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**MIOSHA General Industry Safety Standard  
GI Part 74 Fire Fighting Advisory Committee Meeting**

**January 19, 2011, 1:00 P.M.  
State Secondary Complex, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, Michigan, 48909  
General Office Building, Conference Room G**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Blomstrom ..... Greenville Dept. of Public Safety  
Michael Brink ..... City of Madison Heights Fire Dept.  
Richard Clark ..... Grand Rapids Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union  
Daniel Dawe ..... West Bloomfield Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union  
Patrick DuVall ..... Plainfield Fire Dept.  
Joseph Grutza ..... MI DELEG Bureau of Fire Services  
Eva Hatt ..... Retired MIOSHA General Industry Safety & Health Manager  
James Rose ..... Michigan State Firemen's Assoc.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Frederick Cowper ..... Meridian Twp. Fire Dept.  
Keith Crawford ..... City of Flint Fire Dept.  
Richard Mahaney ..... Mahaney Loss Prevention Services

**MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:**

Lee J. Kueppers ..... Consultation, Education, and Training Division  
Robin Spaulding ..... General Industry Safety & Health Division  
Debbie Merryfield ..... Standards Section  
Dan Dykstra ..... Standards Section

**Agenda Item #1. Call to Order**

The January 19, 2011 GI Part 74 Fire Fighting advisory committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Daniel Dawe. Mr. Dawe welcomed everyone and introduced himself. A quorum of advisory committee members was present.

**Agenda Item #2 Request for Rulemaking Justification**

Mr. Dan Dykstra, MIOSHA Standards Section Manager, informed the advisory committee that all current and pending rule promulgation activities are being scrutinized closely for impact on employers, employees and businesses. The new administration is requesting additional justification, and information regarding potential impact and/or costs, for all amendments. Therefore, MIOSHA will be seeking additional assistance from the advisory committee members and/or commission members to provide the necessary documentation before any rules get forwarded beyond our office.

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**Agenda Item #3 Approval of December 15, 2010 Minutes**

Mr. Dawe asked that the minutes be revised to reflect that he also represents the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Blomstrom and seconded by Mr. Michael Brink to accept the minutes as revised. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #4 Review of Rules 7401, 7402, 7403 and 7404**

- Rule 7401 – The committee discussed if Rule 7451 involving emergency operations is covered in the scope as written. It was the consensus of the committee that Rule 7451 is covered under the current scope. The committee discussed adding “paid-on-call” to the last sentence of the scope. It was determined that Act 154 clearly defines who is considered an employee and that no further detail was needed in the scope. No changes were made to Rule 7401.
- Rule 7402 – The advisory committee reviewed the applicability of the standard. The committee discussed whether this standard could be applied when a fire fighter is not involved in an emergency operation, such as training or daily life at the fire house. Ms. Eva Hatt advised that training would be covered by this standard because it is conducted in preparation for response to an emergency. Ms. Hatt also advised that daily life at the fire house would be covered under many different MIOSHA standards, including but not limited to Part 1 (General Provisions), Part 2 (Floor and Wall Openings, Stairways and Skylights), and Part 33 (Personal Protective Equipment). The committee also discussed if fire inspectors employed by the fire department were covered under Part 74. The committee determined that if the fire inspector is not involved in responding to emergency operations during or after the emergency, then the fire inspector would not be covered by Part 74. No changes were made to Rule 7402.
- Rule 7403 – Definitions:
  - 1) “Approved label” – No change.
  - 2) “Aerial apparatus” – Change “hydraulically” to “power” (Justification – will cover any new technology that arises with this type of equipment).
  - 3) “Control” – No change.
  - 4) “Controlled process” – No change.
  - 5) “Emergency operations” – The committee discussed whether the standard should be changed to include vegetative cover fires. It was determined that the financial impact to communities would outweigh the benefit of including vegetative cover fires in Part 74. Copies of General Industry Part 33 (Personal Protective Equipment) and Act 154 were distributed to the group to clarify where employees fighting vegetative cover fires would be protected.
  - 6) “Exhaust emissions” – No change.
  - 7) “Fire apparatus” – In last sentence, change “fire fighting” to “operations” (Justification – clarifies, but does not change what is being covered in this definition). The committee discussed if rehabilitation vehicles would be covered under Part 74. It was determined that rehabilitation vehicles would be covered under Part 74 because they transport employees and equipment to and from the scene of an emergency.
  - 8) “Fire station” – No change.
  - 9) “Fire service personnel” – No change.
  - 10) **“Head protection” – Revisit when committee addresses Personal Protective Equipment section.**

- 11) "Ladder pipe" – No change.
  - 12) "Lower control station" – The committee determined that the term "lower control station" was not used in Part 74. This definition was removed from Rule 7403. Using the same definition as "lower control station", "primary control station" was added to Rule 7404. This change also resulted in updating Rule 7424(7)(a) to replace "turntable" with "primary control station." (Justification – clarifies, but does not change what is being covered by the standard).
  - 13) "Municipal" – No change.
- Rule 7404 – Tabled until February 4, 2011 meeting.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Comparison of NFPA Standards**

Mr. Richard Clark spoke with Mr. McGraw at the International Fire Fighters Union and was told that all modifications and updates made to NFPA standards are listed in the "Origins and Development" section of each NFPA standard.

Mr. Joseph Grutza may be able to provide electronic versions of each NFPA referenced in Part 74 for the group to review.

**Agenda Item #6 – Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, February 4, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** and will be held at the **General Office Building in Conference Room G.**

**Ms. Debbie Merryfield advised that the April 20, 2011 Advisory Committee meeting is cancelled.**

**Mr. Dawe asked all members to review Rules 7404 and 7405 and bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.**

**Agenda Item #6 Public Comment**

There were no visitors or public comment.

**Agenda Item #7 Adjournment**

With no further business before the advisory committee, the meeting was adjourned.