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State Fire Safety Board Meeting

MRA Sun Room - 2407 N. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906
Thursday, December 2, 2021
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Steven Densmore, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Randall Halstead, Liquefied Petroleum or Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Kenneth Herbart, Chair, Representing Registered Architects
Ruth Ann Knapp, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Andrew Marceau, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Jeramie Morris, Vice Chair, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry (via phone)
Dylan Rogers, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director, Ex-Officio Member
Brian Talvensaari, Representing Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy Dockerty, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Tavis Millerov, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Patrick Phelan, Representing the Professional Engineers
Richard Prestage, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
David Williams, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors
Ora Wolf, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Hollie Metts, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Chairman Kenneth Herbart lead all attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by executive secretary, Hollie Metts. A quorum was determined present.

II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

21-12-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Andrew Marceau** and seconded by **Board Member Steven Densmore** to approve the meeting agenda for December 2, 2021, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

21-12-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Andrew Marceau** and seconded by **Board Member Randall Halstead** to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2021, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

V. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:**

- a. **Fire Fighters Training Council General Rules:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier reported the revised rules became effective on November 3, 2021.
- b. **Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council Updates:** The next council meeting will be December 3, 2021, at 1:00 pm. The meeting is being held in Traverse City in conjunction with the Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association's conference. The council will award grant applications for behavioral and mental health courses during the meeting.
- c. **Bureau Staffing Update:** We are in the process of backfilling fire safety inspector positions in the Cadillac and Detroit areas.
- d. **Certified Fire Inspector (CFI) Program:** This program has been transferred back to the Fire Fighter Training Division. Bureau staff are in the process of renewing all CFI certificates, which expire on December 31, 2021.
- e. **Firefighting Foam Training Video:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the bureau is developing a training video on how to safely use Class B firefighting foam. Once we release the video, every firefighter in Michigan will be required to watch it, per [Section 29.369c](#) of Public Act 291 of 1966, the Fire Fighters Training Council Act.
- f. **Class B Foam Collection and Disposal Program:** The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is coordinating this program with the contractor, US Ecology, who is collecting the foam from Michigan fire departments. The second round of the collection program began on November 29, 2021, in southeast Michigan. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier provided an overview of the process. Board Member Jeramie Morris added Dow Chemical is in the process of developing and testing a possible alternative fluorine-free foam product.
- g. **MI Prevention Updates:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared the quick link to the MI Prevention app.

h. Fatal Fire Stats: Fire Marshal Sehlmeier reported the following stats were current as of December 1, 2021. He encouraged the board members to check their family's smoke detectors this holiday season.

1. 99 fire related deaths in 86 fires
2. This is a 12% decrease year to date as compared to 2020
3. Most common reported areas of origin are: 1) Living Room (30%), 2) Bedroom (21%), and 3) Kitchen (17%).
4. Most common reported fire causes: 1) Smoking (38%), 2) Heating (22%), and 3) Cooking (10%).
5. Residents between the ages of 40 and 79 years old are at the greatest risk (67%).

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

General Discussion: Board Member Randall Halstead asked how often the rules are revised. The Fire Marshal shared the updates occur due to legislative changes. The board also discussed legislative changes requiring carbon monoxide detectors.

- a. **House Bill 4077 (unattended fueling):** No updates to report.
- b. **HB 4171 and HB 4172 (Cancer Presumption for Firefighters):** No updates to report currently, but we expect to see some movement soon. If passed, these bills will provide cancer presumption for all firefighters in the State.
- c. **HB 4382 (Smoke alarms):** No updates to report.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule:

21-12-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Andrew Marceau** and seconded by **Board Member Robert Williams** to approve the 2022 State Fire Safety Board meeting dates and times, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tentative location: MRA Sun Room - 2407 N. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906 (pending reservation/confirmation)

IX. STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD COMMENT:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

21-12-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Steven Densmore** and seconded by **Board Member Randall Halstead** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Tentative Location: MRA Sun Room - 2407 N. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906 (pending reservation)

APPROVED: March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting (Motion #22-03-02)