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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910
June 12, 2018
1:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairman, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Brian Blomstrom, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member (via conference call)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Hollie Metts, Assistant to the Fire Marshal/Recording Secretary
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator
Ann Searles, Deputy Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Edwards, Detroit Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Muskegon County
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Chris VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department
Jim Walker, Cascade/Grandville Fire Department
Adam Massingill, Bedford Township Fire Department
Tom Stuck, Clinton Township Fire Department
Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Township Fire District
Tim Lubitz, Belding Fire Department
Shawn Schrader, Grand Haven Township Fire Rescue
Anthony Augugliaro, Washington Township Fire Department
John Skelly, Washington Township Fire Department
Adam Carroll, Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority
Bill Pawluk, Lansing Community College
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Department of Public Safety
Wes Kelley, Grand Rapids Fire Department
Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft Community College Regional Training Institute
Nick Miller, Hamburg Township Fire Department
Paul Firth, Troy Fire Department/Michigan International Association of Arson Investigators
Jonathan Stone, Stanton Volunteer Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was determined present. The Chairman welcomed the new Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) members and shared that the Michigan Townships Association/Michigan Municipal League will appoint a representative in the near future. The Chairman also thanked the previous Chair, Tim James, for his service and 12 years on the MFFTC. Chairman Tackett then asked all attendees to take a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The regular meeting agenda for June 12, 2018 was presented to the council for review. Chairman Tackett requested to add the following items to the agenda under new business:

1. Equipment Purchase with Remaining FY18 Funds
2. FY19 Budget
3. Course Fee Revisions

The following training grant applications shall also be added:

Regional Applications:

1. Fire Instructor I (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0056)
2. MAFC Summer Leadership Conference (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0032)

Fire Department Applications:

1. Irons 101 (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0057)

18-6-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

18-6-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blackmer** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to approve the April 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

a) **Town Hall Meetings:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier continues to survey the fire service for training needs and input regarding continuing education requirements during town hall meetings. The most recent town hall meetings took place:

Macomb Township – April 12, 2018
Grayling – April 23, 2018

Homer Township – May 23, 2018

- b) **Remaining FY18 Funds:** Fire Marshal Sehmeyer shared that he would like to purchase rescue manikins using any remaining FY18 funds to ensure that all funding is spent before the end of the fiscal year. The Fire Marshal also stressed that all grants approved must be scheduled as soon as possible and run before September 30, 2018.
- c) **CTC Planning Webinar for FY19:** With the help of Shaun Abbey of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, Fire Marshal Sehmeyer hosted a CTC planning webinar on May 16, 2018. The webinar has been posted on the Fire Fighter Training Division's page of the bureau website (www.michigan.gov/bfs) under Fire Fighter Training Tutorials. There appears to have been a glitch in the video, but the audit is fine. Fire Marshal Sehmeyer also shared that the County Training Committees are to solicit feedback from the fire departments in their county on training needs and submit the results to the bureau. The Fire Marshal looks forward to seeing the results.
- d) **August MFFTC Meeting:** The Fire Marshal shared that he will be attending the 2018 National Association of State Fire Marshal's conference in Utah. While he sees value in attending the conference, he is disappointed that he will be unable to attend the August 14, 2018 meeting in person and proposed moving the meeting to August 21, 2018. Hollie Metts will survey the council members for their availability.
- e) **FY18 Course Summary:** An updated course summary for FY18 was provided to the council for review.

VI. **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilperson Blomstrom shared that the Curriculum Committee plans to meet in the next month or so to update 25% of the questions on the firefighter exams for FY19.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Course Summary Iosco County Firefighter I & II:** The course summary for the Iosco County Firefighter I and II course was provided to the council for review. Region Coordinator Dan Hammerberg shared that the bureau has received quite a few requests for online courses like this one. However, as Fred Bellinger shared in the report one of the biggest challenges with online courses is the motivation of the student. In this course the Jones and Bartlett curriculum was used, and the pass/fail rate appears to be more of a student issue than a curriculum issue.
- b) **Copper Country Fire School Web-based Education Pilot Project:** Jonathan Stone provided a report to the Council for this review of the pilot project. Houghton and Baraga counties participated in the class and the Jones and Bartlett curriculum was used. The class met on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Saturday for practical. Overall, the class went well and met their needs in the UP. The students that failed the class had learning disabilities and did not request accommodations.

c) **Q-Course Applications:**

1. **Ionia County Firefighter Survival Training RIC 1**
Instructor: Tim Lubitz / Phone: 616-894-4670 / Email: t.lubitz@ci.belding.mi.us
2. **Ionia County RIC Fire Ground Team Operations**
Instructor: Tim Lubitz / Phone: 616-894-4670 / Email: t.lubitz@ci.belding.mi.us

The above listed Q-Course applications were reviewed together. Tim Lubitz shared that the classes are 20 hours each and require 8 instructors to teach. The classes were updated to comply with NFPA 1407.

18-6-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the above listed curriculums for Ionia County Firefighter Survival Training RIC 1 and Ionia County RIC Fire Ground Team Operations. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care**
Instructor: Adam Massingill / Phone: 734-847-2359

18-6-06

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blackmer** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to approve the above listed curriculum. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Michigan Fire Inspector Fall Conference**
Instructor: Varies / Website: www.mfis.org

18-6-07

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the above listed application. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care**
Instructor: Anthony Augugliaro / Phone: 586-914-9467 / Email: auguliaroa@ctwfd.org
6. **B-CON (Stop the Bleed)**
Instructor: Anthony Augugliaro / Phone: 586-914-9467 / Email: auguliaroa@ctwfd.org

The above listed Q-Course applications were reviewed together. Anthony Augugliaro shared that if the classes were not filled they would be made available to firefighters statewide.

18-6-08

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Blackmer** to approve the curriculums for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care and B-CON (Stop the Bleed). **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Engine Operations

Instructor: Justin Holmes / Email: brassalarms@gmail.com

18-6-09

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the above listed curriculum. **MOTION CARRIED.**

d) 2018 MFFTC Training Grant Application Awards

i. Regional Applications: The following applications were reviewed during the morning work session/special meeting.

1. Peer Support Training (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0019)
2. EUP Firefighters Conference (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0020)
3. In Honor of the Charleston 9: A Study of Change (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0023)
4. Basic Surface Water Rescue and Swiftwater Rescue Training (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0033)
5. Stress and Adrenaline Survival (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0046)
6. SAVER – Sub Apparatus Vehicle Emergency Response – Statewide Awareness Campaign (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0054)
7. Fire Instructor I (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0056)
8. MAFC Summer Leadership Conference (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0032)

18-6-010

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Blackmer** to approve the above listed regional training grant applications. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. Department Applications: The following applications were reviewed during the morning work session/special meeting.

1. Recon RIT (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0004)
2. Basic EMT Course (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0005)
3. Irons 101 (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0006)
4. Fire Officer III Series (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0007)
5. Fire Instructor I (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0008)
6. Rapid Intervention Team (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0010)
7. 2018 Summer Leadership Conference (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0011)
8. Blue Card Instructor/Blue Card ICS Instructor Program (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0013)
9. Fire Instructor I (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0014)
10. Apparatus Pump Operation 20-hours (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0015)
11. The First Five (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0016)
12. Flashover – Phase II, Forcible Entry Training (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0024)
13. MRC Basic River Rescue (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0027)
14. Advanced Pump Operator (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0031)
15. Thru the Lock (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0038)

16. Basic Water Rescue with Boat Operations (Operations Level) (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0042)
17. Officer Pre-Req (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0051)
18. Irons 101 (Tracking Number: MFFTC18-0057)

18-6-011

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Blackmer** to approve all of the above listed fire department training grant applications, with the exception of items 2 (Basic EMT Course, Tracking Number MFFTC18-0005), 4 (Fire Officer III Series, Tracking Number MFFTC18-0007), 5 (Fire Instructor I, Tracking Number MFFTC18-0008) and 6 (Rapid Intervention Team, Tracking Number MFFTC18-0010) which require additional clarification. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In regard to item 2, Councilperson Styles confirmed that the Basic EMT Course (Tracking Number MFFTC18-0005) had not already started and would be completed by August.

18-6-012

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Blackmer** to approve the above listed training grant application. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In regard to item 4, Councilperson Pettinger explained that the funding amount requested for Fire Officer III (Tracking Number MFFTC18-0007) was for the entire series.

18-6-013

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** approve the above listed training grant application with an amended funding amount of \$2,340. **Chairperson Tackett** requested to **amend the motion** to include using the old curriculum. **Councilperson Blomstrom accepted the amendment.** **Councilperson Styles** seconded the amended motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In regard to item 5, Councilperson styles confirmed that the additional funding requested was intended to be used for books.

18-6-014

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blackmer** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to approve the training grant application with an amended funding amount of \$3,600. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In regard to item 6, the applicant requested to fund a Rapid Intervention Team class that had already begun.

18-6-015

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to deny the Rapid Intervention Team training grant application. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- e) **Equipment Purchase with Remaining FY18 Funds:** As the Fire Marshal mentioned during the State Fire Marshal's report, the bureau would like to purchase rescue manikins for the counties using the remaining FY18 funds.

18-6-016

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the purchase of rescue manikins using remaining FY18 funds. Chairperson Tackett requested to amend the motion to include with the approval of the purchase from the County Training Committee (CTC) or the Regional Training Center (RTC) chairman. The CTC or the RTC would be responsible for the equipment. Councilperson Blackmer added that students attending the academy from a department that was not NFIRS compliant would pay a fee. The Fire Marshal added that NFIRS reporting for 2017 was used the grant criteria and that realistically, the revised Fire Fighters Training Council General Rules should be completed and implemented by FY20. The council can use FY19 to educate the fire service about the importance of NFIRS reporting and how it will impact their funding. **Councilperson Blomstrom** and **Councilperson Pettinger** **accepted the amendment** to approve the purchase of rescue manikins using remaining FY18 funds with the approval of the CTC or RTC chairman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- f) **FY19 Budget:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that a total of \$2.3 million was brought in and believes the funds will increase next year due to fireworks enforcement activities. The Fire Marshal is looking for a recommendation from the Council to approve \$2.3 million in funding for FY19.

18-6-017

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve \$2.3 million in funding in FY19. **Councilperson Blomstrom** **seconded the motion with the amendment** that each department gets a minimum of \$17,500. **Councilperson Pettinger** **accepted the amendment.** **MOTION CARRIED.**

- g) **Course Fee Revisions:** Chairman Tackett shared that the current course fee is set at \$45.00 per hour and wondered if the fee should be raised. Councilperson Blomstrom shared that books and lodging must also be factored into the cost.

18-6-018

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to increase the course fee to \$55.00 per hour. Councilperson Blackmer shared that he already receives calls that the \$45.00 course fee is too high. Region Coordinator Dan Hammerberg shared that when the original motion was made in 2014 that the fee was \$25.00 with an additional \$20.00 for reimbursable fees. Councilperson Blomstrom explained that a flat rate is easier when additional costs to the instructor, such as mileage and books, may vary. **Councilperson Blomstrom** **amended the motion** to include that the increased course fee of \$55.00 would be effective October 1, 2018. **Councilperson Pettinger** **accepted the amendment.** **Fire Marshal Sehlmeier** shared that the course fee would not apply to Q-Courses and **requested to amend the motion.** **Councilperson Blomstrom** and **Councilperson Pettinger** **accepted the amendment.** **Councilperson Blackmer** **opposed the amended motion** to increase the course fee to \$55.00 with the exception of Q-Course fees beginning October 1, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked the Council and staff for their work today and looks forward to working on the rules in the future.

Councilperson Pettinger: Thanked the bureau staff for their work in preparing for the meeting today. Overall, 10-12 training grant applications were denied due to noncompliance with NFIRS. She stressed that departments need to follow through when submitting their NFIRS reports to make sure the data was submitted properly.

Councilperson Steichen: Shared that he is thankful for the appointment and looks forward to working with the Council.

Councilperson Blackmer: Shared that he is also thankful for another 4-year term.

Councilperson Styles: Shared that he, too, is thankful for the appointment and looks forward to making the fire service better in Michigan.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Shared that Hollie Metts will reach out to the council members for hotel accommodations for the October meeting in Traverse City. He also shared that in 2019 the Michigan Fire Instructors Association conference has been moved to December.

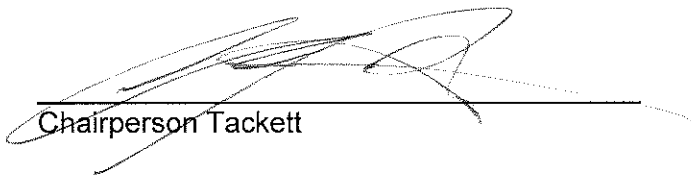
Chairperson Tackett: Thanked the audience for attending the meeting and shared that he is looking forward to working on the rules. He also thanked staff for their work to prepare for the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

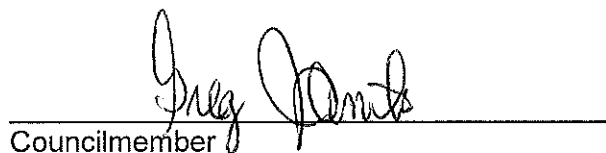
18-6-019

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember