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

Plainfield Fire Department – Training Center
4343 Plainfield Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighting Training Division
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve, McKellar, Plainfield Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

19-11-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the November 20, 2019 special meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer shared that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has requested that certified DNR instructors be granted equivalency for Fire Instructor I.

Councilperson White: None.

Chairpersons Tackett and Blomstrom each received a similar email from Kalamazoo. Contents not discussed.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Pettinger: None.

Councilperson Janik: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. Andrea Keown made changes to the document per the discussion. The discussion included online training courses, the term "electronic learning management system" was defined, county training committee (CTC) chairperson elections, and the expiration dates for the elected chairperson was changed to April 1 to March 31.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department made suggestions regarding the selection of the CTC chair and council will continue to review during the rules process.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blomstrom suggested that NFIRS reporting be a factor in the ability to vote for their county chairperson on the next agenda.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Pettinger: None.

Councilperson Janik: None.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer advised that the curriculum workgroup will need to validate the Instructor I test as the result of updates to NFPA 1041 in January 2020. Councilperson Tackett asked if the test score should also be changed.

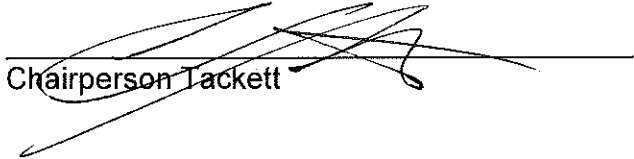
Chairperson Tackett thanked everyone for attending.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

19-11-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to adjourn the special meeting/work session. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

APPROVED:


Chairperson Tackett


Councilmember