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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Meeting
Webex**

Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:35 pm on March 9, 2022 via webex.

Members roll call attendance: Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Assistant Chief Andrew Connerty, Chief Dave Celino, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Chief Frank Barresi, Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe, Chief Tim Nelson, Chief Richard DeLorie, and Jason Cardoso.

Also present were DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney, Director of Operations Dave Clemons, Special Hazards Coordinator Paul Betti, MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, Curriculum Specialist Sara Walsh, new MFTC member Chief Justin Alexander, Certification Coordinator Kevin Robinson, Certification Admin. Asst. Julie Kilbride, Webex host Linda Crowley, and Administrative Assistant Susan Neaz.

Not present: Chief Sheri Bemis, Ret., Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Assistant Kurt Ruchala, and Firefighter Billy Cabral.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Rick DeLorie made a motion, seconded by Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Training Council Meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier noted the MFA Trust Fund is in good shape. Contracts are happening fast and furious. The new Registration Coordinator has been working on several quotes for training. There are no concerns with the fund and we'll be ending in the positive for this fiscal year.

C. Update of Affiliated Members - Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts

- Chief Nelson--representing part paid/part call – nothing to report
- Chief Delorie--representing metro – nothing to report

- Chief Barresi--representing call – nothing to report
- Chief Justin Alexander -representing full-time – will be sworn in on March 22.

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral—not present.
- Lieutenant Medeiros—The PFFM met in person last month in Taunton. The budget and legislation continue to be worked on. ‘On-site’ funds were removed and we’re working to have it placed back in the budget.

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller—not present
- Assistant Chief Ruchala—not present

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Assistant Chief Connerty—MIFDI finally meeting in person on March 23 at 9:30 at the Burlington Fire Department Station 2. We will have a presenter speak on the ATF and their procedures.

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Position open

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso—nothing to report.

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief Dave Celino—Update on seasonal staff – 35 entry-level positions will be posted on the mass.gov website. We just completed an 0305 course which is a FEMA type-3 command and general staff. 45 students went through the course with four from our staff. Mentioned the Academy may be interested in hosting in the future because it’s the type of training that will help manage climate change-induced incidents.

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis—not present

Undersecretary Report

- Looking at updating the Active Shooter program (ASHER) and hoping to roll it out in April.
- Working with leadership on my trip to DC and I’m hoping to meet with FEMA representatives in Washington to note the importance of increasing our homeland security funds which have been down since 2008. The National Governors Association recognized that Massachusetts homeland security plan is one of the benchmarks of the country.
- Working to have a cyber security table-top in April or May towards a full scale exercise next October.

D. Legislative Update –DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- There’s not much fire service legislation however amendments to 30A open meeting, current requirements indicate we are permitted to meet remotely, hybrid or in-person. On July 15, the current requirements will be suspended and we will need to meet at a physical location in-person.

E. DFS Update/Academy Activities Report – Deputy Fire Marshal Fournier

- DFS had a booth at the FCAM conference and it was a great event.
- MFA is booking CT Scans again with UMass.
- Previewed the applicants for the MFA Director; I see about five people as viable candidates.
- 266 on the Career recruit assignment list; Stow is filling September, Bridgewater is filling November and Springfield has openings in May and August.
- Sadly, I'm here to report DFS was 14 days shy of three years with no child fire deaths until last week in Lowell and now in Agawam.
- Five graduations last week: two Call/Vol classes and each campus had a Career Recruit graduation.
- At the April 6 meeting, the Marshal will be presenting the FY23 budget to the Council.

F. Old Business

- Chairman took advantage of the CT scan program last week at UMass. The ride was long but the process went off without a hitch.

G. New Business

H. Policy Presentation/Adoption

- Certification Sub-Committee Report – The chairman reported the sub-committee heard a second appeal by a candidate that asked for a waiver of the failure of a certification practical exam. The Sub-committee affirmed the decision of the Fire Academy Director and denied the appeal.

I. Review of Correspondence

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 11:00 am in person at the Department of Fire Services, 1 State Road, Stow, in the Boards & Commissions Conference Room.

L. Public Comment

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Chief Frank Barresi made a motion, seconded by Chief Tim Nelson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.