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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Meeting**

Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council via webex with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:05 am on April 7, 2021.

Roll call attendance: Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe, Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Vice Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Fire Marshal Michael Swain, Assistant Chief Andrew Connerty, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Retired Chief Sheri Bemis, Firefighter Billy Cabral, Chief Richard Donovan and Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala (arrived after roll call).

Also present were Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey, DFS Counsel Steven Rourke, DFS Deputy Counsel Glenn Rooney, MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, Assistant Chief Tim Choate, Educational Specialist Sara Praguski Walsh, Linda Crowley (host), and Administrative Assistant Susan Neaz.

Not present: Chief David Celino, Chief Richard DeLorie, Jason Cardoso, and Chief Frank Barresi.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Firefighter Billy Cabral made a motion, seconded by Assistant Chief Andrew Connerty, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2021 Training Council Meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Deputy Fire Marshal Fournier presented the MFA Trust Fund report for the period of 2/21/21 through 3/27/21. We have a large amount of contract hires and are billing out the receivables. We will exceed our FY21 revenue projections.

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

- Firefighter Cabral – nothing to report; waiting for House 1 budget to come out.
- Lieutenant Medeiros – anticipating FY22 budget and new legislative session.

Mass Call/Vol

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

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Assistant Chief Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Fire Marshal Michael Swain – nothing new to report

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso – not present

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief Celino – not present

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update –Counsel Steve Rourke

- Nothing new to report

E. DFS Update –Fire Marshal Ostroskey

- We are pleased to report the release of \$4.1 million in fire grant award funding. Funds will be used to support the Commonwealth's fire departments.
- Continuing to work on the PFAS project in Stow and are also working with fire departments on PFAS work with regard to firefighting foam.
- We are continuing our projects in Bridgewater and making progress.
- The department is continuing to work on the Search & Rescue AFG funded project.
- We have made good progress on the Mobile Extractor project and will hopefully come to fruition by the end of the month.
- The agency has participated in the Joint Ways and Means budget hearing for public safety and our budget came away in good shape.

F. Academy Activities Report –Deputy Fire Marshal Fournier

- Assignment list for Career Recruit is 157; we are filling July at all three campuses. We have changed the class size in Stow to 24 effective May 10 to be more prepared for the new hires off the civil service list.
- The CT scan program is a big hit; we are up to 435 firefighters approved for the scan through UMass.
- The MFA is currently offering 43 classes virtually and there's 22 in development. We've heard from several communities that they're happy to have virtual offerings.
- Dave Clemons and myself have vetted the MFA director applicants. Round 1 will consist of nine interviews. Once the round 1 screening process is complete, I will be part of round 2 interviews. Chairman Medeiros asked about the timeline for director

interviews and council member participation. Deputy Marshal indicated participation in round 2.

- Class size for campuses – Bridgewater campus will remain at 18; Stow will be bumped up to 24 and depending on need, Springfield can go up to 32.
- Assistant Chief Connerty – there were Instructor certifications done – are there plans for a Fire Instructor class being run. Class is under development due to the updated standard but the Deputy Marshal will get back to the Chief.

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, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 am via webex call unless otherwise noted.

L. Public Comment

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Chief Tim Nelson made a motion, seconded by Firefighter Billy Cabral, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.