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

**February 4, 2011, 9:30 A.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  
Richard Mahaney .....Mahaney Loss Prevention Services

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Keith Crawford.....City of Flint Fire Dept.  
James Rose.....Michigan State Firemen’s Association

**MIOsha STAFF PRESENT:**

Daniel Dykstra .....Standards Section  
Debbie Merryfield.....Standards Section  
Robin Spaulding.....General Industry Safety & Health Division

**VISITORS:**

A.J. Hale.....General Industry Safety Standards Commission

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

The February 4, 2011 GI Part 74 Fire Fighting advisory committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Daniel Dawe. Mr. Dawe welcomed everyone. A quorum of advisory committee members was present.

**Agenda Item #2 Advisory Committee Logistics**

Mr. Daniel Dykstra, MIOsha Standards Section Manager, informed the advisory committee that Mr. Frederick Cowper, Meridian Township Fire Chief and representative from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) resigned from the committee. The MAFC is concerned that they no longer have representation on the Part 74 advisory committee, and have requested that another member of MAFC take Mr. Cowper’s seat. Mr. Dykstra explained to the MAFC that even though a committee member may represent a particular organization, the seat belongs to the individual and not the organization, and in accordance with Act 154, it is the duty of the

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Commissions to approve/seal advisory committee members, not MIOSHA. Mr. Dykstra stated that the Part 74 advisory committee currently has equal representation from labor and management. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Mahaney and seconded by Mr. Michael Brink that the minutes should reflect that the Part 74 advisory committee supports the MAFC being part of future advisory committee meetings as guests, and will accept their input in that fashion, until such time as they approach the General Industry Safety Standards Commission to have a new representative appointed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #3 Approval of January 19, 2011 Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Blomstrom and seconded by Mr. Richard Clark to accept the minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #4 Review of Rules 7404 and 7405**

- Rule 7404 – Definitions; O to V.
  - 1) “Operator’s control station” – No change.
  - 2) “Personal alert safety systems (PASS)” – No change.
  - 3) “Platform control station” – No change.
  - 4) “Positive-pressure breathing apparatus” – No change.
  - 5) “Protective ensemble” – The committee discussed adding eye and hearing protection to the elements of a protective ensemble, or removing all reference to specific elements of a protective ensemble. A motion was made by Mr. Patrick DuVall and seconded by Mr. Mahaney to delete the last sentence from the definition of protective ensemble. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
A motion was made by Mr. Mahaney and seconded by Mr. Blomstrom to change “fire fighters” to “fire service personnel” throughout the standard. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
A motion was made by Mr. Mahaney and seconded by Mr. Blomstrom to remove the word “certain” from the first sentence of this definition. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
(Justification – Definition now includes all PPE by removing specific elements of the protective ensemble.)
  - 6) “Roof ladder” – No change.
  - 7) “Stay poles” – No change.
  - 8) “Structural Fire Fighting” – No change.  
“Training” – A motion was made by Mr. DuVall and seconded by Mr. Clark to change “...instruction and hands-on practice...” to “...instruction and/or hands-on practice...”  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
(Justification – Some training (i.e. terrorism response readiness) is only instructional and does not include hands-on training)
  - 9) “Volunteer” – No change.
- The committee discussed if other terms should be defined, such as “safeguards”, “rescue”, and “technical rescue.” It was determined that no further clarification of these terms was needed.
- Rule 7405 – Adoption by reference of standards.
  - 1) Tabled until the committee has reviewed the remainder of the standard.

**Agenda Item #5 – Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was rescheduled for **Monday, March 28, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** and will be held at the **General Office Building in Conference Room G.**

**Mr. Dawe asked all members to review Rules 7411, 7412 and 7415 and bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.**

**Agenda Item #6 Public Comment**

Commissioner A.J. Hale sat in on the advisory committee meeting. He explained that he was originally seated on the Part 74 advisory committee but had to resign because he was appointed to the General Industry Safety Standards Commission. He thanked the committee for their work and stated he hopes to attend future meetings.

**Agenda Item #7 Adjournment**

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