

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE September 12, 2017	TIME 9:59 a.m.	LOCATION ODPS – Division of EMS – Room 1106 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
ATTENDEES	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Eric Waltemire-Chair, Phil McLean, Steve Robertson, Timothy Thomas, Sr., and Dudley Wright.	
	<i>(EMS) Staff:</i>	Executive Director Mel House, John Miller, Jack Smith, Doug Orahoad and Susan Edwards.	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None.	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith – Sinclair Community College, Steve Goheen – Ohio Fire Academy.	
ABSENT	<i>Committee Members:</i>	Richard Sacco	

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

TOPIC	→ WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & REVIEW / Approval of Minutes
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DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2017 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: Chief Thomas</i> <p><i>All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion approved.</i></p> </div>
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TOPIC	→ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
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DISCUSSION	<p>Director House spoke regarding the Fire Rules implementation to take place on January 1, 2018. Jack Smith will report on details. The schedule will be as follows. On September 20, the rules will go to JCARR then on October 24, there will be a public hearing held. The time is still to be determined however the hearing will most likely start at 9:00 a.m. On November 13, JCARR will have a public committee hearing and the rules will become effective on January 1, 2018. The proposed rules are posted on the EMS website. The plan for the roll out will start with the Program Director’s conference on October 5. Changes will be reviewed at the conference and written documents will be sent out as well. There will be a hiatus on the Hazard Recognition Officer (HRO) course and Fire Safety Inspector course from January 1 to March 31, 2018 while we incorporate the new fire code documents. We plan to have the courses ready for your approval at the January meeting and have a couple of “Train the Trainer” webinars in February with April 1 course delivery to the programs. Another critical piece of the proposed rules is the Live Fire Instructor. We are working with Jean Booze on the grandfathering application. Our first target is the charters so that they can reach out to their instructors to get them grandfathered. Current instructors have until 2020 to apply for the Live Fire Instructor certification. Mr. Robertson had a question regarding initial. Director House explained that the Live Fire Instructor initial applications for the grandfathering process would all be paper applications and would be available on January 1, 2018.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	<u>OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE INSTRUCTORS</u>
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	<p>David Belcher not present however Steve Goheen mentioned that the fall conference would be held at the Ohio Fire Academy on October 18 and 20. There will be no Saturday session this year.</p>
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None		

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TOPIC	→ STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
	Steve Goheen, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Ohio Fire Academy, reported that the Ohio Fire Academy is in the midst of their IFSAC reaccreditation. The 2018 course catalog went to press and will be available shortly. Construction projects are completed for now.

TOPIC	DEMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT
DISCUSSION	Mr. Jack Smith reported there had been some charter visits with renewal recommended. Currently focusing on the proposed fire rules and curriculum development. We have finalized skill sheets and course objectives for Volunteer Firefighter course, the Inspector practical skill sheets, course objectives for all the fire certifications, the updated recommended hours guide which switches from the generalized IFSTA headings and put them into NFPA 1001 categories assigning cognitive hours and practical skills. This should help address problems with course schedules not following recommended hours/topics guide currently. The Section 1582 Medical exam clarification language has already been rolled out. The EVOC objectives and hazmat information were done. Now that the finalized contract for HRO from NFPA has been received the main focus is to ready that for roll out. NFPA did not want to move forward with the Fire Safety Inspector II contract so we will be building a course. Because of that we need to discuss whether to do just a recommended hour guide and outline or build a whole course including power point. Discussion regarding what schools are using currently. Discussion also as to whether to seek Pro Board certification for Hazard Recognition Officer.

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None.		

TOPIC	NEW BUSINESS
	Jack Smith presented the Firefighter I Modular course. Options and timing of the modular course were discussed. General idea is to provide a pathway to Firefighter I certification spread out over about a year. Skills testing and timing were discussed. Feedback was requested. Pretest review idea was presented. Mr. Smith also presented information on the Volunteer course broken down by NFPA and with a focus on firefighter safety and ground support. Changed "interior attack" to "hose line deployment". Cognitive and practical skills times are broken down by topic and minutes. Action Training video content and "flip the classroom" ideas were discussed to help with pass rates. Cost was discussed. Division of EMS will cover one year subscription fee with a \$20 fee for each person setting up an account to view videos through an Ohio fire chartered institution. Videos will be available for Volunteer and Firefighter I. Discussed problems with internet access in some areas.

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None.		

TOPIC	OLD BUSINESS
	NFPA agreement to allow use of materials for HRO has been sent to legal for review. NFPA wants to wait on the FSI 2 until seeing how the HRO goes. Chief McLean suggested getting the workgroup together to review adding Ohio specific information. Director House reminded that end product should meet the Inspector 1 level. Sending HRO to Pro Board for review was suggested and Director House stated that submission will not occur until course is out there. Must be done in time for April 1, 2018 delivery. Discussion regarding process and timing ensued. Work group session for November 14 after Firefighter & Fire Safety Inspector Training Sub-committee.

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None.		

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TOPIC

→ ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to adjourn.

- *First: Chief Wright;*
- *Second: Mr. Robertson.*

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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