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**MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H
Lansing, MI 48910
August 11, 2015
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Timothy James, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Terrence Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Brian Blomstrom, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Joel Hondorp, Michigan Municipal League/Michigan Townships Assn.
Richard Miller, State Fire Marshal, Council Member ex-Officio
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Chad Tackett, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

MEMBERS ABSENT

BFS STAFF PRESENT

Mike Deprez, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Michael Greis, Fire Marshal Representative
Daniel Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator
BreeAnn Hooker, Recording Secretary
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Smalley, Office of Regulatory Reinvention
Adam Sandoval, Office of Regulatory Reinvention
Robert Stokes, Detroit Fire Department
Thomas Tyler, Detroit Fire Department
Katherine Sowton, LARA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson James called the meeting to order at 9:34. A quorum was determined present.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Liz Smalley-Attorney General presentation

The Attorney General, Legal Overview Presentation, was reviewed by Liz Smalley covering council establishment, standards of conduct, conducting a meeting and overview of the Firefighters Training Council Act.

Councilperson James seeks clarification on availability of Attorney General Opinions; Ms. Smalley explains the process pertaining to acquiring copies of those, if applicable. It is dependent on the issue or topic, also, if it involves an individual. If the opinion is not accessible, the Attorney General should be able to assist the State Fire Marshal with explaining the reason for unavailability. Council inquires if they can request and/or FOIA any information, Ms. Smalley states that the Council does have that right.

Chairperson James inquires if it would be appropriate for the State Fire Marshal to have a contract with each of the 83 counties, outlining what the counties responsibilities are and what the Bureau's responsibilities are. Ms. Smalley agrees that would be appropriate.

Liz Smalley-Rules Update

Clarification sought on various portions of the rules by Councilmembers to Liz. The differences between rules, policies, and work rules were explained. Policy and procedure interpretation was also discussed based on prior information that was provided to the Council. Liz will make the discussed changes and edits, then will send those to Fire Marshal Miller upon completion. Adam Sandoval is introduced as Ms. Smalley's replacement, as she is leaving ORR.

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Blomstrom and seconded by Councilperson Pettinger to adjourn the work session meeting. **MOTION CARRIES**. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.

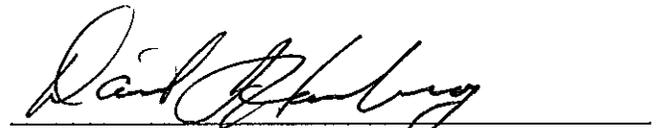
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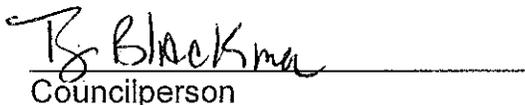
APPROVED:



Timothy James
Chairperson



Fire Fighter Training Division Representative



Councilperson