



FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR SUBCOMMITTEE

**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

MEETING NOTES

March 13, 2018

~Final~

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio.

Committee Members Present: Eric Waltemire, Dudley Wright, Timothy Thomas Sr., Steve Robertson and Phil McLean.

Committee Members Absent: ~none~

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Melvin House, Robert Wagoner, John Molnar, Doug Orahood, John Miller, Jayn Mayton and Sarah Hall.

Public Present: Jack Smith, Richard Sacco, Kip Smith, Dave Belcher, Tim Morrison, Joe Minocchi, Dick Glessner, Dallas Terrell, Bill Hoover and Scott Walker.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Waltemire called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

Discussion of Richard Sacco's committee member status. Executive Director House explained the board member that originally nominated Mr. Sacco for the Firefighter Fire Safety Inspector Training subcommittee no longer holds a board seat. Once the seat is filled, and if Mr. Sacco is nominated, he can be reappointed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Firefighter Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee meeting minutes from January 9, 2018. Mr. Timothy Thomas Sr. – First. Mr. McLean – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director House stated he is looking for qualified candidates for the Education Coordinator vacancy with the Division of EMS.

Currently we have 1,595 Live Fire Instructor certifications that are processed and two drop backs to Hazard Recognition Officers (HRO).

The state of Ohio currently has twenty-two Live Fire Burn facilities, fifty-six out of fifty-eight fire charters are currently using those facilities for live fire training; the listings of the Ohio Burn Facilities were distributed.

Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors

Dave Belcher reported the Ohio Weekend Conference will be in June. We are now working with the Ohio Fire Marshal and EMS Divisions for the 2019 conference schedule. Currently developing more professional development in the form of continuing education with the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and Clark State for a credentialing program.

Ohio Fire Marshal

Ohio Fire Code Books are in process. Online training is currently in the process of development with the Ohio Fire Marshal's information technology division.

EMS Fire and Education Report

Mr. Miller reported that they are continuing to work on the skills and course hour guidelines.

Old Business

Executive Director House reported that when the Division of EMS passed the rules they were drafted before the 2018 version of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 was available. The current rules are in compliance with the NFPA 2013 edition. We will be reviewing the rules to address the newer edition issue. We need to update to comply with the 2018 NFPA edition. It was discussed that the training facility will issue a certificate of training for the Live Fire Inspector II until the rule change. The course objectives to meet the NFPA rules and course hours will be reviewed.

The Live Fire Instructor cd-discs were mailed out with two PDF printouts in regards to prerequisites for the Instructors. Questions arose regarding the Fire Instructor verses Live Fire Instructor requirements. Executive Director House will review the information for clarity.

A question was posed about course requirements for HRO and Fire Safety Inspector. Both are 40 hours but include different objectives and topics. Fire Safety Inspector builds off of the HRO requirements with an additional 40 hours. Goals for the HRO are related to company inspections. Fire Safety Inspector is based on the plan reviews and violations. Both are based on NFPA objectives for Fire Safety Inspector (I and II).

Executive Director House stated that all of the testing banks are finished for the HRO and FSI and are in the review stage. The exams will be available on April 25, 2018.

Mr. Miller distributed the HRO recommended hour guide and skill sheets.

A question of who can administer continuing education for the fire code was posed. Executive Director House noted OAC rule 4765-20-16 D. The instructor must be operating under the guidance of an Ohio recognized fire charter or state training agency in order to provide any continuing education including the new fire code rule; a printout of the OAC rule was distributed. Training may be obtained at one of the five training seminars given by the State Fire Marshal or as of January 24, 2018 the 24/7 online training .

Executive Director House clarified that the Program Director is to conduct a written evaluation of the instructor of a fire charter. They must sign off for at least one course per charter cycle within each classification taught. Only the highest classification will need to be evaluated.

Agenda Item

Approval of Hazard Recognition Officer (HRO) and Fire Safety Inspector course objective, hours guide and practical skills check off- sheets.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Hazard Recognition Officer Curriculum course. Mr. Thomas Sr. – First. Mr. McLean - Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Fire Safety Inspector curriculum. Mr. Thomas Sr. – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Please note the Amendment of 22.4 was changed to 22.5 on the cognitive hour.

FFI and FFII exam update will combine some of the skills so they meet several standards. A matrix will be created for the FFI and FFII exam

Agenda Item

New Business ~none~

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 11:27 am. Mr. Robinson – First. Mr. Thomas Sr. – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 10:00 am at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio