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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

ORLENE HAWKS
DIRECTOR

AGENDA
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 11th, 2020
1:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Conference code: 394127

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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 |
| | June 4, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| | June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting | |
| | June 9, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| | June 25, 2020 Special Meeting | |
| | July 9, 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. Draft Rules to Michigan Office Of Administrative Hearings
And Rules (MOAHR) | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer |
| | b. Fire Officer I&II | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer |
| | c. FY21 Funding | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer |
| | d. COVID/Fire Training | Fire Marshal Sehmeyer |
| | e. NRFTC Pilot Hybrid Firefighter I & II course | Bill Parker |
| | f. Schoolcraft College RTC Hybrid Firefighter I&II course | Liam Carroll |
| VIII. | Public Comment | |
| IX. | Council Comment | |
| X. | Adjournment | Chairperson Tackett |



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MINUTES
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION – RULES

Tuesday, June 4th, 2020
1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
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:

Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Brandon Hausbeck, Saginaw Fire Department	Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department
Christopher Van Loo, Saginaw Fire Department	Mike Kennedy, Ann Arbor Fire Department
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Muskegon Fire Instructors
Greg Ginebaugh, Delta Township Fire Department	Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department	Robert Smith, Royal Oak Fire Department
Jim Williams, Kalamazoo Dept. Of Public Safety	Ryan Tibbets, Kalamazoo Dept. Of Public Safety
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department	
Liam, Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC	

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 1:04 PM. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-06-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the June 4th, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Councilperson White – absent
Councilperson Styles – absent

Seven votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier stated that there was dialogue during the Wednesday Wrap-Up regarding the Oakway Chiefs email.

Chairperson Tackett received an updated review of the Draft Administrative Rules from MAFC and emailed it to all council members on May 27th.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated May 18, 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 the draft rules with council reviewing and making edits to the disciplinary process. Fire marshal briefly spoke about RAFT certifications.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Thanked the council for their work on the rules and mention that he thoroughly enjoys the virtual meetings.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Janik: Thanked the council for all the time spent working on the rules.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Thanked FM for the work he has done researching ProBoard and reciprocity. He looks forward to wrapping up the rules.

Councilperson Steichen: Thanked FM and staff for getting the disciplinary process for the rules done.

Councilperson Pettinger: Addressed the Oakway email, hopes that bringing in MIOSHA during the last work rules session answered a lot of questions and asks that emails that are intended to be private are not sent out to council members.

Councilperson White: Agrees with everything everyone has said. Feels the fire marshal is doing and has done a great job since taking office and that council has done a great job.

Councilperson Blackmer: None.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanked council for the work that was done. Looks forward to meeting No. 36.

Chairperson Tackett: Appreciates everyone's time and patience. Feels that last meeting continuing education "went out the window" and thinks we need to look at all the classifications again to make sure the rules are consistent throughout.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-06-02

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 White – yes
Councilperson Janik –yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehmeyer – yes

Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson Blackmer – absent

Seven votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember



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WORK SESSION – RULES

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020
9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Adam Carroll, Hartland Twp. Fire Department	Ken Hobbs, Ypsilanti Fire Department
Adam Munro, Macomb Twp. Fire Department	Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC
Andy Down, Long Lake Twp. Fire Department	Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
Bill Parker, Blair & Paradise Twp. Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
Bryan Kukla, Frankenlust Fire Department	Mike Yanz, Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority
Chris Stoecklein, Canton Fire Department	Nick Miller, Hamburg Twp. Fire Department
Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety	Robert Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department	Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department
Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Robert Vogel, South Lyon Fire Department
Jeff Roberts, Wixom Fire Department	Steven McGee, Holly Fire Department
Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department	Steven McKellar, Plainfield Twp Fire Department
John Cieslik, Rochester Fire Department	
John Pender, Orion Twp. Fire Department	

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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 9:04 A.M. Roll call was taken

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

A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-06-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the June 9th, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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 June 4th, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed with Fire Marshal Sehlmeier advising the council that he spoke with Andy Bezenah from RAFT regarding Pro Board and reciprocity. Fire marshal is in talks with Pro Board to work through language to add to the draft rules. Council worked through the draft document making changes to grammar and clarifying language. After a ten (10) minute break, council added federal and teacher reciprocity language to Part 2. Classifications.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: inquired on how to get access to recordings of previous June 4, 2020 meeting.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Tackett: Reminder that the meeting is at 1:30pm and not 1:00pm.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Excellent work done today. Reiterates Aileen's comments; this is a living document that represents all different aspects of the fire service and not just a particular group. Throughout this process there has been concessions that have been made from all members but ultimately has all of the fire service as a whole in mind.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Blackmer: We had a good morning, got a lot accomplished. It is nice to see we are getting towards the end.

Councilperson Janik: Happy for the strong work done this morning. Appreciates the work and flexibility of everyone involved.

Councilperson Steichen: Thanked everyone for their time and patience. He was able to compare the original document with the current draft rules, we have come a long way and looks forward to finishing up the draft rules.

Councilperson Pettinger: Wishes everyone in the public would remember that this council represents the whole fire service, not just certain groups and be patient with us as that we are looking for the betterment of the whole fire services not just certain individuals or group. Asks that public be patient with the draft rules process.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: We had a good meeting this morning. The rules process is ongoing and provides clear guidance for BFS staff to answer questions and to help individuals who are coming to Michigan or those who are looking to move up in rank or certain training level. At the end of the day, BFS wants to provide the best service for the whole fire service in the state. We could not get there without the work of the training council.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-06-04

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

A roll call vote was taken.

Chairperson Tackett – yes

Councilperson Blomstrom – yes

Councilperson Styles – absent

Councilperson White –yes

Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Janik– yes

Councilperson Steichen – yes

Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember

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Andre Doser, Battle Creek Fire Department
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Corey Miller, Berkley Dept. Of Public Safety
Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department
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Jim Stevenson, Warren Fire Department
Jon Stone, Stanton Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Kurt Corradi, Bay City Public Safety
Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC
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Michael Kennedy, Ann Arbor Fire Department
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Nick Miller, Hamburg Twp. Fire Department
Robert Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department
Scott Damon, Cambridge Fire Department
Shaun Abbey, Kentwood Fire Department
Steven Apostal, Grand Traverse Metro Fire
Department
William Pawluk, Lansing Community College

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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 1:33 P.M. Roll call was taken

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

A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-06-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to approve the June 9, 2020 regular meeting agenda, as presented.

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.**

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

20-06-06

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

April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

April 30, 2020 Special Meeting
May 11, 2020 Special Meeting
May 18, 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:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier: Received letter from Shaun Abbey regarding a Michigan Joint Fire Service Council (MJFSC) Training Convention but will speak to it in his report and that it is on the agenda

Chairperson Tackett: Received letter from Chief Kennedy from Ann Arbor in support of Shaun Abbey's letter.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

a) **COVID-19 Updates:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier informed everyone that on May 15, 2020 under [Executive Order 2020-77](#), firefighter training and council approved courses can resume. Fire marshal conducted training with coordinators, spent time going over procedures to follow to conduct training and testing going forward.

On June 3, 2020, the fire marshal provided clarification on facemasks and helmet shields. While testing, a person who is participating and practicing a skill or is being evaluated on a test can remove facemasks as long as people in immediate area have facemasks on.

b) **BFS Updates** The fire marshal shared that the entire Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) office is currently working from home. In addition to working from home, every State employee has a temporary layoff day; half is furloughed Monday and the other half on Friday. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier and Deputy Director Searles do not participate in layoff days but participate in pay reduction program.

c) **Revised Course Summary as of 6/8/2020:** The revised Course Summary was ran on Monday and has been posted on the Training Division webpage. 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. If anyone has any questions on anything, please reach out to Dan Hammerberg or Fire Marshal Sehlmeier.

d) **Report on Online Instructor Orientation:** Dan Hammerberg and I tried out an online orientation last week, limited it to 16 students because we wanted it to be more interactive.

e) **Update regarding Fire Officer I Exam:** The Curriculum Committee will meet on Wednesday June 10th to go over the Fire Officer I exam.

f) **ProBoard:** Have a meeting coming up at the end of the week. Talking about how to move forward on the draft rules with Pro Board certification. Trying to work on a process with Pro Board that allows students who did not take Pro Board course to have an opportunity to get certification by portfolio review.

g) **Zoom Trial Course Incident Safety Officer (ISO):** The Brighton and Howell Fire Departments reached out and sought approval to do a trial ISO course via Zoom Meeting. Brighton laid out

all the activities and how this would be done. Feedback would be given to the fire marshal upon completion of the trial course. Course was approved on the basis that virtual courses are going to become more prevalent.

- h) 2020 Fatal Fires:** Currently the state of Michigan have had 65 fire fatalities. To put in to perspective, last year Michigan had 109 fatalities statewide. The month of April was especially tough with 17 fire fatalities. Major contributors of these fatalities have been people with disabilities and smoking. The fire marshal was able to secured \$250,000 from the State of Michigan by September 30, 2020 for smoke alarms and other products to wake up groups with disabilities including training for fire departments on how to target and how they can communicate with the network throughout the state.

The Bureau of Fire Services put in for a FEMA (AFG) grant for fire prevention for a 2 year program across the state that will bring \$1.5 million to the state.

VI. CURRICULUM WORK GROUP REPORT:

Councilperson Blomstrom shared that the curriculum work group will be meeting tomorrow (6/10/2020) to assess the Fire Officer I exam. Councilperson Blomstrom also noted that he will be absent from the meeting but Councilperson Pettinger will be presiding over the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Virtual Fire Fighter I & II Course:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier, Dan Hammerberg, and Jon Stone of Stanton Fire Department brought forth the idea of teaching the Fire Fighter I & II course through a virtual learning platform. All of the lecture would use the J&B Premier Platform. Would need 16, eight (8) hour days to do all the practical items. The only way the virtual course can be done is breaking the course into 15 hands on modules. Every two (2) weeks the participant would be required to call the course manager on Zoom to check in. Practical days would use a 5:1 instructor/student ratio. A total of 60 participants would be in the first virtual trial, each 20 person group would have a course manager. Each person signed up would pick their course manager. There would be a lead instructor and four (4) instructors who take care of the modules. Looking to do this in the Western Upper Peninsula. This group is not looking for any funding. It will be funded by County funds in the Upper Peninsula. Council discussed the need for this type of course offering, especially in the wake of Covid-19.

20-06-07

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and supported by **Councilperson Pettinger** to allow a trial run of a virtual Fire Fighter I & II learning platform for up to 80 students broken into four (4) sessions with the idea to use at a County level. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

20-06-08

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Tackett** and supported by **Councilperson Janik** to allow a trial run of a virtual Fire Fighter I & II learning platform with the idea to use during the 2020 Fall semester at the RTC college level. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Seven votes yes, one abstention. **MOTION CARRIED**

- b) Fire Expo as part of Joint Council:** Michigan Joint Fire Service Council (MJFSC) is seeing a lot of redundancy with the same speakers being brought in to present at different fire service events and attendance numbers being down at these events. MJFSC has been working on a solution to consolidate this into one large event while also saving money and time. MJFSC is seeking permission to use firework funds to create an “FDIC International like” experience for the Michigan Fire Services by hosting a fire expo in 2021. The trial run will be held at the Novi Showplace at the end of March. Going forward they are open to any ideas on where to take the expo, be it different locations throughout the state. Looking to potentially add classes and training while at the expo. Discussion was had between council members regarding the funds and where it would be come from and how it will be returned.

20-06-09

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and supported by **Councilperson Tackett** to support Joint Fire Council’s endeavor to host a conference in 2020 for all fire service members utilizing 2021 funds with the understanding that the initial \$80,000.00 issued will be returned to funds after January 1st. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Adoption of updated NFA FI:FR Curriculum:** The NFA has disseminated the new Fire Investigation: First Responder (FI:FR) course. The one currently on file has been decommissioned by the NFA and is outdated. The new text is titled the same, with the only difference being the updated material and made it a 2nd edition. Councilperson Blomstrom and Dan Hammerberg are looking to update the course code to “C01D” and the remaining courses will be taught with the updated curriculum.

20-06-10

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Blomstrom** and supported by **Councilperson Styles** to update to the new Fire Investigation: First Responders 2nd Edition textbook printed in March 2020 and update the course code to “C01D”.

Chairperson Tackett – yes
Councilperson Blomstrom – yes
Councilperson Styles – yes
Councilperson White –absent
Councilperson Blackmer – yes

Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – yes
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

d) Q Course Applications:

1. South Oakland Fire Association Personal Escape Systems and Bailout

20-06-11

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Styles** and seconded by **Councilperson Steichen** to adopt Q Course Application, FMQ20-015. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC: Thank you for the opportunity and support for the virtual learning programs. Would be a great avenue for the future.

Adam Carroll, Hartland Township Fire Department: Agrees with Liam about the virtual learning and looking forward to seeing that develop. Also supports the MJFSC fire expo opportunity. Inquired on whether or not the Curriculum Committee meeting is an open forum. For the record...Liam and Adam are not related.

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Submitted a letter regarding two (2) Q Course applications, wanting to update previous course names. Asking if he should email Dan Hammerberg directly or if he needs to submit new Q Course applications to be put on the next agenda. Fire marshal advised Rob to email him with the name change and it will be updated by BFS.

Mike Keefe, Allendale Fire Department: Questions regarding fees and NFIRS compliance and testing. If a department were falling short are students allowed to take the test? Are course managers allowed to go back and fix? Fire Marshal informed that the course manager should make sure that everyone if NFIRS compliant at the time of testing.

X. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Tackett: None.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Good meeting today, sorry for the amount of questions. I like the fire expo idea but I get nervous making decisions outside of the 83 counties. I don't want to set precedent. Hopefully the Expo goes off well.

Councilperson Styles: Not too much to say, continue to work the way we have been, and everyone stay safe out there.

Councilperson Blackmer: Long day today, we got a lot done. Likes the Expo idea but we have to be careful, going forward to not get into the conference business.

Councilperson Janik: Council was productive today. Had some necessary discussions today. The

fire expo was the thing to support. Glad the council was really on their mark today. Thank you!

Councilperson Steichen: Good meeting today, healthy discussion. Thanks Ryan for the input, appreciates everyone that has provided input. Looks forward to the next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Appreciate the audiences patience with the conference conversation but I think it came to a good result. That's what I think this council is all about. Each of us representing our organizations and looking out for the fire services as a whole, I feel we accomplished that today. Thank you.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Echoes the comments made, we got through a lot, was a long day. Likes how council works together and solves problems. Would like to reemphasize the importance of being NFIRS compliant, before testing time is the perfect time to get this done. Ultimately it is in the law and needs to be done. Thank you everyone for the work you have been doing and thank you Brian and the curriculum committee for the work you will be doing tomorrow on Fire Officer I. To the staff at the Bureau of Fire Services, there is a hiring freeze on, there is less of us, there is more to do, you impress me daily with all the work you do to make the fire service better, and to the council who is definitely working hard, so thank you.

d) **ADJOURNMENT:**

20-06-12

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember



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MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION – RULES

Thursday, June 25th, 2020
9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Kevin Sehmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighter Training Division/Recording Secretary
Hollie Metts, Assistant to the State Fire Marshal (virtual meeting moderator)
Dan Hammerberg, Region 1 Coordinator, Fire Fighter Training Division

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Andy Bezenah, RAFT	Jerry Morawski, Addison Twp. Fire Department
Bill Parker, Blair & Paradise Twp. Fire Department	Jim Fisher, Gerrish Twp. Fire Department
Brian Michelli, Fruitport Fire Department	Joseph Kinnucan, Norton Shores Fire Department
Brian Sipe, Spring Lake Fire Department	Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Bryan Ferguson, Glen Lake Fire Department	Karl Brown, Walled Lake Fire Department
Chris Mantels, Saugatuk Twp. Fire Department	Liam Carroll, Schoolcraft College RTC
Dan Flood, Brandon Fire Department	Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
Dave Glotzbach, Muskegon Twp. Fire Department	Mark Cleveland, Egelston Twp. Fire Department
David Hendon, Eaton Rapids Fire Department	Mark Lawry, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Ed Blight, Mundy Twp. Fire Department	Matt Majestic, West Bloomfield Fire Department
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Rob Glenn, Schoolcraft College RTC
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Sean Canto, Rochester Hills Fire Department
Thomas Moore, Milford Fire Department
Timothy Seal, North Oakland Fire Authority

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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:

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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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 9:04 A.M. Roll call was taken

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

A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-06-13

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the June 9th, 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 Blackmer – yes
Councilperson Janik – yes
Councilperson Steichen – yes
Councilperson Pettinger – absent
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – yes

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 June 9th, 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 with council adding out of state and Pro Board/IFSAC reciprocity language to Part 2 Classifications. After a ten (10) minute break, council worked through the draft document making changes to grammar and adding clarifying language to definitions.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety: Mentioned that the “Q Course” definition should be revisited as it is limiting. Suggests adding “organizations or individual subject experts” and “the council shall review and vote to approve or deny with cause all Q Course applications.” to clarify the definition.

Greg Lelito, Madison Heights Fire Department: Thank you to everyone for all the time that has been put in the last couple years and appreciates it. Supports the letter from the fire chiefs that was sent to council. Thank you very much.

Pall Wells, Birmingham Fire Department: Agrees with Chief Lelito, supports letter from fire chiefs. Would like to see the four points followed, some of them were covered today during the meeting. Is in full support of the letter from the state fire chiefs. Thank you for your time.

Larry Gambotto, Rochester Hills Fire Department: Asked questions with regards to Pro Board. Feels IFSAC should be included in that section.

Chris Mantels, Saugatuk Twp. Fire Department: Thanked everyone for their time and efforts, appreciates the work council is doing. Supports fire chiefs letter. Believes that training council should, at minimum, accept Pro Board, IFSAC, and NFA certificates for both in state and out of state students. Appears by adding the references to RAFT MOU today, you may now be treating some other programs inconsistently, it could be that this was an oversight. I suggest removing the references to the MOU's to be consistent to all fire service disciplines. I would appreciate you working alongside the Michigan chiefs association as their letter outlines some excellent solutions. Thank you for your time.

Michael McLeier, Michigan State Fireman's Association: Michigan State Fireman's Association also supports the June 23rd letter sent by the fire chiefs. Thanked council for the work they have done on the rules. We want to continue to work together and continue to provide our fire department members every opportunity for recruitment and retention.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Tackett: None

Councilperson Blomstrom: Good job today, looking and moving forward with the rules process and also taking the document that was received in the late hours under consideration. I know I have to look at these documents and determine the benefits the fire service and what benefits a particular organization and is it benefitting someone politically as well. I think we made pretty good strides today. The rules document is a collaborative effort, it is not a document owned by one particular organization. There are nine people here that need to make decisions for the best of the fire service not just one organization and that needs to be understood.

Councilperson Styles: None.

Councilperson White: Agrees with councilperson Blackmer, this is a long process and there are more edits and council is still working to address items from the chiefs letter. Appreciates the feedback but requests that Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs contact/email all members instead of sending letters to the presidents of the associations councilmembers represent. Council members email addresses can be found online.

Councilperson Blackmer: Another good work session There are still things we need to touch on. We are getting there slowly but we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Looks forward to the next work session.

Councilperson Janik: Wants to make sure someone responds to Chief Damon's email that was sent on June 18th. Appreciates the work the fire marshal is doing bringing Pro Board and RAFT into the dialogue. Feels aligned with letter from the chiefs. There are still things we need to work out. We all need to work together to get the rules completed.

Councilperson Steichen: None

Councilperson Pettinger: Great progress today. We were able to address the IFSAC/Pro Board issue that people have been questioning. Agrees with a lot of the issues the chiefs brought up in their letter and we have been addressing them, however, would like the have future letters, if addressed to council, be sent directly to council members instead of second hand. All of these organizations should be working together.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Good work session. There is still a lot of things grammatically that need to be looked at. We are trying to put forth a document that is consistent. Agrees with council that letters and emails should be sent directly to council and not secondhand. Thank you everyone for the continued effort and work.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-06-14

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

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

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Jack White, Shelby-Benona Fire Department	Muskegon Fire Instructors
John Kramer, Monitor Twp. Fire Department	Nick Miller, Hamburg Twp. Fire Department
John Leroy, Bloomfield Twp. Fire Department	Robert Bryant, West Bloomfield Fire Department
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department	Robert Ginther, Beverly Hills Public Safety
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Chairperson Tackett called the special meeting session to order at 9:02 A.M. Roll call was taken

Chairperson Tackett – present
Councilperson Blomstrom – present
Councilperson Styles – absent
Councilperson White – present
Councilperson Blackmer – present
Councilperson Janik– present
Councilperson Steichen – present
Councilperson Pettinger – present
Fire Marshal Sehlmeier – present
A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-07-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson White** and seconded by **Councilperson Janik** to approve the July 9th, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Tackett: Mentioned that everyone on council has received the June 23rd letter from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC). This is the format that it was supposed to be talked about, the issue last time jumped the gun a bit. Chairperson Tackett expressed that he was a little

appalled by the actions of the council last time. If anyone has any further questions about the letter, feel free to reach out to MAFC to discuss.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update: A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated June 25th, 2020) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The meeting resumed with council working through the draft document making changes to grammar and adding clarifying language throughout. Also adding Pro Board and IFSAC language to Definitions section.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Flynn, West Bloomfield Fire Department: Feedback for the committee. Has been engaged in the rules process from the beginning, he and other chiefs have been proactive and constructive however, feels committee meetings are not very inviting, feels confrontational and stressful. Also feels committee is not open to outside thoughts or opinions. Encourages council to review previous meetings to see their interaction with others. At every meeting there are participants watching the process and how the council shapes the fire service. Grateful for your service and grateful for what you do. We are not here to fight or compete, we should be focused on moving forward.

Adam Carroll, Hartland Twp. Fire Department: I echo Chief Flynn's comments and felt last meetings reaction by council was emotional and misguided. This was not new information. Same stuff since before march, distilled down and in a different format. Choosing to classify it as new and be offended by the delivery method, all the while avoiding any discussion on the substance of the material was what it was received as by viewers. The trend seems to be continuing.

Matthew Covey, Waterford Twp. Fire Department: Thank you Chief Flynn for speaking on making the fire service better. Agree 100% with Chief Flynn. Let's work to make this better. Please understand that the fire chiefs support the hard work and dedication each of you have given to the process. Stay safe and healthy.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilperson Tackett: A lot of people thought it was malicious to send the letter at the time it was sent. It was not meant to be malicious; the timing was not ideal. The content of the letter is no different that the last letter sent from MAFC. Will be sure to send a formal copy to the fire marshal.

Councilperson Blomstrom: Good work session. Thanks to Lynnae for how meticulous you are. Thank you Greg Flynn for the comments. You have made some good points. There is some collaboration going on, however we are trying to do what is best for the whole fire service in the entire state. We cannot take everything from a document and implement it.

Councilperson White: Thanks to everyone on the call. Council has taken a lot of what was in the MAFC letter into consideration. Expressed that council is trying to get the rules done and is unsure of what else council needs to do to help others feel included in the process. Encourages input, however we can't change everything and have to be fair to the fire service as a whole. Conveyed that she has been on a few other rules processes, and this one has a multitude of organizations that come in to play with these rules.

Councilperson Blackmer: Fine work today. Unsure of how we have got to the point of so much finger-pointing. We need to make sure this document represents the entire fire service not just one organization.

Councilperson Janik: Grateful for the work everyone has been doing and appreciates the comments given. Believes everyone needs to remember who they represent and put egos aside, not be adversarial and make this work.

Councilperson Steichen: Feels pride in what we have been able to do thus far. Sounds like we are all on the same page. Appreciates the fire marshal making sure everyone has a voice and is

included. Thanks for participating and we'll see you next meeting.

Councilperson Pettinger: Appreciates public comments. Agrees with Chief Flynn that there has been some confrontation on both sides. We have been working very hard to get the rules and we need to work together.

Fire Marshal Sehmeyer: Thanks everyone for the opportunity to be part of this process. Thanks Chief Flynn for sharing his thoughts. We will continue to keep working to get these rules finished. Council has addressed a majority of the point in the MAFC letter. We need to move forward and get these rules done. Please reach out if there is anything anyone wants to talk about.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

20-07-02

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

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Eight votes yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Councilmember



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Dear Michigan Fire Training Council,

The Northwest Regional Fire Training Center has a long-standing tradition of a very successful fire school program. With the changing times we have had several requests from our region for a different fire school schedule to accommodate different work schedules. We have kept our traditional learning for many years, however adding additional learning platforms for all the different type of learning styles. Many years now we have used the J & B premier platform. After this past year of having to quickly adjust our delivery of instruction, we feel it is time to embrace technology and try to recruit more students. While we know there are other types of online courses going on statewide, we feel there still needs to be a blend of in class, online, and drill ground teaching for this course. Attached is an outline for our proposed pilot hybrid firefighter 1 & 2 course for this fall. We are asking permission to trial this type of delivery and feel we can keep our high standard of instruction.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bill Parker
Northwest Regional Fire Training Coordinator



NWRFTC Proposed Hybrid FF 1&2

Referenced Text: Jones and Bartlett

Fundamentals of Firefighting Skill and Hazardous Materials Response 4th Ed

Opening Night / Introduction – 4 hours in class

Ch. 1: The Fire Service

- 2hr Online Lecture

Ch. 2: FF Health and Safety / Ch. 20 FF Rehab

- 2hr Online Lecture
- 1-2hrs In Class Lec. / Prac

Ch. 3: FF PPE / SCBA

- 4hrs In Class Lecture .
- 8hrs In Class Practical .

Ch. 4: Fire Service Communication

- 2hrs Online Lecture
- 1-2hrs Practical at Central Dispatch

Ch.5: Fire Behavior

- 2hr Online Lecture
- 2hr In Class Lecture

Ch. 6: Building Construction

- 2hr Online Lecture
- 2hr In Class Lecture

Ch 7: Portable Fire Extinguishers

- 2hr In Class Lecture
- 2hr In Class Practical

Ch. 8: FF Tools and Equipment

- 3hr online lecture



NWRFTC Proposed Hybrid FF 1&2

Ch. 9: Ropes and Knots

- 4hrs In Class Lecture
- 8hrs In Class Practical

Ch. 10: Forcible Entry

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 1hr In Class Lecture
- 3hr In Class Practical

Ch. 11: Ladders

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 4hr In Class Recap and Practical
- Additional Ladder Practical Will Be Covered In Search / Rescue and Ventilation

Ch. 12: Search and Rescue

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 8hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 13: Ventilation

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 8hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 14: Water Supply

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 4hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 15: Fire Hose, Appliance, Nozzles

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 4hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 16: Supply Line and Attack Line

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 8hr In Class Recap and Practical



NWRFTC Proposed Hybrid FF 1&2

Ch. 17: Fire Suppression / Ch. 23: Advanced Fire Protection

- 4hrs In Class Lecture
- 8hrs In Class Practical

Ch. 18: Firefighter Survival

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 8hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 19: Salvage and Overhaul

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 4hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 21: Wild Land and Ground Fires

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 2hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 22: Establishing and Transferring Command

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 2hr In Class Recap and Practical

Ch. 24: Vehicle Rescue and Extrication

- 4hr In Class Lecture
- 8hr In Class Practical

Ch. 25: Assisting Special Rescue Teams

- 3hr Online Lecture

Ch. 26: Fire Detection / Suppression / Smoke Control

- 3hr Online Lecture

Ch.27: Fire and Life Safety Initiatives

- 3hr Online Lecture
- 4hr In Class Recap and Practical
- Incorporated Walk Through At Local Business



NWRFTC Proposed Hybrid FF 1&2

Ch. 28: Fire Origin and Cause

- 3hr Online Lecture

Ch. 29 – Ch.37 Haz-Mat

- Total of 4 4hr In Class Lectures
- 8hr In Class Practical

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7/28/2020

Re: Request approval for Schoolcraft College RTC to run a virtual FFI&II academy.

Good Day Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council (MFFTC);

Preamble: As the conversations about running a Virtual Fire Academy in the state were building momentum, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated, and fully proved, the need to have this capability at the ready. Many fire fighter training programs were abruptly suspended and/or forced into makeshift virtual efforts. Schoolcraft College RTC was one of these programs. We would like to be granted permission by the MFFTC to run a Virtual Academy, known as a hybrid course in academia, sometime during the 2020/21 fiscal year. Our optimistic goal is to run it this fall (September – December).

Whereas, there exists a new and permanent need to have Fire Fighter I&II (A25E) Training courses available to run in a pandemic/epidemic-resilient format.

Whereas, Schoolcraft College RTC has the resources (staffing, facilities, equipment, online teaching experience, support, IFSTA-online) and the ability to adapt its current A25E, Fire Fighter I&II, face-to-face (F2F) course into a virtual/hybrid format without sacrificing quality of content or instruction for both online material and F2F practical/skills training.

Therefore, Schoolcraft College RTC asks that it be resolved that the Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council approves Schoolcraft College RTC to adapt and run Fire Fighter I&II as a Virtual Academy in fiscal year 2020/21.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liam A. Carroll".

Liam A. Carroll