

Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee

MINUTES	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	September 10, 2013	10:04 a.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Committee Members:</u> Jim Steele, Dudley Wright, Eric Waltemire, Richard Sacco, Phil McLean, Steve Robertson</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Rachel Moore, Mel House, Doug Orahoad, John Sands</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> None</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Steve Goheen, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors/Clark State; Jay Louks, Columbus State Community College; Scott Walker, State Fire Marshal/Ohio Fire Academy.</p>		
ABSENT	Committee Members: Mark Lundy		
AGENDA TOPICS			
TOPIC	Welcome		
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:04. The meeting minutes from July 9, 2013 were reviewed and approved without change; Steele made the motion, Waltemire 1st, Sacco 2nd.</p> <p>The visitors introduced themselves.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			
TOPIC	Executive Director Report		
DISCUSSION	<p>The Division of EMS is currently working on fire issues, the biggest of which is the online fire testing. The Fire Rules came back from the CSI with only a few changes being needed. As of right now, the new fire rules should be able to go into effect by the end of the fourth quarter. To complete the fire rule package, there need to be revisions made to the fire forms, and then they need to be sent to Form Management, so that form numbers can be assigned to each of them. Once they have a number assigned by Form Management, then they can be presented as the whole fire rule package to JCARR.</p> <p>Live Fire Training Course, there were four bids submitted, two came in as no bids, and two came in with bids. Bowling Green State University submitted a bid of \$100,000; the University of Findlay submitted a bid of \$27,500. The University of Findlay was chosen to create the Live Fire Training course. A curriculum manager was assigned to the project, which is very good to work with; Director House had worked with her in the past on another project. The course will be created in a way that it will be eligible for ProBoard certification. The curriculum manager will have a kick off with the committee in order to get an idea of what is wanted and needed in the course. By November 15, the contractor should have a rough draft for approval by the committee. The new Live Fire Training course should be in the hands of the fire charters by the end of January 2014. There are a total of 24 individuals who have gone through the course and can assist with Train the Trainer. This training class will be required of all new fire instructors; all the current fire instructors can be grandfathered in, and can go through the training for continuing education credits. It may be added to the current certification card as an endorsement, or a credential.</p> <p>The curriculum update is a little behind right now, because of the issues with the fire testing system.</p> <p>On October 8, they are having an event at the Ohio Fire Academy with a special guest from the NHTSA that will work on training people in EVOC.</p> <p>Fire Training curriculum; the corrections to the Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 curriculum were sent out yesterday, the corrections to the Volunteer Firefighter curriculum was sent out today. There will be a special committee meeting on October 3, at the Ohio Fire Academy to work on updating the skill sheets. Director House would like to get the practical skill sheets done and ready for use by the fire charters by the end of this year, to the beginning of next year.</p>		

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TOPIC	Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors
DISCUSSION	There is a Fall Fire Instructor Symposium being held at the Ohio Fire Academy on November 1 & 2. Mr. Orahood will be forwarding the flyer to everyone on listserv.

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TOPIC	State Fire Marshal
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Walker stated that they are hoping to release the funding for up to 500 Volunteer firefighters to be able to transition to the Firefighter 1 level, for this year, and next year. The Fire Charters around the state will need to apply for the grants. The charters that will be eligible will have to have taught the firefighter 1 class for at least the past two years, and have their own burn facilities, or an agreement with a location that has a burn facility. They need to have experience in running the Firefighter 1/Transition course; they can't be a brand new fire charter.</p> <p>They started doing demolition on some of the buildings at the Academy, and putting in new roads. They are also working to upgrade their classrooms.</p>

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TOPIC	Fire Coordinator's Report
DISCUSSION	<p>The Ohio Fire Awards are being held on September 18, at 1:30, at the Ohio Fire Academy. The recipients and their guests should be there by 1:00. The media has been contacted for this event as well.</p> <p>The issues with fire testing and the provider of the test banks that the current tests are built on has been taken to the legal department of the Department of Public Safety.</p> <p>The IFSTA Firefighter 1 & 2; 5th and 6th edition, as well as the Volunteer Firefighter test bank have been created. Changes are being made in the testing system. We will be working to update it with our IT department. We are working on the validation process for IFSTA 6th edition. The IFSTA 5th edition test should be out in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>September 26 & 27 is the Fire and EMS Expo in Columbus, Mr. House, Mr. Orahood, and Mr. Sands will all be speakers at the expo.</p>

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Chair's Report
The work session that was held on August 15 th , was one of the most productive sessions held so far. They need to schedule another one to work on changes to the skill sheets, and the 1403 Live Fire Training. They are looking to having it on September 24 th , the location will be announced and should be starting around 9:00 or 9:30.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steele, Wright, first. McLean, second. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

NEXT MEETING

Next meetings: (Every other month, 2nd TUESDAY. 10:00 am)

- Tuesday, November 12, 2013
- Tuesday, January 14, 2014
- Tuesday, March 11, 2014

MINUTES APPROVED

Jim Steele, Chair

Date
