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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, August 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.

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
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Hollie Metts, Assistant to the Fire Marshal
Laura Johnson, LARA Contractor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Township Fire District
Mark Cleveland, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Josh Mosher, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The council reviewed the special meeting agenda for August 14, 2018. No additions or corrections were made.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Liz Arasim with the LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs shared rule sets from other states with the council that she thought would be helpful in starting the rules process and working on the regulatory impact statement. Ms. Arasim also advised that she is waiting for clarification from the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) on language in Public Act 291 of 1966 that is unclear. Ms. Arasim also suggested that the council begin drafting the Request for Rulemaking.

The council reviewed the Fire Fighters Training Council General Rules and discussed the following:

1. 29.402 Rule 2(1)(b): Amend to read "to establish the accomplished goals and objectives."
2. 29.403:
 - a. Rule 1: Amend to read that the "state fire marshal, with the approval of the majority of the fire fighters training council shall develop and administer certification examinations for all fire service disciplines." All fire service disciplines should be added to Rule 3(1).
 - b. Rules 2 and 3 will be moved to the section regarding reciprocity.
 - c. The council also discussed adding the language "demonstrate proficiency" as not all examinations are competency/proficiency based.
 - d. Rule 4: The council discussed removing the word "average" from the minimum score of 70%. It was later decided that further discussion was needed on this section pending clarification from the ORR on referencing the Instructor Guide and Administrative Manual (IGAM) as the standard.
 - e. The council discussed eliminating challenge exams and also possibly moving this item to the section on reciprocity.
 - f. The council discussed limiting the opportunities to retake parts 1 and 2 of the Fire Fighter I and II exams to three (3) opportunities. After three (3) failed attempts, the student would be required to retake the entire curriculum.
3. 29.404: Change the term trainee to student.
4. 29.405: The council discussed adding separate rules for each discipline starting with firefighters.
5. 29.406: The council will come back to this section.
6. 29.407: No changes were made to this section.
7. 29.408: Make this section applicable to Instructor I, II and III. Also,

remove the following items and provide an explanation on the request for rulemaking.

- a. Remove associate instructor. It will not meet NFPA 1041.
- b. Remove 2(a)(i) and 2(a)(ii).
- c. Remove 8a and 8b. These instructor classifications are not specified in NFPA 1041.

8. 29.408:

- a. Remove section b.
- b. Come back to sections c and d. Note: Must be a member of an organized fire department for 5 years.

V. COUNCIL COMMENT:


- **Afternoon Meeting:** Chairperson Tackett suggested voting on the meeting minutes under one motion. All council members agreed. Chairperson Tackett also indicated he would also like to add a moment of silence to the agenda. A typo was noted on the meeting minutes, which will be corrected during the lunch break.
- **Future Work Sessions:** Hollie Metts will survey the council members on their availability for possible work sessions in the next few months.
- **Logo:** Chairperson Tackett advised that sharing the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council logo is acceptable and doesn't feel that a policy is necessary.

VI. ADJOURNMENT


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A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to adjourn the special meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember