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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Lansing Community College – West Campus, Room W157
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917
April 9, 2019
1:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Kevin Sehlmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal/Recording Secretary
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Dave Glotzbach, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Bill Pawluk, Lansing Community College
Joe Maatman, AAOMI
Steve Perna, Warren Fire Department
Steve McKellar, Plainfield Twp. Fire Department
Michael Magde, Magde International
Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College Fire Training Institute
Dan Reynolds, Macomb Community College Fire Academy
Andre Doser, Battle Creek Fire Department
Kurt Corral, Bay City Fire Department
Andy Steeby, Wayne County Community College District

Nate Cornwall, Wayne County Community College District
Charles Pichan, Detroit Fire Department
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Department of Public Safety

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the regular meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairperson Tackett requested public comment be moved to the end of the agenda after new business.

19-4-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the regular meeting agenda for April 9, 2019, as amended.
MOTION CARRIED.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Blomstrom shared that a correction was made to the February 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes during the break. Specifically, that both ISO classes can be taught now however, the old class will sunset as of September 30, 2019.

19-4-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the following meeting minutes:

February 25, 2019 Special Meeting
February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
February 27, 2019 Special Meeting
March 4, 2019 Special Meeting
March 13, 2019 Special Meeting
March 15, 2019 Special Meeting
March 18, 2019 Special Meeting
March 21, 2019 Special Meeting
March 25, 2019 Special Meeting

MOTION CARRIED.

IV. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

- a. **Staffing Update:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier advised that Cathy Carson is no longer with the Bureau of Fire Services. In the interim, Region Coordinators Dan Hammerberg and TJ Richardson have divided up the duties within the Fire Fighter Training Division. TJ will be handling the exams until Cathy's

position is backfilled.

- b. **Grant Funding:** The Fire Marshal shared that the list of funded and “on deck” 2019 MFFTC Grant Applications is now available on the bureau’s website.
- c. **Course Summary:** A revised course summary was provided to the council for review.
- d. **NFA Course Call:** The Fire Marshal shared that the bureau notified each of the fire service groups about the course call. Councilperson Blackmer added that the Michigan State Firemen’s Association is trying to fill a bus for Michigan weekend.
- e. **FY18 MFFTC Annual Report:** The Fire Marshal shared that the FY18 MFFTC annual report has also been posted to the bureau’s website.
- f. **Service Award:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier recognized Region Coordinator Dan Hammerberg for 10 years of service with the State of Michigan.

V. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Blomstrom shared that the Curriculum Committee has not met as they are waiting for the test banks to be released. Once released, they plan to create the FY19 exam.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Arson Detection for First Responders:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that this has been corrected in SMOKE.
- b. **ICS 300/400 Courses and MI-TRAIN Entry:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier has not been able to connect with Lt. Sosinski with the Michigan State Police. He hopes to have an update at the June meeting.
- c. **Letter to MIOSHA Re: Part 74 and NFPA 1403 Live Fire:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the bureau will finalize the letter and submit the official request to MIOSHA requesting that they address live fire in Part 74.
- d. **Removal of Instructor II Moratorium:** This item was placed on hold at the April meeting as the council wanted Councilperson Janik to be able to participate in the discussion.

19-4-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to rescind the Instructor II moratorium. Councilperson Blomstrom stated the reason for the moratorium was explained at the April 25, 2019 regular meeting and documented in the minutes. He added that the completed rules will address the issues that have come up and at that time, will have no issue removing the moratorium. **A roll call vote was taken.**

Chairperson Tackett: Yes
Councilperson Blomstrom: No
Councilperson Styles: Yes
Councilperson White: No
Councilperson Blackmer: No
Councilperson Janik: Yes
Councilperson Steichen: No

Councilperson Pettinger: No
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: No

Total: 3 votes yes. 6 votes no. **MOTION FAILED.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Transparency for MFFTC Meetings:** The council discussed the possibility of making the meeting packets available to the public.

19-4-06

A **MOTION** was made by **Chairperson Tackett** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to be transparent by publishing the council meeting packets as soon as reasonably possible prior to the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** Originally when the Fire Marshal requested this topic be added to the meeting agenda, he wanted to share that the council has met several times and continues to make progress with revising the rules. However, he'd like to take this opportunity to address rumors among the fire service regarding the rules process and accusations that the council is not being transparent. The Fire Marshal stated the meetings are posted and are open for the fire service to attend. He confirmed that a draft of the rules had been distributed prior to completion of the final draft and has created a lot of confusion. The Fire Marshal encouraged all council members to solicit input through their respective organizations. He also shared a handout outlining with administrative rules process with all in attendance and reviewed the next steps in the process explaining that there are checks and balances in place. Chairperson Tackett added that while the council had hoped to implement the new rules by October 1, 2019, the start of the new fiscal year, he no longer thinks that timeframe is possible. Councilperson Blomstrom questioned at what point should the council change the date of implementation? He added that the fire service needs to understand that the council must work within the parameters of the law.
- c. **IFSTA and J&B Implementation Dates:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the curriculum will be changing. Both IFSTA and J&B texts will be used. The Fire Fighter Training Division staff will begin updating the Firefighter I and II exams once the test banks are received.
- d. **Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters:** Region Coordinator Dan Hammerberg thanked the council for the opportunity to address them and shared that he recently attended the NFA's *Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters* class. Dan thought this was an excellent class and recommended that the council consider adopting the course.

19-4-07

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to adopt the NFA's Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters course. **MOTION CARRIED.**

e. Q Course Applications:

i. MAST Autism Training for First Responders

Instructor: Joel Maatman / Phone: 517-420-5262

Email: jmaatmanassoc@aol.com

19-4-08

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

ii. Two-Day FAA Part 107 Prep Class

Instructor: Michael Magda / Phone: 734-395-0190

Email: michaelmagda@hotmail.com

19-4-09

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to approve the curriculum. Councilperson Blackmer requested clarification regarding the class capacity. Mr. Magda confirmed that up to 12 students could participate in the class. **MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. NFA Michigan Weekend

Instructor: NFA Instructors

19-4-10

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to allow county training funds to be used towards NFA's Michigan Weekend. **MOTION CARRIED.**

iv. Leadership and Resiliency

Instructor: Silouan Green / Phone: 765-210-9858

Email: silouan@mac.com

19-4-11

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College: Congratulated Dan Hammerberg on ten

years of service. He also inquired if there was a way to provide input on the Firefighter I and II curriculum coming up. The Fire Marshal shared it may be possible however, he is cautious to have guests in the room while the exam is being created.

Mark Cleveland, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs: With the recent adoption of 1041, Mark asked if there had been any thought to updating the standard. He also recommended with staying with IFSTA.

Steve McKellar, Plainfield Twp. Fire Department: Shared that he feels the council should set a deadline to implement the new rules for planning purposes.

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Department of Public Safety: Suggested sunsetting the current rule set so many days (for example, 120 days) after the new rules have been adopted. He added that by having a hard date, the counties can plan appropriately.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blackmer: Thanked the attendees for their input regarding the rules and asked them to remain patient as it is a long process. He also feels that the administrative rules process summary will help to clarify the process for the fire service.

Councilperson Steichen: Also thanked the attendees and encouraged those in northern Michigan to reach out to him with any questions they may have.

Councilperson Pettinger: Encouraged all in attendance to come to the work sessions. She also congratulated Dan Hammerberg on 10 years of service with the State of Michigan and shared that there were still spots available in the Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters class this weekend.

Councilperson White: Echoed the others' comments and encouraged the fire service to reach out to her with questions.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Congratulated Dan Hammerberg for his 10 years of service. He also reiterated from the morning work session that every fire service organization represented on the council had the opportunity to select a representative who they felt would do the best job for all firefighters in this state. While the councilmembers represent their organizations, they are making decisions for all firefighters. He added that the council must follow the law while developing the rules.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: Thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting. He also thanked the bureau staff and Liz Arasim with the LARA Office of Policy and Legislative affairs for their work on the rules.

Councilperson Janik: Congratulated Dan Hammerberg on his ten years of service. He added that he is grateful for the input he's received on the rules process and in his opinion, the fear of the unknown has caused some unsettled feelings regarding the rules process.

Councilperson Styles: Shared that the council will continue to move forward on the rules and congratulated Dan Hammerberg on his ten years of service.

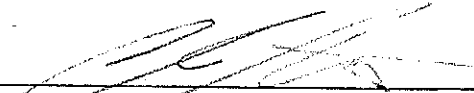
Chairperson Tackett: Thanked the council members for all of their hard work and honesty. He understands that updating the rules has been very time consuming but believes they are nearing the end of the first part of the process.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

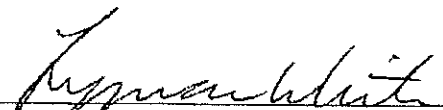
19-4-12

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember