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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council**  
**Minutes of the June 5, 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 June 5, 2024, in the Boards and Commissions Room.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Vice Chairman Firefighter William Cabral, Capt. Drew Piemonte, Chief Fire Warden David Celino, Chief Justin Alexander, Capt. John Bonadio, Lt. John Lombardo, Director Eric Littman, Chief Francis Barresi, Chief Christopher Madden, Asst. Chief Jonathan Miller

Also present were State Fire Marshal Jon Davine, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, DFS Deputy General Counsel Rachel Perlman, Instructional Design and Curriculum Development Specialist Sara Praguski Walsh, Deputy Director Joanne Gardiner and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau

Not present: Mary Clare Higgins and Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chief Christopher Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, Training Council Meeting, seconded by Chief Frank Barresi. The vote passed in favor of the motion.

**B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Director Eric Littmann**

- For the period of April 13 to May 17 the trust generated \$23,000 to a total of \$703,210. We are right on track to meet the annual projection or even exceed it.

**C. EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey**

- Not present

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

- Chief Nelson--representing part paid/part call – nothing to report
- Chief Madden – The Metro Fire Academy is finishing up. Chief Kelleher is now the President of FCAM
- 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— nothing to report
- Assistant Chief Ruchala— not present

### **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors**

- Capt. John Bonadio – nothing to report

### **Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts**

- Lt. John Lombardo – We had the Fire Prevention Conference last month and it was great.

### **Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry**

- Jason Cardoso— nothing to report

- **Bureau of Forest Fire Control -**

- Chief Fire Warden David Celino – not much of an active wildfire season, we are considerably under our 5-year average. Year to date we are at 361 fires. We are even with acres burned. We are getting ready to train our out-of-state firefighter crew. Staffing levels are pretty good. We are interviewing for 3 patrolman positions. Smokey the bear will be at Fenway Park on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Citizen of the Commonwealth**

- Mary Clare Higgins – not present

### **E. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Rachel Perlman**

- The bills that were reported on favorably by the Public Safety Homeland Security Committee have moved to the ways and means committee for further consideration. It is expected that when the budget gets finalized there is probably going to be some more movement.
- The Board of Building Regulations and Standards will have a final vote on the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the building code. The code is in the final stages of the executive order 562 process. Which means it is being reviewed by A & F.

- **DFS Update – Marshal Jon Davine**

- The FY25 budget made it through the Senate process, our 1% cut was not restored. The total budget is a little over \$40 million.
- We have 3 new interns from EOPSS starting at DFS. They will be here for the summer.
- Tomorrow the Deputy and I will be at MEMA for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary preparations for the battles of Concord and Lexington. This will take place on the same day next year as the Boston Marathon.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up in Boston, we will be supporting that.
- We have a Lithium-Ion Battery training that is being developed right now. It should be coming out at the end of the month.
- I sent out the other day from Chief Nardelli – he was good enough to share his SOG that he has been using for the Lithium-Ion Battery response.
- Senior Fire Officer Forum will be here tomorrow at Stow at 9am.

- Rachel and Glenn developed a Supervisory Liability training for Fire Officers. If you are interested reach out and we will get you on the list.

#### **MFA Update – Director Eric Littmann**

- June 17<sup>th</sup> Stow Academy has 35 enrolled. Springfield that we delayed by 5 weeks to August 5<sup>th</sup> has 10 enrolled. The reason is because PAT running behind. Bridgewater on July 8<sup>th</sup> has 17 enrolled.
- The GRIN training was delivered successfully. We will follow up with CISM leader to develop the structure for the Peer Support Team for MFA.

#### **Old Business –**

**New Business** – Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier – the agenda that we sent out the MFTC members said election of a new Chairman but the agenda that was posted online didn't have that language, so we will elect a new Chairman at our September meeting.

#### **Policy Presentation/Adoption –**

#### **Review of Correspondence**

#### **K. Determination of Next Date and Location**

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 11:00 am
- **Public Comment** - Chief Nelson spoke a few words about his retirement.

#### **M. Adjourn Meeting**

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