

FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES	DATE July 11, 2017	TIME 10:00 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 and Susan Edwards.	
	<i>ODPS Staff:</i>	None.	
	<i>Visitors:</i>	Kip Smith – Sinclair Community College, David Belcher – OSFSI/OFOA, Scott Walker – State Fire Marshall/Ohio Fire Academy, Steve Goheen – Ohio Fire Academy, Eric Ellis – Richfield Fire Dept.	
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 black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve the Minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>First: Chief Thomas;</i> ◆ <i>Second: Chief McLean</i> <p><i>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 briefly on the progress of the Fire Rules update and the IT project. Mr. Robertson asked a few questions about timing and requirements of the new rules. Director House stated that anything occurring prior to January 1, 2018 would fall under the current rules. Chief Wright asked about the timing of the course curriculum for Hazard Recognition Officer and wanted to confirm that all were in agreement that the curriculum for the HRO classification may not be available on January 1, 2018. Director House confirmed that if that was the case, the classification would be open to Fire Safety Inspectors wishing to drop back until the curriculum development was completed. A brief discussion was held regarding Live Fire Instructor certification and the process of “grandfathering”.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	<u>OHIO SOCIETY OF FIRE INSTRUCTORS</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p>David Belcher, representing the Ohio Society of Fire Instructors, stated that the National Fire Academy is coming up and there are 130 firefighters from Ohio attending this year. The fall Instructor Symposium is being held this October.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	→ <u>STATE FIRE MARSHALL’S OFFICE</u>
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DISCUSSION	<p>Steve Goheen, representing the State Fire Marshall’s Office and the Ohio Fire Academy, will be assisting the Ohio Society of Fire Instructors with the Ohio weekend at the National Fire Academy. Also, will be at the Fire Chief’s conference on Thursday with the driving simulator. There will be focusing on validation and talking about why IFSAC and Pro Board are important. Also the driving simulator is here today. It is an accepted method of training for defensive driving techniques. Jeffrey Dawson was just hired at the OFA as the new coordinator Executive Development classes.</p>
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TOPIC	<u>DEMS FIRE EDUCATION REPORT</u>
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Mr. Jack Smith reported that work on Volunteer curriculum is moving forward as is work on modular Firefighter I course. Discussion regarding Volunteer course and Firefighter I ensued.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
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Chief Waltemire presented Committee Chair Report. Thanked Director House and Jack Smith for attending the Southeast Fire Chiefs meeting last week. The fire chiefs were very receptive to the modularized course idea.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

TOPIC	NEW BUSINESS
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Ohio Fire Awards nominations reviewed. Consensus was reached on the following:

- Ohio Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement Award – Gary Fellows
- Ohio Fire Officer of the Year Award – Scott Gilman (Director House abstaining)
- Ohio Fire Prevention Educator of the Year Award – Cody Martin
- Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year Award – Mark Martin
- Ohio Fire Department of the Year Award – Monroe Fire Department (Chief Thomas abstaining)

Suggestion was made to change Fire Department of the Year Award back to Volunteer Department. Suggestion was also made to revise the nomination forms for next year.

Ohio Fire Academy driving simulator is set up outside for viewing after the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Redo Nomination Form	Jack Smith	April, 2018

TOPIC	OLD BUSINESS
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Fire Safety Inspector Instructor Emeritus and Fire Chief Executive designations. Designed for Fire Safety Inspector Instructors who retired and let cards lapse to allow reinstatement of Instructor card without regaining Firefighter II certification.

TOPIC	→ <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
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Chairman Waltemire asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

None opposed, None Abstained, Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.