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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the May 2, 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 12:05 pm on May 2, 2024, via Microsoft Teams.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Chairman Walter "Tim" Nelson, Vice Chairman Firefighter William Cabral, Capt. Drew Piemonte, Deputy Chief Fire Warden Andy Regan, Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala, Chief Justin Alexander, Capt. John Bonadio, Lt. John Lombardo, Director Eric Littman, Chief Francis Barresi, Chief Christopher Madden and Jason Cardoso, 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 General Counsel Glenn Rooney, Instructional Design and Curriculum Development Specialist Sara Praguski Walsh Deputy Director Dennis Ball and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau

Not present: Mary Clare Higgins and Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Firefighter William Cabral made a motion, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 Training Council Meeting, seconded by Chief Justin Alexander. The vote passed in favor of the motion by roll call.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Director Eric Littmann

- Since the last meeting, the trust has received a total of \$26,319.00, bringing us to an annual total of \$679,545.17. We are on target for our annual projection of \$725,708.20.

C. EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

- The Senate budget looks to be released on Tuesday. We are hearing that it has gone to print today, so just keeping an eye on that, hopefully we'll get all the funding that we requested and that we need.

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

- Chief Nelson--representing part paid/part call – nothing to report

- Chief Madden – The fire academy is going on right now at the Boston Fire Academy. The Chiefs seem pretty happy with it.
- Chief Barresi – nothing to report
- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral—nothing to report
- Capt. Piemonte – nothing to report

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller— not present
- 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 – The educational conference is still on for May 13th and the 14th.

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso— nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Deputy Chief Fire Warden Andy Regan – We are continuing to train local fire departments and we'll have numbers for the next meeting.

Citizen of the Commonwealth

- Mary Clare Higgins – not present

E. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- Most of the public safety bills have received extension orders, so they'll have to be reported out of committee no later than June 8th, so we'll continue to track those.
- The proposed building code 10th edition is likely to be voted on by the BBRS at their May 14th meeting, so again we will track the rest of the promulgation process. That should hit the streets in the summer.

DFS Update – Marshal Jon Davine/Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier

- **Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier** – The Marshal, Director Littmann and I met this week relative to the Springfield recruit class that is coming up S38, which is scheduled to start June 24th. The civil service list has been delayed; it was scheduled to come out in March. It took a couple of months to come out and currently have only 5 students in the Springfield class. We did some significant outreach to the communities. So, we will be cancelling Springfield class S38 and giving those 5 students the opportunity to go to the other 2 locations.
- **Marshal Jon Davine** – We have had 51 lithium-ion battery fires since we put out the new form. We are averaging about 8 a month. We appreciate all the Chiefs and everyone pushing that form down to the company officer level.
- We had our initial working group meeting of the Youth Firesetter and Intervention Program. Lt. Eric Desrochers from the fire investigation side will be heading up the working group.
- We have about 88% of the Chiefs have signed the new Haz Mat Best Value Grant and returned it. So, we have plenty of Haz Mat techs responding.

MFA Update – Director Eric Littmann

- Our 2024 reaccreditation application has been submitted to the Pro Board. Along with that submission, we submitted the Haz Mat operations level responder and also Haz Mat Tech. We are well on our way to having everything completed for review and the on-site review in the fall.
- We have a CISM class scheduled for any instructors that are interested. It is the first step in developing an internal peer support team for the Academy. That is scheduled for May 13th through the 15th.
- Stow will begin on May 13th with 36 recruits, we will have 35 recruits in Bridgewater as of right now.

Old Business –

New Business –

Policy Presentation/Adoption –

Review of Correspondence

Executive Session G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1)

- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- TBD
- **Public Comment -**

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Chief Justin Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chief Christopher Madden at 12:54 p.m. The vote passed in favor of the motion by roll call.