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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the November 5, 2025 Meeting**

Chairman Chief Christopher Madden opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 10:03 am on November 5, 2025, at the DFS Springfield Campus.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Christopher Madden, Chief Andrew Puntini, Chief Justin Alexander, Chief Fire Warden David Celino, Gerard Medua, MFA Director Jonpaul Seivane, Mary Clare Higgins, Firefighter William Cabral and Dr. Michael Goldstein

Also present: Fire Marshal Jon Davine, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Commissioner Bernard Calvi and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau.

Not present: Capt. John Lombardo, Asst. Chief Jonathan Miller, Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey Captain John Bonadio and Capt. Drew Piemonte

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Justin Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2025, Training Council Meeting, seconded by Chief Andrew Puntini. The vote passed all in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Director Jonpaul Seivane

- The trust fund analysis ending October 17, 2025, the starting revenue was \$513k. We received \$20k between September and October. The total revenue is \$534,262.

EOPSS Update – Interim Secretary Susan Terrey – not present

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

- Chief Madden – Metro fire is looking into an outside agency to do a fire investigator program. There are a lot of departments that need investigators right now.
- Vacant
- Chief Justin Alexander – hearing some things about the wait time for career recruit getting longer. For a while it was short, but it is getting longer.
- Chief Andrew Puntini (part call/part paid) – Been talking to a lot of chiefs, different chiefs have a different expectation of what a recruit should be when they come out of recruit class. I don't expect a combat ready firefighter to come out of class. Some chiefs have a different view of having a combat ready firefighter ready to jump on an engine and go the second they are done with the class. Some chiefs wish the academy was longer than 10 weeks and have more programs delivered and some think it is too long. Can a survey go out to the chiefs about what they want.

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral— all our bills are in, they are coming out of committee and waiting in ways in means.
- Capt. Piemonte – not present

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller— not present
- Dr. Michael Goldstein - had a good state meeting and hope to invite you all next year. We appreciate Chief Scoble for reaching out about the vacant seat on the MFTC and changing the phrasing to a chief who has over a population of 7000.

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Capt. John Bonadio – not present

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Capt. John Lombardo – not present

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Community Action

- Mary Clare Higgins— over the last 5 years there have been over 1000 fires related to home heating. There have been a significant number of injuries and deaths. At this time when the government is closed the state of MA doesn't have any money for the fuel assistance program for this year. They do have some funds from last year but not a lot.

Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Chief Fire Warden David Celino –

- We have 1,044 fires to date, 912 acres burned. October we only had 24 fires, which up until last year was just a tick above the 7-year average. We are at 2600 acres for the year. We delivered 113 training courses this year for a little over 1700 firefighters.

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Assn.

- Gerard Medua – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update – Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

- Nothing is moving regarding the bill. The Cambridge cadet program is still with HRD and Glenn will reach out to Regina.

E. DFS Update – State Fire Marshal Jon Davine –

- There are 48 new departments that have on-boarded with NERIS. We have 16 training courses scheduled around the state. You can register for them on LMS.
- The new intel analyst that we have been working on for over a year now, has started on November 2, 2025. They have a lot of training to do, so we hope to have them available by the first of the year at the latest.
- Everyone is aware of the issue with 3M. Their SCOTT replacement parts have PFAS in them, right now they don't have an alternative chemical to use. Some folks from FCAM, President McKinnon and I met with 3M, we are setting up a meeting to come up with a resolution.
- Firefighter of the Year is on November 25, 2025, at the Mechanics Hall in Worcester.
- We finished up the three regional press conferences regarding the 10-year anniversary of the Lithium-Ion battery smoke alarms. We did one in Brockton, one in Easthampton and one in Westborough.

F. MFA Updates – MFA Director Jonpaul Seivane

- Recruit class S45 in March has very limited availability. The next Stow class that we are taking applications for is in May of next year. The next Bridgewater class that we are taking applications for is also in May.
- We had a couple of Call Volunteer classes just started, one in Essex County and one in Stow. We are taking applications for the class starting in Bridgewater.
- Over the last couple of months, we have received a surge of applications for the career recruit program. This increase in demand has led to classes filling up quickly and the waiting time is getting longer. We are currently redeveloping our process on how we handle incoming applications. We are hoping to present more information in an upcoming meeting.
- We have delivered several training courses to Martha's Vineyard, it took a lot of planning to get the props over the water to the island.
- We are hosting a blood drive with the red cross on Thursday, December 4th to honor the Worcester 6. We will also be offering skin cancer screenings that day.

G. Old Business –

H. New Business – Review and potential vote on Springfield Fire Department request for increased class spots – Springfield would like the opportunity to add 12 recruits to the June recruit class in Springfield which is above the 25% allotted spots.

Chief Andrew Puntini made a motion to allow Springfield Fire Department to go over 25%, seconded by Firefighter William Cabral. The vote passed all in favor of the motion.

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption –

J. Review of Correspondence –

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 11 am at the DFS Stow Campus.

L. Public Comment -

M. Adjourn Meeting

Chief Justin Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Firefighter William Cabral. Voted unanimously adjourn at 11:48 am.