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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Chief Tim Nelson opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council via webex with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:10 am on November 12, 2020.

Roll call attendance: Chief David Celino, Fire Marshal Michael Swain, Assistant Chief Andrew Connerty, MFA Director Dave Evans, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller (arrived after roll call attendance), Vice Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Retired Chief Sheri Bemis, Jason Cardoso, Chief Richard Donovan, Firefighter William Cabral, and Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala (arrived after roll call attendance).

Also present were Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Operations Director David Clemons, DFS Counsel Steven Rourke, MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, Assistant Chief Tim Choate, Educational Specialist Sara Praguski Walsh, and Call/Vol Program Coordinator Chris Norris.

Not present: Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Chief Richard DeLorie, Chief Frank Barresi, and Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Firefighter Cabral made a motion, seconded by Assistant Chief Connerty, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 Training Council Meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Director Evans presented the MFA Trust Fund report for the period of 9-29-20 through 10-24-2020. The trust fund ending balance is \$388,984.83 and continues to be fluid. We have completed multiple muni-hire contracts and have many more to complete so the fund will continue to fluctuate.

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

- Chief Nelson –representing part paid/part call –nothing to report
- Chief Delorie - representing metro – not present
- Chief Barresi - representing call – not present
- Chief Donovan – representing full-time – nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Lt. Medeiros – not present
- Firefighter Cabral – Governor Baker signed legislation to have Eva Roy, daughter of Worcester Firefighter Roy who died in the line of duty, receive her father's pension.

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller – nothing to report
- Assistant Chief Ruchala – nothing to report

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Assistant Chief Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Fire Marshal Michael Swain – nothing to report

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso – nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- We're summing up our numbers for the wildfires statistics for FY20; over 12,000 fires. We were successful holding many fires and good effort was given by the fire departments. Depending on COVID, we will jump into our off-season training efforts to provide wildfire training across the state. A good training success story out of this season is the implementation of the wildfire hand crew resource in Franklin county. We ended up mobilizing them three times more than we had anticipated by July. Massachusetts did not send resources out to western US due to COVID and dealing with our drought.

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update –Counsel Steve Rourke

- The House 2 budget is out and amendments are being filed. There is a revised bill to prohibit chemical flame retardant that is of interest to the department.

E. DFS Update –Fire Marshal Ostroskey

- The department is very busy – FY 21 budget in progress for FY21. We may see the Senate budget tomorrow.
- The department have been involved with election security issues with planning meetings in anticipation of mail-in or drop-off ballots.
- We will well along in the planning of the search & rescue prop in Bridgewater.
- We had a kick off the master planning process for Bridgewater- Doerr & Whittier is the architectural firm that we're working with. Many agency divisions are involved in the planning process.
- We received three bids for pumpers to support the Bridgewater campus. We received a donation of a pumper from the Palmer FD for Bridgewater.
- A lot of work going on with Tech Rescue council and the fire code with the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

F. Academy Activities Report –Director Evans

- Career Recruit: we had a combined graduation last Friday 10/9/20 in Springfield for the graduates of classes Stow 286, Bridgewater 05 and Springfield 18. On campus today we have Stow 287, BW06, SGFD 19 – Day 33 and Stow 288 BW 07 – Day 13. In addition, an RFO class will be held on 11/10/20.
- Class Assignment Lists: 159 total
 - Bridgewater: 42 Recruits, currently filling BW-8 (Start 11/23/20) 5 seats available
 - 7 Recruits from Wellesley were assigned
 - Springfield: 35 Recruits, currently filling S-21 (Start 11/23/20) 5 seats available
 - Approved 13 Recruits from Springfield
 - Stow: 82 Recruits, currently filling 293 (Start 3/22/21) 12 seats available
- Call/Volunteer: Stow class 086 graduation 11/5/20; Fall River class 087 graduation 11/4/20; Springfield class 088 graduation 12/16/20; Essex county class 089 graduation 3/3/21; Western mass class 090 graduation 3/4/21. Opened for registration Stow class 091 and Bridgewater class 092 (approved a couple late physicals)
- Certification: Upcoming exams:
 - Stow 11/15/20 Practical – live fire (FFI/II)
 - Stow 11/18/20 Open Written
 - Bridgewater 11/18/20 Open Written
 - Springfield 12/12/20 Open Written
 - Bridgewater 12/29/20 Open Written
- Current course deliveries/restart: Chief Fire Officer – in proposal; Mass Maritime Academy

G. Old Business

H. New Business

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption

I. Review of Correspondence

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 11:00 am via webex call unless otherwise noted.

L. Public Comment

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Chief Richard Donovan made a motion, seconded by Director Dave Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.