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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Meeting**

Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:05 am on January 15, 2020 at the Department of Fire Services, Stow campus, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Jason Cardoso, Firefighter Billy Cabral, Captain Andrew Connerty, Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Chief Tim Nelson, MFA Director Dave Evans, Chief Rick DeLorie, and Chief Fire Warden Dave Celino.

Also present were DFS Counsel Steven Rourke, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Director of Operations Dave Clemons, and MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik.

Not present: Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis Chief Frank Barresi, Chief Richard Donovan and Undersecretary Jeanne B. Thorpe,

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Chief Barresi, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 Training Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Director Evans presented the MFA Trust Fund report for the period of 10/27/2019 through 11/23/2019. The balance always fluctuates throughout the year. We've received many requests for contract hires for future classes.

The Chairman welcomed Chief Rick DeLorie to the Training Council representing metro. We look forward to his participation.

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 Donovan – representing full-time – not present

- **Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts**

- Lt. Medeiros – The ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the Worcester 6 took place last night; unfortunately, we're dealing with the events of another LODD. Let's also remember firefighters Roy, Davies, and our brothers & sisters in Keokuk, Iowa that lost their lives 20 years ago.
- Firefighter Cabral – not present

Mass Call/Vol

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

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Captain Connerty – Requesting members spread the word to sign up for Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors as we are looking for new people. Please contact Captain Connerty for more information.

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Position open

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso – nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief David Celino – not present

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update –Counsel Rourke

- The Bridgewater land transfer from DOC to DFS continues to move through the legislature.
- A bill of concern in the joint committee of public safety pertains to people seeking sanctuary in houses of worship be viewed as temporary residents for purposes of the state building code and temporary shelter. What that means is that it amends the current building law and mandates the current codes could not require and these buildings would need to install automatic sprinklers under any circumstances. We're concerned with it and have objected to this bill and other boards and state agencies have been asked to weigh in on it.

E. DFS Update –Deputy Marshal Fournier

- Firefighter of the Year ceremony was last week – it was a great success.
- We received homeland security funds to install a tower prop in Bridgewater and will be installed on 12/16. It will be used for tech rescue and career recruit for the January class.
- Updates on Bridgewater – we're very busy installing lockers, outfitting the Cribroom, installing a new boiler, etc.
- We are working on the notice of responsibility regarding the PFAS issue and are working with an LSP to meet the requirement of reporting. In addition, we are testing a number of wells 500 and are making changes to the area.
- The burn/search and rescue building prop in Springfield has been finalized and are in the planning stage for the next AFG. The newly awarded AFG will be for a similar prop in Bridgewater.

F. Academy Activities Report –Director Evans

- Career Recruit class S13 graduation was 11/13/19; Class 278 graduate this Thursday 12/5; Class 280 day one was 12/2/19; we have a RFO class today for the first Bridgewater class; Career Recruit class S-14 day one was 11/25/19.

- Call/Vol class 080 in Leicester graduation is 2-27-20; Class 081 in Hamilton graduation is 2-25-20; Class 082 in Fall River begins 2-6-20; Class 082 in Stow begins 2-13-20.
- There are 151 recruits on the Stow assignment list; we're filling July, 2020; 39 in Springfield, filling July, 2020; 41 in Bridgewater, filling August, 2020.
- Bridgewater AFG prop will be similar to Springfield. Future AFG ideas are 1) maybe look to replace aging SCBA and 2) replace the flashover prop.
- Bridgewater tower should be installed on 12/16 and training will take place on 12/18 & 19. Facilities has installed the roof prop and hydrant props.
- Staff Services just begun the 3rd round of instructors to backfill for Bridgewater and other campuses.
- Martha's Vineyard fire departments are running a FFI/II program and they have contracted with us for some of the training in Bridgewater.
- Fire Instructor I courses in Stow, Stoughton, Newton are finishing up in December. Stow and Brookline classes begin in January. Development of Fire Instructor II course exams is being worked on.
- Fire Prevention Officer I and II just finished in Springfield and both have started in Wareham.
- The Chief Fire Officer Management program will end with graduation on January 31, 2020
- We are resurrecting our maritime program for Mass Maritime Academy. It originally offered back in 1979 as standard training through the Coast Guard. As of May, we started working with MMA to help them graduate their current senior class. We did the lecture in Bourne and one live fire practical burn on 11/24. The proposal for the rest of the students will include implementing the MTU trailer and coming to Stow for the live fire evolutions. MMA will be paying for training through an interstate agency (ISA) contract. We have requested to hire a program coordinator with maritime background.

G. Old Business

H. New Business

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption

J. Review of Correspondence

- The Chairman received a letter from Tom Leonard in praise of Julie Kilbride for her efforts in certification for the Academy.

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 am at the Stow campus.

L. Public Comment

- Chief Bemis reported that she is working with IFSTA on the new edition of Pump Operator and Aerial Operator.

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Assistant Chief Ruchala, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.