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**MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H
Lansing, MI 48910
June 13, 2017
1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Timothy James, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, **Chairperson**
Brian Blomstrom, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association, **Vice Chairperson**
Terrence Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Joel Hondorp, Michigan Municipal League/Michigan Twps. Assoc.
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Chad Tackett, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal (SFM)

BFS STAFF PRESENT

Cathy Carson, Recording Secretary
TJ Richardson, Region 2 Coordinator
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Erie Close, Washtenaw County Fire
Thomas Taylor, Detroit FD
Vaskin Badalow, Dearborn Heights FD
Jeff Slayton, Calhoun County FD
Matt Majestic, Oakland County FD
Jeremy Robertson, Van Buren Tech Center
JC Robertson, Van Buren Tech Center
Thea Dornbush, Gerald Ford International Airport
Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. FD
Ken Van Hall, Delta Twp. FD
Philip D, Novi FD
Nick Miller, Hamburg Twp. FD
David Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. FD
Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College
Martin Erskine, Battle Creek FD
Dan Obert, Bath FD
Rick Humphreys
Mark Fankhauser, Grand Rapids FD
Jed Wild, Covert FD

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson James called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was determined present.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

17-6-001

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pettinger and seconded by Chairperson Tackett to approve the meeting agenda for June 13, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

17-6-002

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Blackmer and seconded by Councilmember Bloomstrom to approve the April 11, 2017, meeting minutes as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief Erskine, of the Battle Creek Fire Department, welcomed the new SFM Kevin Sehlmeier. He also inquired about additional funding that State Police Hazmat and what courses could this funding be used for. Per Chairperson James, a list of the approved courses will be provided.

Thea Dornborsh, of the Gerald Ford International Airport presented feedback on training that was held at the airport in comparison to fireworks funding. On June 17, 2017 there were approximately 46 fire fighters attend one of two four hour training courses. They represented over 20 fire departments. The Mutual Aid course had over 12 fire departments represented. The live fire training component including Air Craft Incident is very critical and was so appreciated by all those in attendance. She thanked all those that are out advocating for training.

Tom Tyler, of the Detroit Fire Regional Training Center, welcomed SFM Sehlmeier and reiterated that any help that we can offer from our resources, please don't hesitate to ask.

5. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

SFM Sehlmeier, presented handouts of FY17 Funded Firefighter I, II, and I & II courses listed by region this list the total number of paid courses for fiscal year 2017. SFM Sehlmeier gave credit to Hollie Metts for helping assemble the packets and Rhonda Howard for pulling information from National Incident Fire Reporting System (NFIRS) as well as other Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) staff.

Firefighter Training

The majority of courses in region II are firefighter II courses, stand alone courses are more prevalent the further north you go. As listed on the handouts are the courses as well as the challenger courses. Information brought back from the Instructor Association meeting, was suggested that students that aren't successful on the test should have a place to retest. As the classes finish up there are less chances for them to retest.

A list of the FY17 course funding summary by county, shows the invoices paid for each county. A list of FY17 county funding shows the FY17 budget amount of \$2,033,841.798, allocated amount \$825,845.38, paid amount \$986,954.39 and the total amount available is \$221,042.01. SFM Sehlmeier has been given the challenge to spend all the monies.

Fireworks

SFM Sehlmeier presented a Memorandum dated June 13, 2017 regarding 2017 low-impact registrations and consumer-grade certificates, which states to date, the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) has recorded 1,700 low-impact registration and issued 812 consumer-grade certificates (570 temporary structures and 242 permanent structures) for 2017. The concern is that there are less people selling fireworks and what it's going to do to revenue next fiscal year. The other concern, is everyone paying their fair share of sales tax. Per the fireworks statute the SFM does not have the authority to enforce the illegal fireworks sales. The fireworks sales will be completed within the next 6 to 8 weeks. Everyone in the room, if you are in your community and stop at a place selling fireworks, you can ask to see their certificate. If the seller is unable to produce their certificate please reach out to law enforcement and contact our office. A generic certificate will be sent to all in attendance at today meeting. The SFM does not have jurisdiction to issue a state ban on fireworks sales, this is a local issue.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Bill 264: amend the Firefighters Training Council Act. There are issues in the rewrite of Senate Bill 291. Fire investigation is holding it up because it speaks to the SFM regulations of the training for fire investigators and the State Police have taken issue with this. (Currently sitting in committee)

Senate Bill 265: amend the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act to require the Department of Treasury to spend from the Fireworks Safety Fund 100% of the money received from the testing and training fee proposed by Senate Bill 264, for the training of firefighters under the direction and approval of the Firefighters Training Council. (Currently sitting in committee)

Assistance to Fire Firefighter Grant (AFG)

BFS was awarded an AFG grant in April 2017. This grant will allow for online testing. A program manager has been assigned from Department of Technology of Management and Budget (DTMB) to assist with implementing the online testing of exams.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Vehicle Extrication Course/Levels Brian Bloomstrom
(Requested by Councilmember Bloomstrom to retain as old business, as the committee has not had a chance to meet)

- b. Van Buren Technology Center Jeromy Robertson

17-6-003

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Blackmer and seconded by Councilmember Hondrop to approve the recommendation for the Van Buren Technology Center. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- c. Fire Instructor II Beta Program Mark Cleveland

Chief Cleveland of the Egelston Twp. Fire Department, reported that Instructor II Beta Courses were successfully conducted in Brighton and Muskegon. The course is designed to meet the requisite knowledge and skills of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1041 Professional Qualifications for Fire Service Instructor, Chapter 5 for Fire Instructor II. The International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) 8th Edition Fire and Emergency Services Instructor text were utilized. It is recommended that the course is attainable in either a 3-2 split over two weekends or five straight days. It is also recommended that only the following instructors will be allowed to teach the course:

- Option 1: Only Instructor II's that have taken the program can teach this program.
- Option 2: Instructor II's that haven't taken the program but went through a single day in service on the program's setup, course projects and ancillary materials
- Option 3: both option 1 and 2

It is recommended that there be a passing score of 75%. All certificates should include verbiage Certified to Instructor II in accordance with NFPA 1041 standards. It is also recommended that an evaluation of the current instructor practical evaluation instrument. The cost of the course is set at \$3600.00.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Fallen Firefighter Foundation – Stress First Aid Class

17-6-004

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Hondorf and seconded by Councilmember Bloomstom to approve the recommendation for the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation – Stress First Aid Class, to be taught by one or two Instructors; Instructor I or Instructor II with the maximum amount of \$360.00 if taught by both Instructors. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Non-SMOKE County Training Fund Applications

B. Class A Live Fire Training Structure

This course has been tabled and carried to the August 2017 meeting.

17-6-005

ISFSI Live Fire Instructor Credential – Fixed Facility FM17-0687

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pettinger and seconded by Councilmember Hondorf to approve the recommendation for ISFSI Live Fire Instructor Credential – Fixed Facility course. **MOTION CARRIED.**

17-6-006

Emergency Medical Responder FM17-0677

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Hondorp and seconded by Councilmember Tackett to approve the recommendation for Emergency Medical Responder course. **MOTION CARRIED.**

17-6-007

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pettinger and seconded by Councilmember Blackmer to approve the recommendation for Fire Company Operations for Company Officers or acting Officers for Marquette County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

17-6-008

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Bloomstrom and seconded by Councilmember Tackett to approve the recommendation for Emergency Care for Injured and Burn Victims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

17-6-009

Modern Fire Behavior: Bringing the Science to the Street FM17-0692

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Blackmer and seconded by Councilmember Pettinger to approve the recommendation for Live Fire – Modern Behavior: Bringing the Science to the Street. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lansing Community College (LCC) – Ventilation and Forcible Entry Training
Kenneth Van Hall , of LCC has requested to reconsider and carry forward the recommendation for agenda item #7 Ventilation & Forcible Entry training course and table until August 2017 meeting.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pettinger, encouraged all in attendance to spend the monies designed for fire fighter training, as we are being watch by LARA and there is money to be spent. As we have this opportunity right now, especially since we have decreased fireworks funding this summer, as we don't have persons inspecting as we have had in the past. We need to get out there and spend it. All need to go back to their communities and let them know there is money available.

Councilmember Hondorf, stated that when he puts on his clerk hat he encourages people to go out buy stuff, because the sales tax goes towards revenue sharing. For those that are not reporting their sales tax to state. We care seeing less cause for fireworks incidents. It's a good idea to let the police departments know about persons selling fireworks and how they are supposed to show their certificates to sell.

Councilmember Tackett, thanked the SFM for allowing the visit to the facility. He questioned the SFM on how to proceed with spending the fireworks funds that have not been allocated.

Chairperson James, thanked all for attending and welcomed the new SFM. If you're county has money that you have not allocated please give back, so the SMF can reassign it to another county. I appreciate everyone input, this is an exciting time for the fire service moving forward. Have safe travels this summer and spend time with your families. Tim wished the SFM good luck with fireworks as they are right around the corner, you have no statutory authority and he wished him well.

SFM Sehmeyer, stated that it's great to see the room full. There are some incredible people working for the fire service, and we continue to get a lot done throughout the state, as there are a variety of different programs. You are here to hear about training and the things that go on with training, however we are doing great things with Plan Review, making sure things get built right, making sure the suppression systems get put in correctly for the safety of all Michiganders. Per my job description my number one goal is to ensure the fire safety of all Michiganders. I have a concern about the number of fire fatalities in the state. I'm trying to be aggressive by being out in the media. I met with the Red Cross today and they have resources that we can use throughout the community so don't be surprised if you see a pretty hard push. Posted in the Daily Dispatch was an article about a father and two children that perished in a house fire in Flint. Fire safety will definitely be a focus area for this SFM as well as keeping fire fighters trained as the two go hand in hand. I've broken down the fires for the first four months of the year using the data that's available with 74% of fire departments reporting which is approximately 95% of the population.

There were approximately around 3900 fires that occurred in one and two family dwellings and occurred in multi-family dwellings were 419 and 429. Last year there were 116 civilians that lost their lives due to fire. There were 97 structure fires. Looking at this calendar year there have been a total of 3900 fires, 34 fatalities, and 116 injured, including 35 fire fighters that were injured between the two types of fires. I had the opportunity to meet with Senator Stamos, whom has been pushing for senate bill 264 and senate bill 265 and presented him with a challenge coin from the National Fallen Fire Fighter Foundation. Senator Stamos believes that he can help push the bill through the house. This is part of a team effort and if we work together as a team good things can happen. Thanks for the opportunity to be the Fire Marshal for the State of Michigan.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Pettinger to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

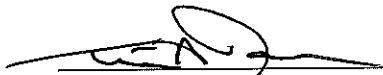
NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.

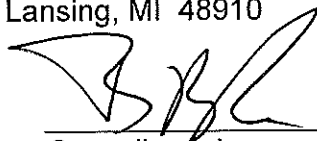
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APPROVED:



Timothy James
Chairperson



Councilmember