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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the February 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 11:00 on February 5, 2025, in the Boards and Commissions Room, Stow Campus, 1 State Rd, Stow, MA.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Christopher Madden, Capt. John Bonadio, Capt. John Lombardo, Asst. Chief Jonathan Miller, Deputy Fire Warden Andy Regan, Chief Andrew Puntini, Firefighter William Cabral, Chief Justin Alexander, Dr. Michael Goldstein and Acting MFA Director, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

Also present: State Fire Marshal Jon Davine, DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney, Deputy Director of Operations David Clemons, MFA Deputy Director of Training Dennis Ball, Instructional Design and Curriculum Development Specialist Sara Pragluski Walsh and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau.

Not present: Captain Drew Piemonte, Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey, Chief Frank Barresi and Mary Clare Higgins.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Captain Bonadio made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025, Training Council Meeting, seconded by Captain John Lombardo. The vote passed all in favor of the motion Abstained by Chief Justin Alexander and Dr. Michael Goldstein who were not present at that meeting.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Acting MFA Director, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

- **Trust Fund Report:** This month's Trust Fund report goes from December to January, it is still in negative balance. We still have several contracts that are out. It will be positive by the end of this fiscal year.

EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey – not present

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

- Chief Madden – Metro meeting is tomorrow but there is nothing to report
- Chief Barresi – not present
- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report
- Chief Andrew Puntini (part call/part paid)— nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral— nothing to report
- Capt. Piemonte – not present

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller— nothing to report
- Dr. Michael Goldstein — We have increased membership. I send out a president's message to our members once or twice a month. We are extremely active nationally; I am on the board of directors and vice chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Capt. John Bonadio – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Capt. John Lombardo – FPAM had a meeting a couple of weeks ago, still dealing with the building code.

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Community Action

- Mary Clare Higgins— not present

Bureau of Forest Fire Control -- Deputy Fire Warden Andy Regan – 15 DCR staff were sent to the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Commission Winter meeting. There were great panel discussions on state's received resources from other states. What came out of those discussions was the need for incident management training, relationships are key, and communication is crucial. We also conducted an AAR with the Chief's from Essex County that were involved with the large brush fires last fall and similar conclusions came from that.

Citizen of the Commonwealth

- Vacant

D. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- Not much to report. 6800 bills have been filed by the hearing deadline, and they will get assigned to the committee. The bills that I mentioned last time would impact on the Training Council we are tracking.

E. DFS Update – State Fire Marshal Jon Davine –

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DFS and MFA Updates – Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

- Last meeting you approved the MFA Director to approve Safer Grant seats in the Career Recruit Program. Northridge asked for 6 seats, Somerville asked for 8 seats.

- We are filling Bridgewater recruit class BW35, class 331 in Stow is full, and Springfield class in July.
- Call/Vol we are currently filling class 121 in Stow and 122 in Bridgewater.
- There are 2 Registration positions that are vacant, and they are in the offer stages with HR.
- The Administrative Secretary that reports to the Director and the Full-Time Recruit Coordinator positions are in the repost stage.
- There are current offers being extended for the following contract program coordinator positions: Haz Mat, Gas and Call/Volunteer
- There are also current offers being extended to the following contract assistant coordinator positions: Firefighter Skills, Multi Agency and Tech Rescue.
- ProBoard was supposed to be here in January, but they delayed their visit, and they will be here next Monday, February 10th and Tuesday, February 11th.
- Bridgewater update – package A which is the infrastructure package, the pump house has arrived onsite. They are completing the electrical building that pertains to the pump house, the water reclamation system.
- The masonry work has started on the burn building.
- Package B, which is the fire house and the crib, and architect has been chosen, and we had our kickoff meeting. They will be doing site visits to Springfield and Stow to visit the Cribroom areas.
- Completing round 1 of interviews for the MFA Directors position this Friday and then will go to round 2 interviews.
- Maribel provided an update to the training council involving a medical incident with a recruit.

G. Old Business – none

H. New Business –

- **Elections of chairman and vice chairman – General Counsel Glenn Rooney –**

FF William Cabral made a motion to nominate Chief Christopher Madden for Chairman; seconded by Capt. John Lombardo; no discussion; no other nominations; Chief Madden accepted the nomination. Voted unanimously to appoint Chief Madden as Chairman until next election cycle.

Chief Christopher Madden made a motion to nominate FF William Cabral for Vice Chairman; seconded by Chief Justin Alexander; no discussion; no other nominations; FF Cabral accepted the nomination. Voted unanimously to appoint FF Cabral as Vice Chairman until next election cycle.

- **Civil Service update – Chief Christopher Madden** - Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, General Counsel Glenn Rooney, Chief Chris Madden, Chief Keith Stark, Chief Brian Nardelli (FCAM 2nd Vice President), Director Regina Caggiano from Civil Service met to discuss the cadet program. The training council will be responsible for approving cadet program lesson plans for Firefighter I training. A small working group should get together to see how the training council should handle these requests. The policy states that they have to be a cadet for 2 years and trained on curriculum approved by the Mass Fire Training Council.

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption – none

J. Review of Correspondence – none

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 11 am at the DFS Stow Campus.

L. Public Comment -- none

M. Adjourn Meeting

Chief Justin Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Captain John Lombardo.
Voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:00 pm.