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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Meeting**

Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council via conference call at 11:05 am on June 3, 2020.

Roll call attendance: Chairman Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Assistant Chief Andrew Connerty, Firefighter William Cabral (left meeting at 11:35), MFA Director Dave Evans, Chief David Celino, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Chief Tim Nelson, Retired Chief Sheri Bemis, Chief Richard DeLorie, Jason Cardoso. Arrived late: Chief Frank Barresi and Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala.

Also present were Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier , DFS Counsel Steven Rourke, DFS Deputy Counsel Glenn Rooney, and MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik.

Not present: Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Assistant Chief Connerty made a motion, seconded by Chief DeLorie, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Training Council Meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Director Evans presented the MFA Trust Fund report for the period of 4/26/20 through 5/23/20. Current balance is \$82,003.31; the fund is very fluid.

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 – nothing to report
- Firefighter Cabral – trying to get COVID legislation passed

Mass Call/Vol

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

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Assistant Chief Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Position open – legal to inquire about appointment

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso – nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief David Celino – forwarded DCR Incident Action Plan and a year-to-date fire occurrence for the month of May. We are up two times from last year. We finally were able to get the 2019 volunteer fire assistance grants released to 36 towns that were successful. The bureau is still running under the incident management team. It's a good example of a NIMS compliant system and I could speak with Director Evans about offering training in the form of a workshop or seminar.

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update –Counsel Steve Rourke

- Nothing new in the legislature. The Bridgewater land transfer is still in process.

E. DFS Update –Deputy Marshal Fournier

- Working to get Career Recruit up and running and is scheduled to start June 8
- Call center for two testing centers will be closing this Friday at 1:00 pm. The state has so many offerings for testing; we booked over 16,000 appointments.
- We continue to work on restarting certification and licensing exams.
- PFAS – continuing to work with the vendor; contaminated soil will be removed soon. We're going to be using Sudbury clean water and changing out.

F. Academy Activities Report –Director Evans

- All three campuses begin Career Recruit classes next Monday, June 8 – 21 days later starting a new class at each campus. We are holding instructor improvements at all three campuses. The Recruit Coordinator will be testing platform tomorrow with students. Recruit assignment have not changed: 171 Stow, 57 Springfield, 47 Bridgewater. We want to run 12 classes at each campus in FY21 to catch up.
- Call/Vol will begin in Fall River and Stow later this month then Springfield will start in July. We gave recruits in the suspended classes first choice.
- I've been tasked with re-starting certification; we will be sending notifications soon.
- We are following CDC and DPH guidelines and will be screening everyone and we will be at 25% capacity for classroom deliveries.
- Met with the Fire Safety Division to get licensing up and running.

- Notification through LMS for new recruit applications starting June 8 will be sent by the Marshal's office.
- Deputy Marshal reported that it appears that the PAT is up and running.

G. Old Business

H. New Business

- The Certification Sub-Committee did not meet this morning as the student rescinded his appeal.
- The Chairman talked about possibly meeting on video conference in the future. Feedback was positive.

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, September 2, 2020 at 11:00 am via conference call unless otherwise noted.

L. Public Comment

- Assistant Chief Connerty noted one of his firefighters did not receive a date for his PAT but will receive a 14-day lead-time to take the test.

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Assistant Chief Connerty, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.