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Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Meeting

Chairman Chief Tim Nelson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:05 am on April 3, 2024, via Microsoft Teams.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey, Captain Drew Piemonte, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Captain John Bonadio, Jason Cardoso, Chief Christopher Madden, Firefighter William Cabral, Chief Justin Alexander, Chief Frank Barresi, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala and Director Eric Littmann

Also present were State Fire Marshal Jon Davine, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, DFS Operations Sections Chief Dave Clemons, DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney, DFS Deputy Counsel Rachel Perlman, Instructional Design and Curriculum Development Specialist Sara Praguski Walsh and MFA Instructor Vashon Robinson and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau

Not present: Lieutenant John Lombardo, Mary Clare Higgins and Chief Fire Warden David Celino

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Justin Alexander made a motion, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024 Training Council Meeting, seconded by Captain Drew Piemonte. The vote passed in favor of the motion by roll call

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Director Eric Littmann

- So, if you take a look at the meeting package, you can see that we brought in an appropriate amount of funds as of March 15, 2024. Once again it is healthy and expected to be on target.

C. EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

- Nothing to report

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

- Chief Nelson--representing part paid/part call – nothing to report
- Chief Madden – Metro fire is putting on a recruit class at the Boston Fire Academy and I believe it starts on April 16th.
- Chief Barresi – nothing to report

- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

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

Mass Call/Vol

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

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Capt. John Bonadio – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Lt. John Lombardo – not present

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso— nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Chief Fire Warden Dave Celino – not present

Citizen of the Commonwealth

- Mary Clare Higgins – not present

E. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- In terms of the bills coming out of committee either got assigned extension orders or referred to other committees for further review. So, I anticipate it next month's meeting, I'll have more to share, but the status is very much the same as the from the last training Council meeting.

DFS Update – Marshal Jon Davine

- We took delivery of our new leak prop that was a capital project, and we just started a new hazmat tech class on Monday.
- We are expecting our new ladder truck hopefully late April, early May.
- We have a couple of Senior Fire Officer forums that are scheduled. Chief Nardelli is doing his presentation on the evacuation of the hospital.
- Our ASHER equipment has finally been delivered, so we will be moving forward with that. We have 4 or 5 more sessions scheduled for this fiscal year and then we are in process of scheduling the classes for next fiscal year.
- We have graduation in Springfield on Friday and then another one in Bridgewater next Friday.
- We have quite a few vocational schools that have reached out and want to come do a day at one of the campuses.
- We've got the Boston Marathon coming up, on Monday the 15th. We've got quite a significant presence there between Haz Mat, JHIRT and our Special Operations division.

MFA Update – Director Eric Littmann

- We have 20 recruits slated to begin in Springfield class S37. We also have 20 recruits in Bridgewater class BW30.
- We have had deliveries of the anti-harassment training throughout all the campuses in accordance with the MFTC policy.

Old Business –

New Business –

Policy Presentation/Adoption – Staff Charged with a Felony – General Counsel Glenn Rooney

- Back in 1996, the Training Council had a policy that prohibited instructors from working for the Academy if they were charged with a felony. About three years ago, the contract language for all the instructors was updated. The current contract language went into effect in 2021 and it will be in effect until 2026. It mirrors the policy that MFTC received. This policy update is to align with the current contract language and expands the prohibition against instructors from working if they're charged with a felony to also include a misdemeanor and administrative investigation regarding misconduct.

Review of Correspondence

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 11:00 am via Microsoft Teams
- **Public Comment -**

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Firefighter Bill Cabral motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chief Christopher Madden at 11:34 p.m. The vote passed in favor of the motion by roll call.