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## Executive Order Eliminates MSP Fire Marshal Division

By D/F/Lt. W. Thomas Sands, Acting State Fire Marshal

On October 2, 2003, Governor Granholm issued Executive Order No. 2003-18. The Executive Order will reshape the way state government provides services in a number of areas. The Executive Order can be viewed in its entirety on the Michigan.gov web site.

When the Executive Order goes into effect on December 7, 2003, the title of State Fire Marshal and all programs, duties, and responsibilities currently administered by the Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, as set forth in Public Act

207 of 1941, with the exception of fire investigation, will be transferred to the newly created Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) and located in the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety.

Over the past 62 years, the Michigan State Police and the men and women of the Fire Marshal Division have taken a great deal of pride in providing high quality support services to the fire service in Michigan. We realize the services are vital to public safety, and we are



D/F/Lt. W. Thomas Sands

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## MFFTC Executive Director Accepts New Position

After serving over ten years with the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Executive Director Gregory Kirt announced he will be leaving his position with MFFTC. He has accepted the position of State Training Officer with the Department of State Police, Emergency Management Division, effective October 26, 2003.

Before being appointed Executive Director, Mr. Kirt served as Interim Director on two occasions; once in 1990 and again in 1993. He was formally appointed Executive Director in August 1993. Upon the request of Council in 1984, Mr. Kirt conducted an extensive review

of MFFTC operations. Some of the resulting recommendations adopted by Council included: Adoption of the NFPA-1001 Training Standard; establishment of County Training Committees; and a formula based system to insure equitable distribution of county training monies, all of which remain in use today.

During Mr. Kirt's tenure there have been many improvements in both the programs and infrastructure of the MFFTC. Among the various new programs adopted by Council, the two most significant are the International Fire Service Training Association's Fire Fighter I & II curriculum, and the Maryland Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II



Director Gregory Kirt

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# Fire Deaths

## Fire Deaths Reported in September 2003

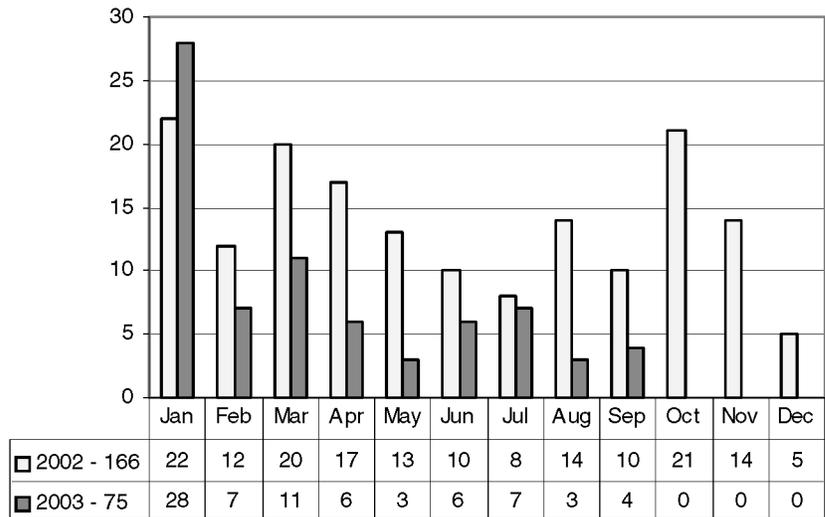
Name	Age	Sex	Date of Fire	Cause of Fire	Responding Fire Dept	Cause of Death	Smoke Detector Present	Smoke Detector Operational
Leadman, L.	79	F	07/03/03	accidental	Masonville/2109	smoke inhalation	NA	NA
Dhooge, J.	2	M	07/10/03	undetermined	Burlington/4404	smoke inhalation	yes	yes
Gouge, T.	67	M	08/26/03	undetermined	Ionia DPS/3403	smoke inhalation	yes	yes
Risch, C.	7	M	09/09/03	undetermined	Harrison/1803	smoke inhalation	yes	no
Mocer, J.	80	F	08/15/03	accidental	Sterling Hts/5019	thermal burns	unknown	unknown
Broderick, T.	36	M	09/12/03	undetermined	Auburn Wms/0901	smoke inhalation	no	NA
Dempsey, D.	44	F	09/03/03	accidental	Harper Woods/8222	thermal burns	yes	no
Harrison, K.	71	M	08/31/03	accidental	Three Rivers/7510	smoke inhalation	yes	yes
Mocer, D.	82	M	08/15/03	accidental	Sterling Hts/5019	thermal burns	unknown	unknown

Send fire death information to Mary Nemeth at [nemethm@michigan.gov](mailto:nemethm@michigan.gov) or by fax to 517.322.2908

### Fire Fact of the Month

Two of every three home heating fires in the U.S. in 1999, and five of every six related deaths, were attributed to space heating equipment.

### Fire Deaths by Month Two-Year Comparison



**Fire Investigation I School (Formerly Basic) - 80 Hours**

Spring Session: April 12-23, 2004

**Application Deadline: February 13, 2004**

Fall Session: September 13-24, 2004

**Application Deadline: July 9, 2004**

Tuition: \$550- Covers meals, lodging, and all training materials. Students are responsible for their own transportation and necessary work equipment. Students selected for training will receive a list of necessary equipment.

\$750- non-resident

**Fire Investigation II School (Formerly Advanced) - 40 Hours**

March 15-19, 2004

**Application Deadline: February 13, 2004**

Tuition: \$275- Covers meals, lodging, and all training materials. Students are responsible for their own transportation and necessary work equipment.

\$375- non-resident

Prerequisite: Students **must** have attended the Fire Marshal Division Fire Investigation I School (formerly Basic) or equivalent.

**Vehicle Fire Investigation School - 40 Hours**

October 11-15, 2004

**Application Deadline: September 10, 2004**

Tuition: \$275- Covers meals, lodging, and all training materials. Students are responsible for their own work equipment.

\$375- non-resident

Prerequisite: Students **must** have attended the Fire Marshal Division Fire Investigation I School (formerly Basic) or an equivalent.

**Arson Follow-Up School - 40 Hours**

Winter Session: February 9-13, 2004

**Application Deadline: January 2, 2004**

Summer Session: August 23-27, 2004

**Application Deadline: July 16, 2004**

Tuition: \$275- Covers meals, lodging, and all training materials. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

\$375- non-resident

**NOTE:** This school is open only to police and public safety officers. **It does not instruct fire origin and cause determination.** This school teaches those skills necessary to continue an investigation once a fire has been determined to be arson by a qualified investigator.

**Elimination of MSP Fire Marshal Division (continued)**

currently working with DLEG to ensure as seamless a transition as possible.

The Executive Order will eliminate the Fire Marshal Division from the Department of State Police. The State Police will continue to conduct fire investigations and provide fire investigation training. As of this writing, it has not been determined how these remaining functions will be assimilated into the department

structure. As this will be the last issue of *Fire TIES*, we will do our best to keep the fire service informed through other means such as fire service meetings and e-mails regarding fire investigation services and training.

I would like to acknowledge all previous and present Fire Marshal Division members and the numerous individuals and organizations that have worked in harmony over the past six

decades to insure the delivery of professional high quality services for the protection of life and property from the ravages of fire. On behalf of the Department of State Police and the people of the State of Michigan, thank you.

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The U.S. Fire Administration uses the data as a basis for their publication *Fire in the United States*, which is the single most comprehensive reference on the nature and scope of the fire problem in the U.S.

### How NFIRS Works

Local fire departments forward the completed NFIRS data to the state by using the Bulk Import Utility, an e-mail attachment or by sending a disk. Fire departments using the USFA software on-line send their data directly to the state. The state combines the information with data from other fire departments into a statewide database and then electronically submits the data to the National Fire Data Center (NFDC) at the U.S. Fire Administration. The NFDC can then compare and

contrast statistics from states and large metropolitan departments to develop national public education campaigns, make recommendations for national codes and standards, guide allocation of federal grant funds, support federal legislation, etc.

The annual NFIRS data are used to compile statewide fire statistics to identify the many aspects of the fire problem in Michigan. These statistics are published on the Fire Marshal Division website at [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp), click

on Services to Governmental Agencies, State Fire Marshal, Statistics.

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### Vendor Software Users

In order to have your NFIRS 5.0 data current and “valid” with the state, it is very important to keep in contact with your vendor to make sure you have the latest copy of their software. Any changes made to the specifications by the USFA will be passed along to the vendors and they will in turn pass the updates onto the fire departments.

**Have you used the Bulk Import Utility to send your data to the state?** It's simple and saves time.

The Bulk Import allows fire departments using vendor software to send data directly to Michigan's partition on the federal server. Instructions are located on the FMD website [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp) or request a copy from Mary Nemeth at [nemethm@michigan.gov](mailto:nemethm@michigan.gov). Using the Bulk Import replaces the need to send your data as an e-mail attachment or on a disk.

For 2002 Statewide Fire Statistics and the **Michigan Fire Service Directory** log on to [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp), click on Services to Governmental Agencies, then go to State Fire Marshal.

Please direct all questions to Mary Nemeth:  
NFIRS State Program Administrator at [nemethm@michigan.gov](mailto:nemethm@michigan.gov) or 517-322-1939.

## MFFTC Executive Director (continued)

courses. Both programs will continue to have a positive long lasting effect on the fire service in Michigan.

Administration of MFFTC programs and services underwent a complete transformation under the direction of Mr. Kirt. The design and implementation of the computerized Information Management System (IMS) was built around the newly developed business processes, operational policies and procedures. The IMS enables the limited staff of 11 fulltime positions to administer training to over 22,000 fire fighters each year. The IMS also maintains an individual training record for each of Michigan's over 31,000 fire fighters. Annually, each of the 1,080 fire departments is sent a Fire Department Training Report listing their members and the

cumulative training history for each member.

Other improvements include: The increase of MFFTC staff from 7 to 11 fulltime positions; the MFFTC interactive web site; the Instructor Guide and Administrative Manual; the Laws, Administrative Rules and Standards Manual; and the Electronic Course Management System; which are only a few examples of the progress made during Mr. Kirt's tenure.

Mr. Kirt said, "It has been an honor to serve as MFFTC Executive Director, and I am proud of the progress and accomplishments, which were only possible through the dedication and hard work of staff." He further acknowledged the important role of the training coordinators, instructors, test evaluators, county training

committees and regional training centers in the daily delivery of MFFTC programs and services. He indicated the steady guidance and support of Council over the years has been a key factor in all that has been accomplished. He is looking forward to the challenges of his new position and wishes Council, staff members, and the MFFTC support network continued success.

Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council members and staff, Fire Marshal Division members, and his many friends throughout the fire service wish Director Kirt all the best in the future.

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## MFFTC Instructor Alert

To maintain certified instructor status, a certified instructor must teach in a MFFTC registered course or serve as a FFI and/or II test evaluator within the previous three (3) year period or he or she shall be placed on probationary instructor status.

**EXEMPTION:** A certified instructor who teaches only within his or her department; or a certified instructor in a large department who may no longer instruct but is the Officer in Charge of Training, may be exempted from the requirements as stated in the above paragraph.

For a certified instructor who is a fire department member, to be considered for the exemption described above, he or she must notify the MFFTC of his or her position title and instructional activity for the 12 month period ending the previous September 30, 2003. This information must be submitted on MFFTC Form, FMD-257 (*available on the MFFTC Web Site, [mfftc.org](http://mfftc.org)*) and signed by the certified instructor and his or her fire chief or designee.

The request form (FMD-257) is due annually and must be

received or postmarked no later than December 31.

You may mail or fax the completed FMD-257 Form to the MFFTC Lansing Office at:  
MI Fire Fighters Training Council  
Attention: Testing and Certification Sub-Unit, 7150 Harris Drive,  
Lansing, MI 48913, Fax Number 517.322.6540

Any questions, please contact your Region Supervisor.

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## MFFTC MEETING SUMMARY

**Members Present:** The October 1, 2003 meeting of the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC), was held in Lansing at the General Office Building in Cafeteria Conference room "B". Council members present: Chairman Michael J. Burke, Vice Chair Kenneth W. Eagle, William D. Anderson, Terrence H. Chesney, David J. Purchase, D/F/Lt. Thomas Sands and Thad N. Taylor.

**Staff Present:** Gregory Kirt, Executive Director; Mary Egner, Recording Secretary; and James Porcello, Programs Administrator.

**Guests Present:** Wayne Hanna, Larry Morabito, and William Sedlacek.

**Executive Order Transfers MFFTC and Other Fire Programs:** On September 17, 2003, Governor Granholm issued Executive Order 2003-14 that creates the new Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). This will bring about the following changes regarding fire programs:

- Transfers State Fire Marshal and functions of Fire Marshal Division other than those related to arson investigation and related law enforcement functions from Department of State Police (MSP) to DLEG, Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety.
- Transfers Fire Fighters Training Council from MSP to DLEG. DLEG Director to replace MSP Director on Council. Authority to designate chairperson of Fire Fighters Training Council transferred to Governor.
- Authority to designate Chairperson of Fire Safety Board transferred to Governor.

**Executive Director Kirt Leaving MFFTC:** Director Kirt announced he has accepted the position of State Training Officer

with MSP, Emergency Management Division and will be leaving before the end of October. He said he has enjoyed serving as MFFTC Executive Director since February 1993 and was proud of the progress and accomplishments, which have only been possible through the dedication and hard work of staff. It is important to acknowledge the efforts of the training coordinators, instructors, test evaluators, county training committees and regional training centers in the daily delivery of MFFTC programs and services. Certainly, the steady guidance and support of Council over the years has been a key factor in all that has been achieved. He is looking forward to the challenges of his new position and wishes Council, staff members, and the MFFTC support network continued success.

**Porcello to be Named Interim MFFTC Executive Director:** Council has recommended Programs Administrator James R. Porcello as Interim Executive Director when Kirt leaves. Porcello has over 22 years fire service experience, 17 years of which he served as Assistant Chief of the Fowlerville Fire Department in Livingston County. He has been a certified instructor since 1989 and served as an MFFTC Training Coordinator for five years before being hired fulltime by the MFFTC in April 1998. He served as Region 3 Supervisor until 2000 when he was promoted to his current position of Programs Administrator.

**Testing & Certification Technician Position Vacancy:** This position has been vacant since July and cannot be filled until the transfer of MFFTC to the

new Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety is complete. This position was previously held by Michelle Fowler who accepted a position with the Department of Information Technology.

**FFI & II Electronic Course Management System (ECMS):** Six ECMS seminars were attended by over 160 course managers and instructors in late August.

Council extends a special thank you to the following departments and organizations that hosted the seminars: Troy Fire Department, Grand Rapids Fire Department, Gaylord Area Ambulance, and Northern Michigan University, Marquette. Each of the seminar attendees received a free CD of the new software.

ECMS is a new and easy to use software program that incorporates completion of the Student Activity Record and all other necessary forms. The ECMS software enables the course manager to manage FFI, FFII, and FFI & II courses from concept to finish, including status reports and on screen snapshots of the course while in progress. Long range plans are to include all MFFTC courses in the new software program.

**MFRI Fire Officer I & II Course Revisions:** Many of the MFRI FO I & II instructors who received the revisions to the courses last August have responded with initial positive comments. Council must now wait to see how the changes flow in the classroom and to hear back from the students.

**Instructor Applications:** Council approved 31 Probationary Instructor applications.

**Meeting Attendance & Activities:** The Director participated in the

following: August 20, ECMS Seminars, Troy Fire Department; August 21, ECMS Seminars, Grand Rapids Fire Department; September 18, Joint Fire Service Council, Lansing; September 19-20, Firemen's Memorial Festival, Roscommon; September 27, U.P. Fire Chiefs Association, Kingsford.

**Public Comment: Larry Morabito, Wayne County Community College District**, spoke on behalf of the college in thanking Director Kirt for all of his efforts over the past years. Mr. Morabito has worked with Director Kirt since 1994, and said Greg had been a great asset. He is sorry to see him go.

**Council Comment: Tom Sands** concurred with Mr. Morabito's sentiments. He relayed to everyone present what an asset Director Kirt has been. He stressed Director Kirt's dedication to the Council and can attest to the fact that Director Kirt puts in incredible amounts of time not only during the week but on many weekends as well. What the Council is able to do with 11 full-time staff members is incredible and is a direct result of and a credit to Director Kirt. He is able to keep the staff motivated; and he, too, digs right in to get things done; and he wanted to recognize Director Kirt for his dedication.

**Thad Taylor** told Director Kirt that he greatly appreciated working with him. Greg has helped him to be a more effective Council member. He recognized Director Kirt's ability to get things done. He always made himself available for any calls. Mr. Taylor believes that Director Kirt's departure is a loss to the fire service.

Mr. Taylor also wanted to take

this opportunity to comment on the Governor's Executive Order (#2003-14). He is extremely disappointed with the order and with the apparent lack of communication, to his knowledge, from the Governor's office with the MFFTC Director or the Chair of the MFFTC. He has yet to find anybody who can adequately explain to him why the change was needed. No one had the courtesy to ask this group or staff what the ramifications would be in making this change. To his knowledge, no one has brought up concerns over how the Council or staff conducts business. No one pointed out any significant problems. No one has been able to say what it is going to cost the state to make this change. He is concerned that the Order stipulates that the Chairman of the Council will be appointed by the Governor and not by members of the Council. He believes that is absolutely wrong and smacks of micro management, maybe lack of control, or maybe something as simple as politics. Either way, he believes it is wrong.

**Terry Chesney** said he, too, is sad to see Director Kirt leave. He has moved the Council forward into the 21st century. He has improved a lot of the things the MFFTC does for fire fighters in Michigan. A great deal of credit goes to him. He will be missed.

**Dave Purchase** says that as an instructor for MFFTC and through a number of organizations, he has worked with Director Kirt over the years. He thanked Director Kirt for the job he has done. Even though they may not have always agreed, he was appreciative of always getting straight answers. He also

appreciated Director Kirt's help in getting acquainted with the Council, and he is looking forward to the future as he continues his term as a Council member.

**Bill Anderson** stated he was not surprised at the Executive Order and believes we have all seen a shifting of authority going back to when the inspection arm with the State Police was moved over to the Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Office of Fire Safety. This seems to have been in motion for some time, and he believed this was inevitable. He agrees with Thad Taylor about his disappointment that the Chairperson will be appointed by the Governor rather than chosen by the Council; and he is concerned about the future safety of volunteer fire fighters. Being on this Council and from being involved with the grant program at the National Fire Academy where they looked at the state of volunteer departments around the country, a lot of people are only protected by the volunteers. He believes the work of the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council is essential to the people who volunteer as fire fighters to insure they have the training they need to keep them out of harm's way and to adequately serve their communities.

**Ken Eagle (Vice-Chair)** began by complimenting Director Kirt for over 10 years of professionalism and service to the Council and wished him well in his new position with Emergency Management. He then went on to say this was a very sad day in regards to what has taken place with the Executive Order, and he strongly agreed with Thad Taylor's comments. Over the years, he has traveled many miles using his own vehicle, spent

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# MI Fire Fighters Training Council

**Special Attention: FF-I and/or II and Fire Officer I or II are retained on this list based on "End Date" to allow scheduling of re-tests and FF-I and/or II challenge tests. All other courses appear on this list based on "Start Date"**

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>FIRE FIGHTER – BASIC</b>						
09/04/03	6:00pm	01/31/04	74	Avoca	Shawn Knight	248.588.3605
10/06/03	6:00pm	03/06/04	22	Kingsford	Daniel Johnson	906.774.0622
10/09/03	7:00pm	02/21/04	79	Caro	Laurence Boitel	989.673.2120
10/20/03	6:30pm	02/28/04	37	Mt. Pleasant	Patrick Nahgahgwon	989.775.4790
10/28/03	7:00pm	04/15/04	05	Elk Rapids	Peter Van Den Berge	231.264.6133
11/01/03	7:00pm	02/07/04	62	Newaygo	Louis Evans	231.796.2623
11/03/03	7:00pm	05/15/04	76	Sandusky	Tom Dickensheets	810.679.4824
11/04/03	7:00pm	04/24/04	52	Gwinn	Tracy Keskimaki	906.346.4770
11/04/03	7:00pm	02/28/04	59	Stanton	Terry Beetley	989.463.0470
11/20/03	10:00am	06/12/04	82	Woodhaven	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
11/20/03	3:00pm	06/12/04	82	Woodhaven	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
12/02/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	49	St. Ignace	Bryce Tracy	906.643.0232
01/17/04	8:00am	05/01/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>Fire Fighter II</b>						
11/04/03	7:00pm	02/05/04	05	Mancelona	Clifford Boatwright Jr	231.544.8002
11/13/03	7:00pm	04/24/04	64	Shelby	Jack White	231.873.4337
01/21/04	9:00am	03/05/04	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
01/22/04	6:00pm	05/01/04	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>Fire Fighter I &amp; II</b>						
09/04/03	6:30pm	02/21/04	50	Washington	Ronald Orlando	586.986.4539
09/08/03	9:00am	02/21/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	586-752-5013
09/08/03	6:30pm	02/21/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	586-752-5013
09/18/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
09/22/03	6:00pm	03/27/04	25	Flint	Gary Bacon	810.577.2931
09/22/03	6:30pm	03/13/04	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
09/22/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
09/23/03	9:00am	04/03/04	25	Fenton	Edward Blight	810.655.2395
09/23/03	6:00pm	04/03/04	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
09/23/03	7:00pm	05/01/04	11	Berrien Springs	Elwood Munson Jr	269.465.3803
09/29/03	7:00pm	04/03/04	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
10/01/03	6:00pm	04/30/04	41	Kentwood	Mark Smith	616.554.0800
10/02/03	9:00am	03/28/04	58	Monroe	Kenneth Laird	734.789.2332
10/02/03	7:00pm	03/28/04	58	Frenchtown	Phillip Lindenmuth Sr	734.777.0647
10/02/03	6:30pm	03/27/04	70	Zeeland	Michael Larsen	616.836.4243
10/06/03	6:00pm	04/24/04	55	Stephenson	Daniel Hammerberg	906.497.5094
10/06/03	6:30pm	04/03/04	63	Highland	Robert Roselle	248.887.8050
10/07/03	6:00pm	02/14/04	81	Ann Arbor	Andrew Box	734.994.1527
10/09/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	44	Attica	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
10/14/03	6:30pm	05/01/04	61	Muskegon	Andy Casperson	231.780.2500
10/14/03	7:00pm	04/17/04	03	Dorr	Steven Stevenson	269.673.0572
10/18/03	8:00am	05/22/04	08	Hastings	Richard Krouse	269.945.5384
10/20/03	6:00pm	07/26/04	16	Cheboygan	Raymond Hoff	231.238.7716
10/20/03	12:00pm	05/02/04	46	Adrian	Jeffrey Betz	517.265.6560
10/27/03	7:00pm	04/25/04	46	Addison	Douglas Betz	517.265.6560
10/28/03	7:00pm	04/25/04	46	Adrian	Jeffrey White	517.265.6560
10/29/03	6:00pm	04/17/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
11/03/03	8:30am	03/27/04	73	Saginaw	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020
11/03/03	8:30am	03/27/04	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
11/03/03	6:30pm	03/27/04	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
11/03/03	6:00pm	05/22/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895
11/04/03	7:00pm	05/22/04	38	Jackson	Fred Newton	734.523.4012
11/04/03	7:00pm	04/24/04	64	Shelby	Jack White	231.873.4337
12/09/03	6:00pm	06/19/04	07	L'Anse	Daune Smith	906.524.7240
01/13/04	2:00pm	04/24/04	17	Sault Ste Marie	Terry Heyns	906.635.2726
01/14/04	3:00pm	04/24/04	17	Sault Ste Marie	Terry Heyns	906.635.2726

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
04/17/04	8:00am	04/17/04	27	Ironwood	Joseph Cayer	906.932.1234

## APPARATUS

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
05/07/04	6:00pm	05/08/04	27	Watersmeet	Richard Caudill	906.358.0311

## DRIVER TRAINING

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	74	Avoca	Shawn Knight	248.588.3605
12/29/03	7:00pm	01/05/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
01/06/04	7:00pm	01/08/04	38	Jackson	Fred Newton	734.523.4012
01/31/04	9:00am	01/31/04	62	Newaygo	Louis Evans	231.796.2623
02/07/04	8:00am	02/07/04	81	Ann Arbor	Andrew Box	734.994.1527
03/13/04	9:00am	03/13/04	27	Ironwood	Joseph Cayer	906.932.1234
03/25/04	7:00pm	03/29/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
04/26/04	6:00pm	04/29/04	41	Belmont	Rick Vanhorn	616.361.2895
05/08/04	8:00am	05/08/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593

## FIRE OFFICER

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>Fire Officer 1</b>						
09/18/03	6:00pm	03/11/04	25	Flint	William Miller	810.635.8000
09/20/03	9:00am	03/13/04	25	Goodrich	Robert Elizondo	810.241.1669
09/23/03	6:30pm	02/10/04	50	Clinton Township	Anthony Kowalski	586.498.4066
11/06/03	7:00pm	04/01/04	11	Berrien Springs	Craig Lear	616.683.9440
<b>Fire Officer II</b>						
10/08/03	6:00pm	02/18/04	25	Flint	Dennis Lacey	810.742.2158

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>						
<b>Haz Mat First Reponder - Awareness</b>						
11/17/03	8:30am	11/17/03	33	Lansing	Jeffrey Huber	517.483.1394
11/18/03	9:00am	11/18/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
12/02/03	6:00pm	12/02/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
12/03/03	9:00am	12/03/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
12/04/03	5:00pm	12/04/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	73	Saginaw	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
12/06/03	9:00am	12/06/03	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
12/08/03	6:00pm	12/08/03	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
12/13/03	8:00am	12/13/03	11	Berrien Springs	Elwood Munson Jr	269.465.3803
12/15/03	6:00pm	12/15/03	55	Stephenson	Daniel Hammerberg	906.497.5094
01/05/04	6:00pm	01/05/04	76	Sandusky	Tom Dickensheets	810.679.4824
01/06/04	6:00pm	01/06/04	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
01/06/04	6:00pm	01/06/04	03	Dorr	Steven Stevenson	269.673.0572
01/06/04	6:30pm	01/06/04	61	Muskegon	Andy Casperson	231.780.2500
01/17/04	9:00am	01/17/04	62	Newaygo	Louis Evans	231.796.2623
01/19/04	8:00am	01/30/04	17	Sault Ste Marie	Terry Heyns	906.635.2726
01/24/04	8:00am	01/24/04	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
01/24/04	8:00am	01/24/04	08	Hastings	Richard Krouse	269.945.5384
01/27/04	12:00pm	01/28/04	46	Adrian	Jeffrey Betz	517.263.2161
02/12/04	6:00pm	02/12/04	79	Caro	Laurence Boitel	989.673.2120
02/12/04	6:00pm	02/12/04	59	Stanton	Terry Beetley	989.463.0470
02/16/04	6:00pm	02/16/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593
02/19/04	6:00pm	02/19/04	22	Kingsford	Daniel Johnson	906.774.0622
02/21/04	8:30am	02/21/04	37	Mt. Pleasant	Patrick Nahgahgwon	989.775.4790
02/23/04	6:00pm	02/24/04	16	Cheboygan	Raymond Hoff	231.238.7716
02/23/04	6:00pm	02/26/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
02/28/04	8:00am	02/28/04	41	Kentwood	Mark Smith	616.554.0800
03/01/04	6:00pm	03/01/04	63	Highland	Robert Roselle	248.887.8050
03/07/04	8:00am	03/07/04	46	Addison	Douglas Betz	517.265.6560
03/07/04	08:00am	03/07/04	46	Adrian	Jeffery White	517.265.6560
03/15/04	7:00am	03/18/04	44	Attica	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
03/18/04	6:00pm	03/18/04	05	Elk Rapids	Peter Van Den Berge	231.264.6133
03/20/04	8:00am	03/20/04	52	Gwinn	Tracy Keskimaki	906.346.4770
03/22/04	6:00pm	03/22/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895
03/24/04	6:00pm	03/24/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
04/22/04	6:00pm	04/22/04	49	St. Ignace	Bryce Tracy	906.643.0232
05/24/04	6:00pm	05/24/04	07	L'Anse	Daune Smith	906.524.7240
05/27/04	10:00am	05/27/04	82	Woodhaven	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
05/27/04	3:00pm	05/27/04	82	Woodhaven	Robert Perry	734.462.4745

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>HazMat First Responder - Operations</b>						
11/18/03	8:30am	11/21/03	33	Lansing	Jeffrey Huber	517.483.1394
12/04/03	7:00pm	12/20/03	05	Mancelona	Clifford Boatwright Jr	231.544.8002
12/06/03	8:30am	12/13/03	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
12/06/03	1:00pm	12/20/03	73	Saginaw	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020
12/06/03	1:00pm	12/20/03	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
12/06/03	6:00pm	12/13/03	25	Flint	Gary Bacon	810.577.2931
12/08/03	7:00pm	12/20/03	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
12/09/03	6:00pm	12/20/03	34	Ionia	Gregg Moore	616.794.1900
12/09/03	6:00pm	12/14/03	23	Eaton Rapids	William Moore	517.485.5443
12/11/03	6:30pm	12/21/03	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
01/08/04	6:00pm	01/27/04	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
01/08/04	6:30pm	01/22/04	61	Muskegon	Andy Casperson	231.780.2500</

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>Incident Command System</b>						
01/03/04	8:00am	01/04/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
01/10/04	8:30am	01/11/04	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
01/17/04	6:00pm	01/28/04	25	Flint	Gary Bacon	810.577.2931
01/19/04	10:00am	02/27/04	17	Sault Ste Marie	Terry Heyns	906.635.2726
01/27/04	7:00pm	02/03/04	38	Jackson	Fred Newton	734.523.4012
02/03/04	6:00pm	02/24/04	27	Marenisco	Richard Caudill	906.358.0311
03/25/04	6:00pm	04/01/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895
<b>Clandestine Drug Lab - Awareness</b>						
12/14/03	8:30am	12/14/03	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979

### HEALTH/SAFETY

<b>Fire Fighter Health &amp; Safety</b>						
04/24/04	6:00pm	04/25/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>						
12/03/03	8:00am	12/09/03	33	Lansing	Timothy James	517.483.4547
12/04/03	8:00am	12/10/03	33	Lansing	Timothy James	517.483.4547
12/05/03	6:00pm	12/06/03	67	Leroy	David Purchase	231.780.2500

### INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

<b>Educational Methodology</b>						
01/08/04	8:00am	01/09/04	50	Clinton Township		Joseph Boldys 586.498.4021
01/10/04	8:00am	01/11/04	27	Watersmeet	Richard Caudill	906.358.0311
<b>MFFTC Instructor Orientation</b>						
12/06/03	8:30am	12/06/03	52	Marquette	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
01/09/04	6:00pm	01/09/04	27	Watersmeet	Richard Caudill	906.358.0311
01/10/04	9:00am	01/10/04	50	Clinton Township		Michael Greis 517.322.3461
01/17/04	8:00am	01/17/04	41	Grand Rapids	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
02/14/04	8:00am	02/14/04	23	Diamondale	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
03/24/04	6:00pm	03/24/04	37	Mt.Pleasant	Michael Greis	517.322.3461

### MANAGER/SUPERVISOR DEVELOPMENT

<b>Leadership I</b>						
11/28/03	6:00pm	11/29/03	41	Belmont	David Purchase	231.780.2500
02/27/04	6:00pm	02/28/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Leadership II</b>						
11/21/03	6:00pm	11/22/03	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753
11/21/03	6:00pm	11/22/03	67	Leroy	David Purchase	231.780.2500
12/12/03	6:00pm	12/13/03	41	Belmont	David Purchase	231.780.2500
03/13/04	8:00am	03/14/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Leadership III</b>						
12/05/03	6:00pm	12/06/03	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753
12/05/03	6:30pm	12/06/03	03	Allegan	Paul Baker	269.673.0468
12/06/03	8:00am	12/17/03	33	Okemos	David Harper	517.347.5055
12/19/03	6:00pm	12/20/03	67	Leroy	David Purchase	231.780.2500
01/09/04	6:00pm	01/10/04	41	Belmont	David Purchase	231.780.2500
03/27/04	8:00am	03/28/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473

### RESCUE

<b>Vehicle Extrication</b>						
11/18/03	7:00pm	11/22/03	05	Mancelona	Clifford Boatwright Jr	231.544.8002
12/13/03	8:00am	12/14/03	45	Empire	Raymond Haring	231.922.2888
01/15/04	7:00pm	01/31/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
03/03/04	8:00am	03/04/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473

### SUPPRESSION

<b>Managing Co. Tactical Operations - Preparing</b>						
01/17/04	8:00am	01/18/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Managing Co. Tactical Operations - Decision</b>						
01/31/04	8:00am	02/01/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Managing Co. Tactical Operations - Tactics</b>						
02/14/04	8:00am	02/15/04	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
<b>Introduction To Wildland Fire Suppression</b>						
03/23/04	6:00pm	03/24/04	27	Ramsay	John Holmes	906.852.3500

### TERRORISM

<b>Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: Basic Concepts</b>						
02/07/04	8:30am	02/08/04	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
<b>Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: TC-EMS</b>						
01/17/04	8:00am	01/18/04	22	Iron Mountain	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623
<b>Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: TC-CO</b>						
12/10/03	10:00am	12/29/03	38	Jackson	Brian Thurston	517.788.4152
<b>Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: SCCO</b>						
12/13/03	8:00am	12/14/03	22	Iron Mountain	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623

## Michigan Hazardous Materials Training Center Training Advisory

Applications are now being accepted for the following courses for **December 2003**. Please contact the Michigan State Police, Hazardous Materials Training Center, for further information at 517.322.1190.

Course Name	Dates	Cost
Hazcat Kit Program	Dec. 1-5	\$895
CAMEO	Dec. 1-2	\$245
MARPLOT	Dec. 3-4	\$245
ALOHA	Dec. 5	\$145

NOTE: A current list of MFFTC Registered Training is also available at [www.mfftc.org](http://www.mfftc.org) and is updated weekly.

## MFFTC MEETING SUMMARY (continued)

The Council has been one of the most respected and professionally run boards in state government.

many hours and spent his own money, out of dedication to the fire service in all 83 counties and is sad to see the changes in the Executive Order.

The Fire Fighters Training Council has never been interfered with by the State Police and has always operated autonomously. The Council has been one of the most respected and professionally run boards in state government. Business has always been conducted out in the open and input has always been requested from everyone affected. Personal agendas and special interests were never allowed to influence

the Council. The Council always stood for what was right and based decisions on what was best for the fire service in all 83 counties. This is truly a sad day. **Mike Burke (Chair)** stated that there really wasn't anything more he could add to what had already been stated by other Council Members. He then went on to say that he had never worked with anyone more professional than Director Kirt. He wished him the best in his new position and told him that he would be sorely missed. He also commented that because of the Executive Order, the MFFTC will be facing difficult

times. He added that with the exception of Dave Purchase, everyone's term will expire December 31, 2003. Meeting adjourned.



I am a Fire Chief with firefighters that will be attending a FFI class this fall. I would like to do the practical skills training for the class at my department rather than send the students to those classes. Is that possible?

### Off Site Practical Skills Training

By Lorraine Schwarz, Region 3 Supervisor

Q. I am a Fire Chief with firefighters that will be attending a FFI class this fall. I would like to do the practical skills training for the class at my department rather than send the students to those classes. Is that possible?

A. County Training Committee may require that all practical skills training be conducted at the designated class site or students

may be allowed to receive practical skills training off site. Please contact your CTC and talk with them about your request. Keep in mind that if the off site option is used, each student must still be evaluated by a member of the teaching team while completing the objectives of the mandatory job sheets.

### Drivers Training in MFFTC FFI & II Curriculum

Q. Is the Drivers Training class a mandatory part of the FFI & II class?

A. No. The MFFTC offers additional courses that are not required by the NFPA 1001 objectives for FFI & II. Drivers Training is one of those classes and is not included in the MFFTC FFI & II curriculum. While it is a stand-alone course it is often offered to new recruits during the same time period as the FFI & II.

If you have questions pertaining to the programs and services provided by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council that you would like addressed in this column, please contact your MFFTC Region Supervisor listed on the back page of *Fire TIES*. If you have a question, no doubt there are many others who probably have the same question. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Note:** Previous Issues & Answers columns are posted at [www.mfftc.org](http://www.mfftc.org).



## Limited Class Openings at the National Fire Academy

The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, has openings available in a few courses during the first semester of 2004. For application, stipend support and related information, refer to the current NFA Catalog of Training Activity; or NFA

Administration on the Internet USFA Web Page at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>; or contact the Admissions Office at 301.447.1035. Completed applications may be faxed to 301.447.1441. If interested, apply immediately!

**Note: The NFA policy of only one**

**stipend-supported trip per fiscal year remains. However, an individual may seek to participate without stipend assistance.**

**FREE**, 15 MSA air tanks (1/2 hour capacity). Please contact Judy @ 906.356.6003 or by FAX @ 906.356.6454.



### Michigan Fire Service EXPO

**June 17-20, 2004**  
**Amway Grand Plaza**  
**Grand Rapids, MI**

On-site registrations available!

The Expo Executive Committee is in the planning stages for the 2004 Michigan Fire Service Expo!

More information available at  
[www.mi-fire-expo.org](http://www.mi-fire-expo.org)

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### NOVEMBER

- 5 **MI Fire Service Instructors Association**, Executive Board, 11:00 a.m., Mt. Pleasant  
11 **Metro Detroit Fire Inspectors**, Location TBA  
20 **Northern MI Fire Chiefs Association**, Executive Board, Location TBA  
26 **Southeastern MI Association of Fire Chiefs**, 10:00 a.m., Executive Board, Troy  
26 **Western MI Association of Fire Chiefs**, Executive Board, South Haven

### DECEMBER

- 4 **MI Fire Service EXPO Committee**, 8:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm B, Lansing  
4 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing  
10 **MI Fire Fighters Training Council**, 9:00 a.m. work session, 10:00 a.m. business meeting, General Office Building, Lansing

### JANUARY

- 15 **MI Fire Service EXPO Committee**, 8:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm B, Lansing  
15 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing

### *“Quote of the Month”*

The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly.

— Corra Harris