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AGENDA
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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| I. | Call to Order and Determination of Quorum | Chairperson Tackett |
| II. | Approval of Agenda | Chairperson Tackett |
| III. | Approval of Minutes: | Chairperson Tackett |
| | April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting | |
| | April 30, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| | May 11, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| | May 18, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| IV. | Communications | Chairperson Tackett |
| V. | State Fire Marshal's Report | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer |
| VI. | Curriculum Work Group Report: | Councilperson Blomstrom |
| VII. | New Business | |
| | a. Virtual Fire Fighter I & II Course | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer
Dan Hammerberg
John Stone |
| | b. Fire Expo as part of Joint Council | Shaun Abbey |
| | c. Adoption of updated NFA FI:FR Curriculum | Councilperson Blomstrom
Dan Hammerberg |
| | d. Q Course Applications: | Chairperson Tackett |
| | 1. SOFA Personal Escape Systems and Bailout Techniques | Robert Ginther |
| VIII. | Public Comment | |
| IX. | Council Comment | |
| X. | Adjournment | Chairperson Tackett |

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Virtual Meeting via Teleconference
Call In Phone Number: 1-877-820-7831
Conference ID: 973313
April 14, 2020
1:30 PM

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
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

None

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division
TJ Richardson, Acting Region 2 Supervisor, Fire Fighter Training Division
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (Teleconference moderator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Erickson, LARA Communications (Teleconference moderator)
No public sign in sheet due to the meeting being a teleconference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson Tackett called the regular meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was determined present. Chairperson Tackett read the following introduction to everyone on the teleconference:

In order to minimize disruptions, until the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of the public will be muted to the Council and other attendees and participants. During the time designated by the Council for public comment, members of public will no longer be muted and may participate and provide their comments by orderly speaking using the microphone on their phone. All existing Council rules regarding public comment (including rules designed to minimize disruptions and allow for full public participation) still apply.

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II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-04-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the April 14, 2020 regular meeting agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairperson Tackett recommended that since this is a teleconference, a roll call vote will be done for any motion put forth to council for the remainder of this meeting.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

20-04-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to approve the following minutes as presented:

February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
February 11, 2020 Special Meeting
March 9, 2020 Special Meeting

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Blackmer – yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Nine votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Tackett was contacted by a few fire chiefs regarding COVID-19 but stated the training moratorium memo posted on GovDelivery from the Fire Marshal answered all of their concerns.

Councilperson Steichen mentioned the northwest region training coordinators are hosting a Fire Officer I ProBoard online course.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

- a) **COVID-19 Updates:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier informed everyone that the entire Bureau of Fire Services' (BFS) office is currently working from home until the Stay Home Stay Safe order has been lifted.
- b) **Zoom Meeting:** The Fire Marshal shared with the council that Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) granted a 90-day extension to get a final draft of the rules submitted. Now that BFS has a Zoom account, the Special Meeting/Rules Work Session can be rescheduled. Hollie Metts will send out a Doodle Poll to the council members to see which dates work with their schedule over the next two weeks.
- c) **Training Moratorium Extended:** The Fire Marshal has asked that course managers not reschedule any courses until May.
- d) **Revised Course Summary:** The Fire Marshal noted the Course Summary that was provided to council and reiterated the importance of chiefs keeping their rosters up to date, so the statistics are as accurate as possible.

1. **Jones & Bartlett:** The Fire Marshal informed council that the names of the curriculum committee have been sent to Jones & Bartlett (J&B) and each member of the curriculum committee can contact Joy Knobbe at J&B to obtain their Officer I Textbooks.
- e) **Update on vacant positions:** The Fire Marshal communicated that the Region 2 Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist positions are on hold potentially until the new Fiscal year. The qualified candidates were emailed and informed that they will be notified once the positions are able to be filled.
- f) **2020 Fatal Fires:** The Fire Marshal stated that there have been a total of 45 fire fatalities in Michigan since January and stressed the importance of members of the fire services using their platform to raise awareness.

VI. CURRICULUM WORK GROUP REPORT:

Councilperson Blomstrom shared that the curriculum work group has been given instructions to email Andrea Keown at BFS their contact information to obtain their copy of the Fire Officer I textbook from J&B. He is looking to schedule a meeting in May for the work group to meet.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Fire Officer I Delivery:** The Fire Marshal asked the council to consider BFS running a Beta course for online delivery of the Fire Officer I course. The Fire Marshal explained that the Officer I format will not be much different from the Fire Instructor I format. The Fire Marshal gave a brief synopsis of the course to the council. Councilperson Blomstrom asked if a Train the Trainer or curriculum update will be offered before the official roll out of the course. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier said BFS will know more at the June council meeting. Councilperson Pettinger asked if the Curriculum Committee will be looking over the exam before it is administered. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier assured that the Curriculum Committee will be looking at the exam beforehand.

20-04-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and supported by **Councilperson Pettinger** to allow BFS to move forward with a Beta online course for Fire Officer I with 20 participants. A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
 Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
 Councilperson Styles – yes
 Councilperson White –yes
 Councilperson Blackmer – yes
 Councilperson Janik – yes
 Councilperson Steichen – yes
 Councilperson Pettinger – yes
 Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – abstain

Eight votes yes and one abstention. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) **FY20 Funding:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier met with the budget office and suggested that council move forward with the same \$2.3 million budget as last fiscal year. Due to COVID-19, firework sales could be down, and the bureau has had to dip into fireworks safety fees reserves to the maintain the 2.3 million in county training funding. Chairperson Tackett asked if the reason for the borrowing from the reserve is because firework sales are down or because of loop holes and non-payment of fees due. The Fire Marshal confirmed it was from lack of firework sales and lower collection of safety fees.
- c) **Q Course Applications:**
 1. **Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program**

20-04-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to approve Q Course Application, FMQ20-014. A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Blackmer – yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Nine votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

X. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Blomstrom: No comments.

Councilperson Blackmer: No comments.

Councilperson Steichen: Thanked those who called in and looks forward to the Zoom meeting and getting the rules finalized.

Councilperson Pettinger: Stated this was a productive meeting and appreciates that we can still meet while we are all under the Stay Home Stay Safe order. Hopes everyone stays safe.

Councilperson Styles: No comments.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: Thanked everyone for calling in, is excited to get Officer I going and appreciates being allowed to present the information to council. Be safe everyone!

Councilperson Janik: Grateful that the teleconference was put together, looks forward to the Zoom meeting.

Chairperson Tackett: Thanked the public for attending and is looking forward to the Zoom meeting. Thanked Matt and Hollie for moderating the teleconference. Be safe, stay low, and take care of each other and yourself.

d) ADJOURNMENT:

20-04-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember



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WORK SESSION - RULES

Thursday, April 30, 2020
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association

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Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Erickson, LARA Communications (virtual meeting moderator)	Chief Down, Long Lake Fire Department
Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	Mark Cleveland, Muskegon County
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department	Michael O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Bryan Kukla, Frankenlust Fire Department	Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Christopher Van Loo, Saginaw Fire Department	Mike Kennedy, Ann Arbor Fire Department
Cindy Conrad, South Lyon Fire Department	Mike Koehler, Troy Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department	Muskegon Fire Instructors
David McNally, Van Buren Fire Department	North West Michigan Regional Training Center
David Pelton, Walker Fire Department	Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Doug	Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Greg Mowbray, Brighton Area Fire Authority	Robert Smith, Dowagiac Fire Department
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Scott Harkes, Allendale Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department	
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department	

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 1:07 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-04-06

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the April 30, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated March 9, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown, made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed on page 13 of the draft rules with council adding reciprocity language to the remaining qualifications. A brief discussion was had regarding census population and public safety director certification requirements. Council decided to remove

population language and update the public safety director reciprocity requirements to reflect equal certifications across the board. After a ten (10) minute break, council made some clarifications to the disciplinary process language.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety – Asked that council take another look at the fire investigator reciprocity requirements and enquired if firework funds can be re-appropriated to different courses.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Steichen: Felt this meeting was productive and looks forward to the next one.

Councilperson Styles: “Everyone stay safe out there.”

Councilperson Blomstrom: Stated he was happy with what was accomplished during the meeting and is hopeful the council can wrap up the draft rules soon.

Councilperson White: Agreed with Councilperson Blomstrom that a lot was accomplished during the work session.

Councilperson Janik: Good job, everyone. He will have comments for the next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Agreed that a lot was accomplished and appreciates the audience’s patience.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Thanked Liz Arasim for doing the research on the legislative side of the rules and asked Hollie and Andrea to coordinate another rules work session. The Fire Marshal updated council on the upcoming Fire Officer I online course and hoped that everyone stays healthy and stay safe.

Chairperson Tackett: Thanked everyone who participated.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-04-07

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Janik** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember



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WORK SESSION – RULES

Monday, May 11, 2020
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	
Adam Carroll, Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority	Greg Mowbray, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Aric Massingill, Adrian Fire Department	Jack Pesha, Ferndale Fire Department
Bill Parker, Blair Twp, Fire Department	Jim Fisher, Gerrish Twp. Fire and EMS
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department	Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department
C. Wallace, Waterford Twp. Fire Department	John Hanson, Homer Twp. Fire Department
Christopher VanLoo, Saginaw Fire Department	Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety	Kurt Corradi, Bay City Dept. Of Public Safety
D. Cummins, Royal Oak Fire Department	Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
David Feichtner, Springfield Twp. Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department	Mark F
David Pelton, Walker Fire Department	Matthew Covey, Waterford Twp. Fire Department
Farmington Hills Fire Department	Michael Cousins, Thomas Twp. Fire Department
Fred	Michael O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Greg Lelito, Madison Heights Fire Department	Muskegon Fire Instructors

Paul Wells, Birmingham Fire Department
Rob Edmonds, Alpena Fire Department
Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department

Robert Smith, Royal Oak Fire Department
Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Fire Dept.
Steven McKellar, Plainfield Twp. Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 1:05 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-05-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the May 11, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes
Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that he received a letter from Chief Flynn on behalf of the OAKWAY Chiefs regarding the rules.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated April 30, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed on page 28 of the draft rules with council adding clarifying

language to alternative learning platforms and county training committee. A brief discussion was had regarding Rule 18(5), the 3 year cycle of validating the continuing education courses by the fire service member being necessary. Council decided to keep the section, however, will look into updating the clarity of the language.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Feichtner, Springfield Township: Provided feedback on items council should revisit during the next meeting. Specifically, real life credits, MIOSHA versus MFFTC rules, clarifying total continuing education course hours, and separating member responsibility rules for emergency medical services and firefighters to avoid confusion.

Chief Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: When prompted by Chairperson Tackett, responded that he feels the letter from the OAKWAY Chiefs did a nice job of summarizing their thoughts regarding rules and they value the work that the council is doing.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Steichen: Conveyed it was nice to get through the sub-rules and feels that the group has done a good job. He thanked everyone for their time.

Councilperson Styles: "See ya Monday" for the next work session.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Feels good about to being close to the end of the process and is looking forward to the next work session on Monday, May 18th. Also mentioned that the Curriculum Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to go over Fire Officer I test.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Janik: Mentioned that he will bring up certified teachers, Certified Fire Instructors at the next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Thanked everyone for their patience.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for coming and appreciates those who are signing in to the meeting and providing input/feedback. He also informed the participants of Executive Order 77 that allows first responders to resume training and that he has been developing guidelines to get back to training safely.

Chairperson Tackett: Appreciates everyone's time and patience. Mentioned sending out a revised list of rules versus laws to council.

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs: Said that she provided fire marshal with a few examples to use to formulate the disciplinary proceedings portion of the rules.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-05-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson White** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – yes

Councilperson White –yes

Councilperson Janik – yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes

Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Councilperson Blackmer - absent

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember

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Before **Chairperson Tackett** called the special meeting to order, he announced a roll call vote will be done for any motion put forth to council during this meeting and read the following introduction to everyone in the virtual meeting:

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All quorum rules still apply. In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the Council will be considered to be in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the Council will adjourn and not address any new business until its next meeting. Any decisions made prior to the disconnection will be binding. The Council will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting.”

Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 1:01 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-05-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Blomstrom** to approve the May 18, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Councilperson Blackmer – absent
Councilperson Janik – absent
Councilperson Steichen – absent
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier - absent

Five votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated May 11, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed on page 33 of the draft rules with council adding clarifying language to continuing education. Bart Pickelman, Director of MIOSHA, was available to answer any questions regarding continuing education in relation to MIOSHA standards. Director Pickelman also clarified MIOSHA language for continuing education. A discussion was had regarding validation of fire fighter continuing education requirements. After a ten (10) minute break, council referenced resources to clarify the disciplinary appeal hearing process.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: Offered the EMS disciplinary process to reference for MFFTC rules update. Chief Flynn asked council to look into “check the box” language on continuing education compliance. He also asked Fire Marshal Sehmeyer about his thoughts on the email that was sent to him and the council regarding the rules and if Fire Marshal planned on giving a written response to his email.

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Commented that MIOSHA certification standard seem to be going in the direction of every 3 years, which may end up getting BFS in tight spot with all the certifications being at different times. Mr. Ginther also reiterated his appreciation for these virtual meetings as they allow him to enjoy a good Kuba Kuba in his garage while participating.

Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department: Inquired about if council would recognize reciprocity of IFSAC/ProBoard certifications.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Steichen: Conveyed it was nice to get through the subrules. Feels group has done a good job and thanked everyone for their time.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Feels good about to be close to the end of the process, looking forward to Monday. Also mentioned that the Curriculum Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to go over Fire Officer I exam.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Blackmer: None.

Councilperson Pettinger: Appreciates that council was able to have good discussion on earlier topics. Asks that when people send correspondence to make it clear if it is to council or to the fire marshal.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked everyone for coming. Appreciates those who are signing in to the meeting and providing input and feedback. Informed participants of Executive Order 77 that allows first responder to resume training and that he has been developing guidelines to get back to training safely.

Chairperson Tackett: Appreciates everyone’s time and patience. Mentioned sending out a revised list of rules versus laws to council.

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs: Said that she provided fire marshal with a few examples to use to formulate the disciplinary proceedings portion of the rules.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-05-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson Styles** to adjourn the special meeting/work session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – yes

Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes

Councilperson Pettinger – yes

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Councilperson White – absent

Councilperson Janik – absent

Chairperson Tackett - absent

Six votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember

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May 25, 2020

Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Michigan Joint Fire Service Council (MJFSC), I would like to request your support and funding for a statewide firefighter training conference. This event would be a small FDIC style conference similar to the Fire Expo held in Grand Rapids years ago. For the first event we may be able to partner with the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the Michigan Professional Fire Fighter Union. They both have deposits for cancelled events at the Novi Showplace and the Chiefs have dates scheduled in March 2021.

The benefits of this conference would include: unified training event for all firefighters, securing top fire instructors, minimizing redundant classes by each of our groups, using unspent fireworks training dollars for something everyone could attend, and helping the Council by avoiding the grant rush. Our long-term discussion involves moving the event around the state and including hands-on-training. We also talked about running two sites concurrently in different parts of the state and moving instructors between them.

We would like to start with a budget of \$80,000. Please understand this is our first year making this our best estimate. The MJFSC has been working to develop this concept and has a sub-committee in place. If possible, we would like some members of the Council to assist in the planning. The MJFSC will be meeting on June 5th to formally support the event. This letter needed to be submitted to make your June agenda, but all discussion to this point indicates the MJFSC will support this project.

The funding could be achieved by skimming a percentage off the top of training dollars from counties that receive more than the minimum amount. They would be the first to be made whole after January 1, before issuing grants. The understanding is that this would create another training event that those counties could send firefighters to for a minimal cost.

We believe this is a great opportunity to bring the fire service together for a top-notch training conference. We thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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