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

Delta Township Fire Department  
811 N. Canal Road, Lansing, MI 48917  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association  
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League  
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union (joined at 9:46 a.m.)  
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society  
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association  
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Liz Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs  
Steven McKellar, Plainfield Township Fire Department  
Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety  
Chris Stoecklein, Canton Fire Department  
Jim Fisher, Gerrish Township Fire Department/Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs  
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department/Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs  
Chris VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department  
Teresa Robinson, Lansing Fire Department  
Michael Yanz, NIESA  
Bill Priese, Meridian Township Fire Department  
Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire  
David Pelton, Walker Fire Department  
Gerald Luedecking, Richland Township Fire Department

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

Vice Chairperson Blomstrom called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was not present.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The council did not vote on the agenda as a quorum was not present.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Fire Marshal Sehmeyer** shared that certified instructors for in-house training has been a big concern for many individuals.

**Councilperson Blomstrom** shared that he's received questions regarding county funding and course schedules for FY20. Fire Marshal Sehmeyer explained that now that the Curriculum Work Group has completed their review of the exams for FY20, the Bureau of Fire Services is working to finalize the exams. Bureau staff are also working on a course schedule for both J & B and IFSTA with a goal of completing the course schedules by the end of the week. Once completed, the bureau will announce the course schedules with a memo on GovDelivery.

**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. Region Coordinator TJ Richardson made changes to the document per the discussion. The topics discussed included fire officer I, fire officer II, fire officer III, fire officer IV, Michigan fire officer equivalency, public safety director, fire chief, hazardous materials responder, technical rescue responder, airport rescue firefighter, adoption by reference, NPFA standards, and the disciplinary process.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Chief McKellar, Plainfield Township Fire Department** shared that he thought the council has made a lot of progress. He also inquired about the next meeting date. The Fire Marshal shared that the next council meeting is scheduled on October 22, 2019 with a work session at 9:00 am and the regular meeting at 1:30 pm and will be held at Lansing Community College – West Campus.

**VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

**Councilperson Pettinger** shared that she felt like the council had made a lot of progress

at the work session.

**Councilperson Blomstrom** echoed what Councilperson Pettinger said and added that they made headway on some difficult topics.

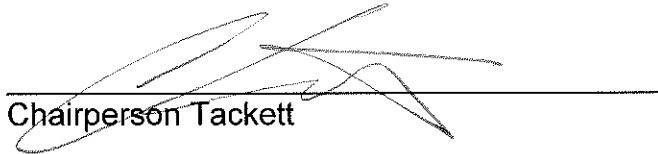
**Councilperson Janik** shared that he felt the council had made tremendous progress.

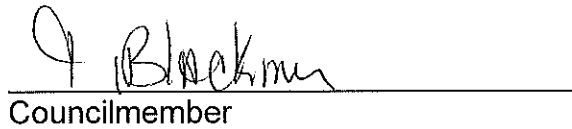
**Fire Marshal Sehmeyer** shared that the revised rules document will be posted on the Bureau of Fire Services website and encouraged fire service members to bring issues, questions, and/or concerns to the work session for discussion.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
Chairperson Tackett

  
Councilmember