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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910
March 15, 2019
1:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal (video conference)
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association (video conference)
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union (video conference)
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member (joined at 2:07 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairman, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Hollie Metts, Assistant to the Fire Marshal/Recording Secretary
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator (video conference)
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Chairperson Blomstrom called the special meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. A quorum was not present and therefore, no official decisions were made during the meeting.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no additions to the special meeting agenda for March 15, 2019.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A working draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules was provided to the council for review. The strike-bold document had been updated to reflect the revisions discussed at the special meeting/work session on March 13, 2019. The council reviewed the draft while Region Coordinators Dan Hammerberg and TJ Richardson made changes to the document per the current discussion. The council discussed updates regarding fire service classifications, reciprocity, equivalencies and exams. The council agreed that further discussion is needed regarding the fire chief and public safety director classifications at a later meeting. Councilperson White also offered to provide information on the fire investigator classification by the next work session on March 18, 2019. The council took a short break at 2:45 pm and reconvened at 3:00 pm. The discussion continued regarding the airport rescue firefighter classification and the disciplinary process.

V. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blackmer: Appreciates the opportunity to participate in the work sessions remotely through video conference.

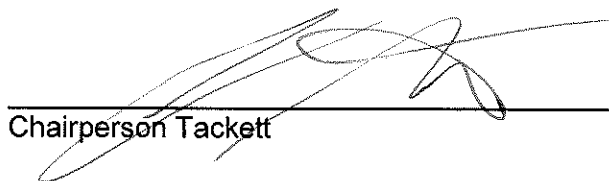
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: Thanked everyone for their work on the rule updates. The Fire Marshal shared that he thinks the council is making progress.

Vice Chairperson Blomstrom: Asked everyone in attendance to review the updated draft rules in preparation for the next work session on Monday, March 18, 2019.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The special meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember