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MINUTES
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Windsor Township Emergency Services Meeting Room
300 W. Jefferson Street, Dimondale, MI
Monday, September 24, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom, Representing Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Greg Janik, Representing Michigan Municipal League
Aileen Pettinger, Representing Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-Officio Member
Jacob Steichen, Representing Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Alan Styles, Representing Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairman, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Terrence Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Mark Cleveland, Muskegon County
William Fabijancic, Jr, Windsor Township Emergency Services
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator
Kevin Stone, LARA Contractor

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The MMFTC September Work Session meeting was called to order at 9:09a.m. by Brian Blomstrom. Roll call was taken by Kevin Stone, contractor to the Bureau of Fire Services. A quorum was determined present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING:

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the meeting agenda for September 24, 2018 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules

Councilperson Blomstrom begins by discussing **R29.408c** stating that he does not believe NFPA has a required amount of years' experience for someone to be a Fire Instructor I. Blomstrom believes that sections B and C cannot be in there due to nothing in the NFPA standards saying they need to be in there. TJ Richardson then cites **NFPA 1041 - 1.3.3** (Fire Service Instructional Professional Qualifications) as a solution to the current dilemma. **State Fire Marshal Sehmeyer** shares that this is also the perfect opportunity to look at the pre-requisites of each Instructor level, stating that current pre-requisites could lead to Instructor I actually being Instructor II, etc. The Fire Marshal stresses that this is not designed to take away anyone's previous certifications, but if they want to be more than their current Instructor level, they'd have to do more training. Due to the amount of time needed to change things in these specific sections suggests **revisiting section 3 on both R29.408c and R29.408d** at a later time as a work group and moving on to the rest of the rules. The Council agrees to table the discussion.

While discussing **R29.408e** it is agreed on by the Council that "Certified Instructors or Associate Instructors" should be added into the language on section 3. **R29.408f** is to be revisited once the Bureau of Fire Services' new reciprocity form is completed. While discussing **R29.409**, the council agrees to section 3 should include an annual submittal of the information they're keeping to the Bureau of Fire Services with suspension of instructor's certification pursuant to section 11A as a penalty. **The council agrees to examine R29.410** after the other rules are revised. **R29.411** and **R29.412** are not expanded upon. **R29.413** is revised with section 6e now stating that Incident Command and Resource Management will be used for Fire Service and section 6g being removed altogether. The heading for **R29.414** revised to now read as "Training council approved courses; requirements". Finally, **R29.415** was revised with clearer wording to **Rule 15, section 1,2, and 2 c** respectively.

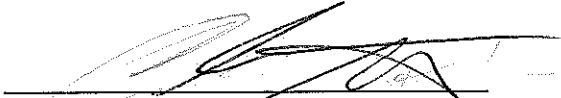
V. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilperson Steichen informed the council that he will not be able to attend next month's October 9, 2018 meeting due to a week-long workshop in Lansing scheduled during the same week.


VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Blomstrom adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember