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MIOsha GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARD
PART 74 FIRE FIGHTING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
MIOsha Management and Technical Services Division Laboratory
7707 Rickle Street, Lansing

MEETING MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom..... Greenville Dept. of Public Safety
Richard Clark Grand Rapids Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Keith Crawford City of Flint Fire Dept
Daniel Dawe..... West Bloomfield Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters
Union
Patrick DuVall Plainfield Fire Dept.
Joseph Grutza..... MI LARA Bureau of Fire Services
David Peterson Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Brink City of Madison Heights Fire Dept.
Eva Hatt Retired MIOsha General Industry Safety & Health Manager
Richard Mahaney Mahaney Loss Prevention Services
James Rose..... Michigan State Firemen’s Association

MIOsha STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

AJ Hale General Industry Safety Standards Commissioner

Call to Order

The February 23, 2012 GI Part 74 Fire Fighting advisory committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Daniel Dawe. A quorum of advisory committee members was present.

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Review and Approval of January 20, 2011 Minutes

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

Update from MIOSHA Standards Section Manager

Mr. Daniel Dykstra, MIOSHA Standards Section Manager, introduced Commissioner AJ Hale to the committee. Commissioner Hale gave the advisory committee a brief description of his background. Commissioner Hale stated he was a fire fighter early in his career.

Mr. Dykstra reiterated that the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) has finished their review of all MIOSHA rules and is proposing many changes, although MIOSHA does not know what the changes are yet. Mr. Dykstra urged the Part 74 committee to move forward as quickly as possible so that the proposed changes to Part 74 do not get stuck behind the thousands of changes proposed by the ORR project. Mr. Dykstra reminded the committee that all current and pending rule promulgation activities are being scrutinized closely for impact on employers, employees and businesses. Keep in mind that the current administration is requesting additional justification and information regarding potential impact and/or costs for all amendments, including appendices.

Draft Appendix on Officer Training Requirements

Mr. Blomstrom provided a handout to the committee from the Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council meeting. The handout included draft language for fire fighter classification as well as definitions of job duties that differed from this committee's definitions. The committee determined that the definitions were substantially similar and chose not to change the existing job duty definitions.

The committee completed marking the appropriate training boxes for each job duty on the appendix matrix. The committee determined that the footnotes were no longer needed.

Continue review of Part 74

This item was tabled until the March 6, 2012 advisory committee meeting.

Public Comment

Commissioner Hale provided input and guidance throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

The next GI Part 74 advisory committee meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the General Office Building, Conference Room G.

The next General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting is March 14, 2012 from 9:30 to 12:00pm at the General Office Building, Conference Room B. If the committee members complete their review of the Part 74 standard at the March 6 meeting the co-chairs may be able to present the committee's proposed changes at the GISSC meeting.

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