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

October 24, 2011, 9:00 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
Richard Clark.....Grand Rapids Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters
Union
Keith CrawfordCity of Flint Fire Dept
Daniel Dawe.....West Bloomfield Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters
Union
Patrick DuVallPlainfield Fire Dept.
Joseph Grutza.....MI LARA Bureau of Fire Services
Eva HattRetired MIOSHA General Industry Safety & Health Manager
David Peterson.....Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
James Rose.....Michigan State Firemen’s Association

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael BrinkCity of Madison Heights Fire Dept.
Richard MahaneyMahaney Loss Prevention Services

MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Ronald FarrMI LARA Bureau of Fire Services, State Fire Marshal

Agenda Item #1. Call to Order

The October 24, 2011 GI Part 74 Fire Fighting advisory committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair James Rose. Mr. Rose welcomed everyone. A quorum of advisory committee members was present.

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Agenda Item #2 Review and Approval of September 22, 2011 Minutes

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

Agenda Item #3 Differences between 1999/2009 editions of NFPA 1901 (Rule 7421(3))

Mr. Ron Farr, State Fire Marshal, was invited by the committee to explain the differences between the 1999 edition and the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901. Mr. Farr stated that when NFPA totally rewrites a standard, it does not create a strike/bold version of the standard highlighting the changes. He suggested asking NFPA for the approved proposals from the technical committee when the 2003 edition was updated to the 2009 edition. These proposals should be in the archives. Ms. Eva Hatt asked what version equipment manufacturers are using when building fire apparatus. Mr. Farr stated manufacturers are using the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901. If the manufacturer is asked to build equipment that does not meet the 2009 edition's specifications, they would have the fire department sign a liability waiver. The committee discussed if there was a need to change Part 74, since all new equipment is most likely being manufactured to the specifications in the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901. The group discussed that retro-fit equipment is not covered by this rule, and therefore could not be held to the specifications in NFPA 1901.

Mr. Dave Peterson asked how it makes the committee and MIOSHA look if we are not recommending the safest, most current industry standard for fire apparatus. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Farr recommended adopting the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901.

Mr. Dan Dawe stated that the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901 contains a new chapter on trailers. Many departments are now using trailers. Mr. Richard Clark stated that departments would have to go out of their way to follow the 1999 edition of NFPA 1901. Mr. Keith Crawford suggested that the committee obtain letters from the leading fire apparatus manufacturers stating that they manufacture all equipment to the specifications in the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901. These letters could be used as justification for the change if it was questioned during a public hearing or by the legislature. Before adopting the 2009 edition of NFPA 1901, the committee would like a complete comparison to the 1999 edition to ensure that the committee agrees with any variations between the editions.

Mr. Dawe and Mr. DuVall will work together to compare the 1999 and 2009 editions of NFPA 1901. They will contact Mr. Ron Farr to obtain any archived documents needed from the NFPA.

Agenda Item #4 Draft Appendix on Officer Training Requirements

Mr. Joe Grutza provided the committee with a draft training requirements document and the group proposed several changes to the document. The following changes were suggested and will be readdressed at the next meeting:

- Define each of the "Job Duties" at the end of the appendix.
- Add a footnote advising reader where medical requirements can be found.
- Possibly add a column for "Safety Officer" to the "Job Duties."

- Add a footnote stating the appendix identifies minimum training recommendations where applicable.

Members of the committee thanked Mr. Grutza for his work creating the draft document.

Advisory committee members will review the draft document and be prepared to continue discussion on the appendix at the December 14, 2011 advisory committee meeting.

Agenda Item #3c Continue review of Part 74

This item was tabled until the December 14, 2011 advisory committee meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comment

Mr. Ron Farr had suggestions and comments throughout the meeting.

Agenda Item #5 – Next Meeting Date

The next GI Part 74 advisory committee meeting is Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the MIOSHA Management and Technical Service Laboratory Conference Room.

Agenda Item #6 Adjournment

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