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**MINUTES**  
**MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B  
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
1:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Tackett, Chairman, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Aileen Pettinger, Representing Michigan Professional Firefighters Union  
Brian Blomstrom, Representing Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association  
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-Officio Member

**MEMBERS BY PHONE:**

Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors  
Terrence Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin Stone, LARA Contractor  
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator  
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator  
Elizabeth Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

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

The MMFTC October Work Session meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Chad Tackett. It was determined that a quorum was not needed for the work sessions given the nature of the work session.

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. State Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the Bureau of Fire Service needs help from the MFFTC members to help develop the policies, procedures and the rules. MFFTC members worked on the framework for the rules
- b. Discussion on Fire Officer I per NFPA 1021  
Must be a NFPA Fire Instructor I  
Pass the Fire Officer Exam  
Must have Fire Fighter II

Must have Hazmat Ops  
Fire Officer I NFPA 1021 (MUST HAVE 3 YEARS OF SERVICE)

- c. It was determined that the years of service with the Fire Service would begin with the start date entered in the SMOKE System.
- d. It was determined that a definition for equivalency would need to be determined. One idea presented was all MFFTC Fire Officer Series Certificates issued after October 1, 1988 will have equivalency to count towards meeting requirements to take Fire Officer Classes after October 1, 2019. Further discussion is needed.
- e. All Fire Officers I certification must have NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor I per NFPA 1021
- f. Students must take firefighter I or firefighter II to take Driver's Training  
For a person to drive they must complete the Driver Training course and their Fire Chief must check the box in SMOKE.
- g. Ideas for moving forward with Fire Officer Certifications:  
Fire Instructor I – 3 years of service  
Estimate length of course 24 hours  
Pass written exam / Pass practical eval with training coordinator  
Can teach FF I & II Driver's Training and Hazmat Ops
- h. Fire Instructor II – 5 years of service  
Estimated at 34-40 hours  
Pass written exam  
Pass practical evaluation with training coordinator  
Teach – Any course they have passed
- i. Fire Instructor III – 7-10 years of service  
Course hours need further evaluation  
Pass written exam  
Pass practical exam with training coordinator
- j. The topic of Continuing Education (CE) was brought up.  
SFM Sehlmeier shared as he has been out at different functions in the state the feedback he is receiving regarding CE is that a majority of people want a three (3) year process similar to EMS cycle.  
SFM Sehlmeier asked the MFFTC members to go back to their memberships and ask about supporting the three-year process. Further SFM Sehlmeier shared that some formula is needed since many people

hold many classifications and there will need to be a cross-over where credits count for more than one classification.

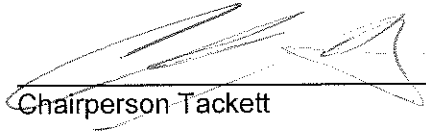
**III. Council Comment**


None

**VI. Adjournment**

Work Session Adjournment at 4:50 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Chairperson Tackett

  
Councilmember