drive to the scene. The big change is if you are making a transport to a
hospital and you are substantially volunteer or volunteer there has to be a minimum of a
First Responder and EMT-Basic on board and if that is the minimum staffing utilized for
the ambulance, the First Responder must be the driver. If not substantially volunteer, the
ambulance must be staffed by a minimum of two EMT-Basics to the hospital. This

eliminates having someone who just serves only as a driver. An Ohio certified firefighter or Ohio certified EMS Provider can drive providing minimum staffing listed above is on-board the ambulance. They are going to require that a person driving needs to have completed an EVOC or an equivalency course.

Senate Bill 36 has also been introduced, it is a bill that allows for an EMS or Fire Response Vehicle to report any vehicle that passes them or does not pull over when they are running lights and siren. It will also allow for a police officer to assist by driving the medic in an emergency when there are two EMS providers in the back of the vehicle.

OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

Dave Belcher distributed a brochure and spoke of the upcoming 3rd Annual Instructor Development Symposium being held at Columbus Fire on October 14 and 15th.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL/OHIO FIRE ACADEMY REPORT

Scott Walker spoke about "24/7 Fire & EMS. The Fire Academy did sign a contract with an organization called 24/7 Fire & EMS to provide online continuing education courses. There will be a yearly fee associated with the website access/usage. It allows Firefighters and EMT's to sign up for a small yearly fee and take online continuing education to complete the required amount for renewal of certifications, the Fire Academy will also be introducing their own curriculum into the website. All agencies that sign up will have access to the Fire Academy's curriculum as well as the curriculum that already exists on the website; Fire departments will have their own web portal. Also, the Fire Academy's flammable liquids training area has been completed and is successfully up and running.

CERTIFICATION REPORT

There is discussion about changing the certification renewal website slightly, allowing for the individuals renewing to mark the certification they are renewing rather than having is marked for them, this has caused some confusion in that people are assuming that they are renewing all certifications at one time when they are actually only renewing one at a time. They are trying to get things right with the new database, and trying to make things as non-confusing as they can. Mr. Kennington discussed the reason why there is a delay in the printing of the new cards, it is because this helps to save some money rather than printing out an exorbitant amount of cards and having people say they weren't able to complete their continuing education and need an extension. This allows for them to renew all their certifications and have a new card printed out at one time. Mr. Lundy asked about certification expiration he wanted to know if once an individual renewed their card, if that immediately inactivates their current card, this is not the case, the old card will inactivate on the individuals birthday, and the new card will take effect. As long as an individual properly renews their certifications, there will be no certification gap.

FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT

Mr. Sands filled in for Mr. Orahood who was out for training. Mr. Orahood and Ms. Moore have worked extremely hard to complete the draft of the Practical Skills Evaluator

Training Manual. Mr. Orahood is working on setting up the locations around the state for Train the Trainer; he wants to do a minimum of five of them. He wants to have the Train the Trainer training, offered in each corner of the state as well as in the center. He would like to get approval of the draft of the Practical Skills Evaluator Training Manual from the committee to get it started and to be able to get the training up and running.

ACTION: Motion to approve Practical Skills Evaluator Training Manual. Sacco first. McLean second. None opposed. Motion approved.

The Ohio Fire Awards will be held at the Columbus Fire Training Academy on October 14th, at 9:00 am. Mr. Orahood has sent out the nominations to the committee for their final decision so the winners can be announced and can be put on the plaques. Status on the fire rules, the definitions might change; it needs to be sent to legal for review. Mr. Orahood will make the committee members aware of any changes that the legal department has made to the rules.

ACTION: Motion to approve the fire rules as written. Waltemire first. Sacco second. None opposed. Motion approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Current 1403 update was given by Mr. McLean. Mr. McLean has been in contact with Mike Warner from the Fire Chiefs council, who wanted to do a 1403 training in his area up in Lake County this fall, but unfortunately it will not happen due to the condition of his burn facility at this time. There is an Instructor class going on right now at the University of Akron that will incorporate part of the 1403 module to meet the new standard. He is also waiting to hear from Stark State on doing a complete 1403 pilot this fall. There was a request for three pilots initially, but they have never heard back from the Toledo area on hosting the pilot. Mr. McLean feels we should continue to move forward with the course because the curriculum, design and the delivery are all good. Mr. Sacco and Mr. Waltemire shared comments regarding the update.

Haz Mat Tech, Mr. Lundy spoke about the survey that was sent around to all the fire departments regarding the Haz Mat Tech, he described each section of the survey. Mr. Lundy stated they are looking for very basic information on where we stand on Haz Mat, and it seems that the largest goal is just to receive feedback and see where everyone is on it. Mr. Lundy will be e-mailing the survey out to each of the Committee members. It is a simple one page survey stating that the Committee is considering adding the Hazardous Materials Technician to the list of state certifications and that they would like to collect some basic information from fire departments around the state regarding this becoming a state certification. The departments are being asked to complete it with the name of the department, the name of the chief, the county the department is in, the region of the state, the approximate number of people served by them, type of department, paid/volunteer, or combination of both, number of personnel, full-time, part-time, volunteer, as well as the number of Haz Mat Technicians. He also asked if they operate a Haz Mat team. Mr. Orahood wants the content from the survey and will be putting the results together. Mr.

Waltemire and Mr. Steele made comments regarding the survey. Mr. Steele, Mr. Waltemire, Mr. Lundy, and Mr. Leaming further discussed the Haz Mat Tech.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Mr. Steele entertained a motion to adjourn. Lundy first. Waltemire second. Meeting adjourned at 10:45.