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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Lansing Community College – West Campus
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighting Training Division
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator
TJ Richardson, Acting Region 2 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Fire Department
Bill Pawluk, Lansing Community College Fire
Sara Groenheide, Hamilton Fire Department
Mark Groenheide, Hamilton Fire Department
Stan Pochron, Taylor Fire Department
Michael Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Robert Jennison, Livonia Fire Rescue
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Nick Miller, Hamburg Fire Department
Adam Carroll, Hartland Area Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Egelston Fire Department
Charles C. Pichan, Detroit Fire Department
Aric Massingill, Adrian City

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Chairperson Blomstrom called the special meeting session to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-02-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to approve the February 11, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilperson Styles: received communication regarding curriculum update timelines and questions regarding grant selection.

Councilperson Steichen: no new communications.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: had a phone conversation with Josh Meier from Canton Township regarding public safety directors' requirements. Fire Marshal suggested to Mr. Meier to put his concerns in writing and submit to council.

Councilperson Pettinger: received email regarding instructor class questions, grant questions (past and present).

Councilperson Blomstrom: No new communications.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Review FY20 MFFTC Grant Applications:** The training grant packets were provided to the council for review. Before review of the training grant packets, Fire Marshal Sehmeyer shared that the applications were selected based on two (2) main criteria; the applicant is (1) NFIRS compliant and (2) are seeking grants for Fire Fighting Skills. TJ Richardson stated that grant numbers are assigned in the order they were received.

20-02-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to accept the following grant applications regarding Live Fire;

FMG-001 – Allendale Fire Department Advanced Fire Dynamics for the requested amount of \$4,500.00

FMG-018 – Peninsula Township Fire Department OCC Flashover Training for the requested amount of \$9,500.00

FMG-022 – Addison Township Fire Department Phase II Burn for the requested amount of \$3,680.00

FMG-029 – Battle Creek Fire Department Flashover Training for the requested amount of \$9,989.00

FMG-039 – Perry Area Fire Rescue Live Fire Attack for the requested amount of \$10,000.00

FMG-046 – Bay City Department of Public Safety Flashover/Forcible Entry for the requested amount of \$9,000.00

FMG-089 – Farmington Public Safety Flashover Training for the requested amount of \$4,000.00,

FMG-112 – Chesterfield Township Fire Department Flashover Training for the requested amount of \$5,000.00

FMG-126 – Hamburg Township Fire Department Flashover Training for the requested amount of \$7,500.00

Totaling an amount of \$63,169.

MOTION CARRIED.

20-02-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to accept the following grant applications regarding Hands on Training;

- FMG-054 – Clare Fire Department Basic Pump Operations for the requested amount of \$2,500.00,
- FMG-060 – Bertrand Township Fire Department TIC Aided Search and Rescue for the requested amount of \$8,300.00
- FMG-063 – Novi Fire Department “Through the Lock Forcible Entry” for the requested amount of \$9,310.00
- FMG-064 – Lansing Township Fire Department Fire Ground Survival for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-066 – Muskegon Township Fire Department Engine/Truck Company Operations for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-083 – Southfield Fire Department Recon RIT for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-102 – Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Thermal Imaging Training for the requested amount of \$9,600.00
- FMG-110 – Armada Township Fire Department Fire Ground Survival and RIT for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-121 – Marlette Fire Department Irons Forcible Entry for the requested amount of \$3,450.00
- FMG-127 – City of Ann Arbor Fire Department Fire Ground Survival for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-138 – Romulus Fire Department Pump Operator for the requested amount of \$800.00

Totaling an amount of \$83,960.

Councilperson Style abstained

MOTION CARRIED

Council took a short break at 10:22am. Council resumed at 10:40am and resumed application selection.

20-02-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to accept the following grant applications regarding facility improvements;

- FMG-016 – Higgins Township Fire Department HTFD Burn Building in the requested amount of \$10,000.00
- FMG-034 – Beaver Creek Fire Department Training Facility Improvement for the requested amount of \$8,850.00

Totaling an amount of \$18,850.

MOTION CARRIED

20-02-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Blackmer** to establish a priority list for FY20 to the grant applications listed 1-13 to move forward for the 4th round;

1. FMG-072 - South Lyon Fire Department Multi-Use Training Facility for the requested amount of \$5,018.00

2. FMG-005 – Dalton Township Fire Department King Ceiling/Overhaul/Ventilation Prop for the requested amount of \$8,400.00
3. FMG-103 – Alpena Fire Department Keiser Force Machine for the requested amount of \$9,138.36
4. FMG-042 – White Pigeon Fire Department King Ceiling Prop for the requested amount of \$10,000.00
5. FMG-119 – City of Belleville Fire Department Fire Simulator for the requested amount of \$5,000.00
6. FMG-124 – Sturgis Fire Department Burn/Flashover Trainer for the requested amount of \$5,300.00
7. FMG-125 – Hamilton Fire Department Live Fire Training Facility Fuel for the requested amount of \$5,423.70
8. FMG-048 – Marquette Township Fire/Rescue Fire Dynamics Training Prop for the requested amount of \$7,288.55
9. FMG-078 – City of Algonac Fire Department Training Equipment/Props for the requested amount of \$8,000.00
10. FMG-043 – Manistee Township Fire Department County Training Facility for the requested amount of \$9,500.00
11. FMG-021 – Richland Township Fire Department Props/MATS for the requested amount of \$9,688.00
12. FMG-137 – Stanton Township Volunteer Fire Department Copper County Live Burning Training for the requested amount of \$4,677.79
13. FMG-024 – Saugatuck Township Fire Department Live Fire Training Facility Plating for the requested amount of \$10,000.00

Totaling an amount of \$97,434.40.

MOTION CARRIED

20-02-06

A **Motion** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and supported by **Councilperson Pettinger** that any additional funding that comes in to be spent on the grants remaining.

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Mantels, Saugatuck Fire Department – Respectfully requests BFS staff give more detailed guidelines on future grant applicants.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Steichen: Appreciates everyone’s work, time and effort, thanked everyone for their patience.

Councilperson Blackmer: None.

Councilperson Pettinger: Stated that the awarded grants are well-rounded and will benefit a lot of departments.

Chairperson Tackett: Thanked everyone for coming, looking forward to seeing everyone this

afternoon. Thanked Chris (Saugatuck) for his comments.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for coming. Shout out to BFS staff for their work preparing the grants.

Councilperson Blomstrom: None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-02-07

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to adjourn the special meeting/work session. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

APPROVED:



Chairperson Tackett



Councilmember