

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE July 12, 2016	TIME 10:00 a.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS – Conference Room 1106 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
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ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Chair: Eric Waltemire, Phil McLean, Steve Robertson, Richard Sacco, and Dudley Wright
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, Doug Orahoad, Susan Edwards, and Beverly Cooper
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith from Sinclair Community College, Dave Belcher for OSFSI, Steve Goheen from State Fire Marshall's Office/Ohio Fire Academy.
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	None

A G E N D A T O P I C S

TOPIC	→ WELCOME & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes
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DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.</p> <p><i>Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2016 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ <i>First: Chief McLean;</i> ♦ <i>Second: Mr. Robertson.</i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p>
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TOPIC	→ OPEN FORUM
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DISCUSSION	Dave Belcher, OSFSI – at the spring meeting at Instructors Society spring meeting Chief McLean gave some updates. There was a request received from Tri-C for a presentation and the Society was planning an August visit not representing the committee but just an overview. Also, New Chief Symposium will be held in October.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC	→ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
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DISCUSSION	Director House will defer most of discussion to later in the agenda but would like to point folks to the new Division of EMS website. It contains more information that is easier to find. If you have anything you would like to the website, please let Director House know
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TOPIC	→ OLD BUSINESS
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DISCUSSION	<p style="text-align: center;">❖</p> <p>Rules review continued from June meeting. A couple of things that were missed earlier, clarification of when the program director must perform evaluation of instructors. Program director must evaluate each instructor at least once per three year cycle.</p> <p>Per the Pro Board Accreditation, we cannot test the Haz Mat, Emergency medical performance, or EVOC information because testing is only allowed on subjects considered Firefighter I or II. Pro Board considers Haz Mat, Emergency Medical Performance and EVOC pre-requisites. EVOC is already tested but a way to test Haz Mat and Emergency Medical will need to be devised. These areas will need to be tested and documented in the file at the program level. Discussion ensued.</p>
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Rules changes discussion - moved course admission requirements from 11-03 to each course because requirements vary by course (previously discussed in April), clarified state practical skill sheets need to be used for the state exam, in 10 the 18 yr old requirement was removed from FF I transition course because that is age requirement is in the Volunteer course and a Volunteer card is required to enter FFI Transition course, EMS Provider was added to the list of those who cannot be proctors, added appeal process and require it is filed with the division within 5 days. Appeal process also added to Chapter 21 – Practical exam. Per Doug, division requires Fire Chartered programs to have a mechanism for appeals.

Change was made to allow use of Fire Safety Inspectors who are also instructors in instances where there are not enough Fire Safety Inspector Instructor evaluators.

Discuss Chapter 20 – discussion regarding Firefighter certification required for Fire Safety Inspector. Per Director House, that is a requirement to get into the course and that is found in Chapter 11. In 11-03, all admission requirements would have to be documented and they are required to meet this rule to be in the course.

Policy on whether Health Care Services are available – policy advising students what the program has and does not have but not required to provide health care.

20-09 – Reinstatement – escalating requirements 0- 90 days assuming CE is completed applicant pays \$75 fee. Up to 90 days if they've done their CE - if not, must pass the knowledge examination. 18 months to 36 months must pay \$75, take knowledge and practical exam. At 36 months course must be repeated. Also discussed extensions and audits. These changes were also made to sections covering Fire Safety Inspector and Reciprocity – 18 to 36 months. If completed course within last 36 months, eligible for reciprocity (change from 18 months), still have to meet other requirements.

Discussion regarding Continuing Education. Committee felt language should prohibit “identical on-line continuing education” and should not apply to practical skills training. Discussion also held about “routine” job duties as Continuing Education. It was agreed to leave vague but those duties should not count as CE. Same change to Continuing Education language added to Fire Safety Inspector – limits identical online training.

14 is new rule – 90 day functioning extension received prior to expiration date. May apply for second 90 day extension which must include a justification.

21-03 Fire Instructor Training – must complete 40 hr. training course prior to 10 hours of teaching. Live Fire Training – as of April 7, 2014 must take Ohio course. Effective July 1, 2017 Fire Instructors and Assistant Fire Instructor must complete the course and JPRs. As of July 1, 2020 must be certified. Will require a grandfathering application. Anyone who held a card on April 6, 2014 is “exempt” but must apply for certification prior to 7/1/18 to be a live burn instructor. 21-04 deals with Live Fire – covers exemption application for Live Fire Training (grandfathering).

“Any offense” language changed to “criminal offense”.

Renewal for Live Fire Instructor – teach for a Fire Charter, participate as certified instruct in one live fire exercise per certification cycle. 21-12 ext. rule, shortened cycle-less than a year don't have to do burn, more than a year – must do burn. Some changes made in 22 due to – problems in hearing – criminal offense in D, is in two places now. Criminal offense must provide that information.

Added clarification that instructor shall meet 1403 and clarified Live Fire Instructor requirements. Some information is carried through to other areas. Question regarding Live Fire Instructor – under instructor #3 – related to the revised standard.

This was a quick review of the highlights. Look at the rules closely in the next few weeks. We have some time until the Alliance meets. If there is anything you see, let the Division know. We want the committee to be happy with the changes.

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Comment – NAFTA group surveying states regarding CE requirements. Ohio is one of the few ahead of the curve on CE.

Firefighter I and II Training Curriculum - Discussion regarding EVOC, EMS as a pre-requisite vs. part of course. Committee in favor of leaving both as part of course unless funding can be obtained to cover those as pre-requisites. Director House requested help with the Hours Guide. Chairman Waltemire requested that Doug Orahood send out most current Hours Guide to Committee members. Send ideas to Doug Orahood to discuss at next meeting.

Doug Orahood brought up EVOC - 16 hour course that includes 1451 which is geared more toward the maintenance of the vehicle. The actual driving and operations is in 1002. We have a lot of objectives in the EVOC course that are geared toward the maintenance of the vehicle. Do we develop our own course do we set objectives instead of having it reference NFPA standard. Companies that do EVOC training don't want it changed. Course will meet NFPA standards or NITSA or DOT standard. Doug suggested sending out USFA EVOC course information. Use that to see what they have. Right now there is a course the students can't do. Per Director House, those two standards are too broad and can't be done in 16 hours. Chair Waltemire suggested taking out the roadway driving language and drive a competency course. Chief McLean suggested checking with Drive Team who takes people out in a squad and pumper. Tabled for discussion at a later date.

Action Items	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss and report back about changes to Grant program to cover pre-requisites (EMS/EHOVE)	Steve Goheen	September 13, 2016
Doug to send out current Hours Guide Assistance with Hours guide-send ideas to Doug.	Doug Orahood	September 13, 2016

TOPIC	→ <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
DISCUSSION	<p>VFF Practical Skills - Volunteer course objectives and skill sheets – identified 6 mandatory skills. Mr. Orahood had the following suggestions: add doffing PPE, donning SCBA, advance a charged line up a ladder should be removed and replaced with shoulder load method with charging and loading the line.</p> <p>Recommendation is to have 6 mandatory skills and 8 random skills (in addition to the 36 hours currently required). Suggestion is to set up a committee with volunteer subject matter experts to review and recommends.</p> <p>DO reported that we were notified yesterday that the Pro Board re-accreditation went through. Test validation for IFSTA Firefighter I finished and IFSTA Firefighter II has begun. Also, received OK from legal for Jones and Bartlett item bank. Once IFSTA is completed, we will move on to Jones and Bartlett. Practical skill sheets are ready for review and we will be setting up a group to do that.</p> <p>October 27 is the Program Directors In-service Training. Topics 1403 documentation, rules review and changes, delegation of authority. Begins at 9 a.m. ends around 3 p.m. Need nominations for the Ohio Fire Service Awards.</p>

TOPIC	→ <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
DISCUSSION	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>At 12:16 p.m. Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to adjourn :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• First: Mr. Robertson;</i> <i>• Second: Chief Wright.</i> <p><i>None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.</i></p> </div> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.</p>