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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION - RULES

Lansing Community College – West Campus, Room W157
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917
Tuesday, August 13, 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
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

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:

Liz Arasim, LARA Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Township Fire Department
David Cutway, Green Lake Fire Department
Bill Parker, Blair Township and Paradise Fire Departments
Dan Besson, Leland Township, Leelanaw County Chiefs
Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety
Chris Stoecklein, Canton Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department/Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Teresa Robinson, Lansing Fire Department
Gerald Luedecking, Richland Township Fire Department
Jack White, Shelby Benowa Fire Department/Hartland Area Fire Department
Dan Yost, Grant Township Fire Department
Andy Down, Long Lake Fire Department
Joshua Meier, Canton Department of Public Safety
Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Township Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Eggleston Township Fire Department

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Greg Mowbray, Brighton Area Fire Department
Mark Nicolai, Muskegon Township Fire Department
Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Kevin, Christiansen, Lansing Fire Department
Chris Coughlin, Midland Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

19-8-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the August 13, 2019 special meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer shared that he met with Chief Luedecking from Richland Township to discuss his concerns regarding the draft rules. A town hall meeting has also been scheduled for August 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Richland Township.

Councilperson White shared that she received an email from Deputy Chief Mantels from the Saugatuck Township Fire District voicing his concerns regarding reciprocity. Councilperson White also shared his concerns with the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society board, as he requested.

Chairperson Tackett received the following communications:

- Received a similar email from Deputy Chief Mantels regarding reciprocity.
- Received a message from Michael Lopez inquiring about the status of Instructor I and II.
- Received a message from Chief Cleveland from Eggleston Township regarding instructor concerns.
- Received an email from Scott Duncan requesting clarification on the fire chief appointment.
- Received a message from Chief Luedecking, which the Fire Marshal addressed.

Councilperson Styles shared that he received a message from Jeff Johnson inquiring about the parameters for Instructor I and Ed Meth.

Councilperson Pettinger received an email from Steve Perna of the Warren Fire Department regarding curriculum.

Councilperson Blomstrom: None.

Councilperson Janik: None.

Councilperon Steichen: 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.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that edits from a previous draft document caused some confusion regarding continuing education. Specifically, while cleaning up the document to read as the Office of Regulatory Reinvention will require the language to be, the meaning of that section had been changed when the word "shall" had been inserted. The Fire Marshal agreed that the language should be corrected however, the council had not gotten to that section of the document to vet the language. The Fire Marshal asked all attendees to keep in mind that the draft is a work in progress and to be patient as the council works their way through the draft. He also shared that the council would discuss reciprocity at a later date.

Region Coordinator TJ Richardson made changes to the document per the discussion. The topics discussed included fire chief, requirements based on population, the application process, and fire instructor I and II. Region Coordinator Richardson cleaned up the section regarding fire inspector however, the requirements will remain the same.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Luedecking, Richland Township stated he appreciates the work the council is doing but asked that they remember the volunteer and paid on call firefighters while drafting the rules.

Chief Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department shared his thoughts on the requirements for fire chiefs. He suggested that municipalities submit their chosen candidate to the Bureau of Fire Services and that the bureau works with them on the requirements.

Assistant Chief Robinson, Lansing Fire Department inquired about instructor I and II qualifications in the SMOKE program. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared the effective date of when they completed the course if available.

Chief Glotzbach, Muskegon Township Fire Department said he appreciated the discussion and that he thought there was great dialogue today.

Chief Coughlin, Midland Fire Department shared that after attending the special meeting/work session he feels the council is moving in the right direction. He also appreciates that the council is considering all firefighters during this process.

Chief Luedecking added that he hopes council considers how far they mandate training and to keep in mind the volunteer firefighters.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blomstrom: None.

Councilperson Janik shared that he is happy with the progress during the work session and

that he thought there was a lot of objectivity during the discussion.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Steichen encouraged attendees to reach out to the council with input regarding the rules.

Councilperson Pettinger shared she thought there was good dialogue today.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier encouraged attendees to return for the regular meeting after the lunch break and to attend the upcoming town hall meetings.


Chairperson Tackett echoed the Fire Marshal's comments and thanked everyone for attending.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

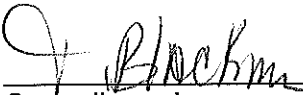
19-8-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to adjourn the special meeting/work session. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember