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**MINUTES**  
**MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**WORK SESSION - RULES**

Lansing Fire Department Training Facility  
3015 Alpha Access, Lansing, MI 48910  
Monday, March 9, 2020  
9:00 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association  
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society  
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League  
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association  
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal  
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:**

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighting Training Division

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs  
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department  
Mark Cleveland, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**20-03-01**

A **MOTION** was made by **Chairperson Tackett** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to approve the March 9, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**III. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Fire Marshal Sehmeyer** shared that he has received a call from a Washtenaw County Chief regarding concerns and questions on new rules. He also spoke with a Chief in the U.P. regarding if they are required to be Fire Officer IV.

**Councilperson Tackett** shared an email Councilperson Styles received from Chief Johnson from Novi regarding Fire Instructor I requirements and NFPA 1041 requirements for

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Educational Methodology. He also received correspondence from the Michigan Association Fire Chiefs (MAFC) that compares language in PA 291 to the current (1/23/2020) draft version of the general rules.

**Councilperson Blomstrom** spoke someone from Leelanau County that had questions on Officer I&II and inquired about the status of the rules.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated January 23, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The discussion resumed with council revisiting the general provisions to update and make any clarifications. The council took a lunch break from 12:20-1:20 p.m. After the lunch break the council started discussion regarding reciprocity qualifications. Reciprocity language was added to some of the classifications.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

#### **V. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

**Councilperson Janik:** None.

**Councilperson White:** None.

**Councilperson Blomstrom:** None.

**Fire Marshal Sehlmeier:** None.

**Chairperson Tackett:** None.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**20-03-02**

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to adjourn the special meeting/work session. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

#### **APPROVED:**

  
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Chairperson Tackett

  
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