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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council  
Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Meeting**

Chairman Chief Christopher Madden opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 12:57 pm on September 9, 2025, in the Boards and Commissions Room, Stow Campus.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Christopher Madden, Capt. John Lombardo, Asst. Chief Jonathan Miller, Chief Andrew Puntini, and Chief Justin Alexander, Captain John Bonadio, Chief Fire Warden David Celino, Gerard Medua, MFA Director Jonpaul Seivane and Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

Also present: Fire Marshal Jon Davine, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney, Operations Sections Chief Dave Clemons, Deputy Fire Warden Andy Regan, Instructional Specialist Sara Pragluski Walsh, Registration Coordinator Helgi Olgeirsson, Recruit Programs Coordinator Dean Babineau, Capt Scott Volz, Cambridge Fire Department and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau.

Not present: Capt. Drew Piemonte, Mary Clare Higgins, Firefighter William Cabral and Dr. Michael Goldstein

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chief Justin Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2025, Training Council Meeting, seconded by Captain John Lombardo. The vote passed all in favor of the motion.

**B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier**

- There are three fiscal affairs reports for June, July and August. The June to July trust fund report shows that we ended the fiscal year in the positive. After the July report it quickly jumps to a negative because we submit our revenue predictions for contracts for the next fiscal year.

**EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey** – nothing to report

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

- Chief Madden – our training officers are still meeting monthly.
- Vacant
- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report
- Chief Andrew Puntini (part call/part paid) – we had a District 14 chiefs meeting, and it was more of the same that we talked about at the last meeting. I did explain the new cancellation/no show policy. The concern was that the chiefs weren't notified when their firefighter cancelled or no showed to a program.

**Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts**

- Firefighter Cabral— not present
- Capt. Piemonte – not present

**Mass Call/Vol**

- Assistant Chief Miller— our annual meeting will be at Upton Fire on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and the Region 4 meeting out west will be at Williamsburg Fire on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Dr. Michael Goldstein— not present

**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors**

- Capt. John Bonadio – nothing to report

**Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts**

- Capt. John Lombardo – just came from the first meeting after the summer hiatus

**Citizen of the Commonwealth – Community Action**

- Mary Clare Higgins— not present

**Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Chief Fire Warden David Celino –**

- As we go into September, we find ourselves in a familiar spot like last year. Fires to date, we are at about 971 wildfires across the state, with 898 acres burned. We have had 21 fires in the last 7 days. We are seeing drought induced fire behavior. We have treated over 2300 acres across the state. All the signals are leading towards a repeat of the fall fire season like we saw last year.

**Citizen of the Commonwealth – Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Assn.**

- Gerard Medua – nothing to report

**D. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney**

- We are tracking 120 bills; most are stuck in hearing or hearings are being scheduled.

**E. DFS Update – State Fire Marshal Jon Davine –**

- Our annual Life Safety Educator Conference coming up next week on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Mansfield
- The Firefighter of the Year selections were made last week. Those departments that submitted recommendations will hear back from the committee. The event will be in November in Worcester.
- There are 27 departments that are on-boarded into NEARS, with 10 reporting. There will be trainings on how to use NEARS at all the campus'.

- We are having an issue with 3M on the replacement of SCBA parts, right now there is no alternative to the PFAS chemicals that is used in the SCBA replacement parts. 3M is concerned that when the PFAS legislation goes into effect they won't be able to sell or provide replacement parts. 3M is going to meet with FCAM.
- We will be doing our ribbon cutting in Bridgewater on September 25<sup>th</sup> for the new burn building.
- We are in the planning process for the FIFA world cup that will be coming to Massachusetts.

**F. DFS and MFA Updates – Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier**

- We are working on some punch list items for package A, which is the ribbon cutting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We have been working on package B over the summer months, that is for the firehouse and the crib.
- We are currently assigning recruits to the following career recruit classes; S44 starting on 12/29, BW39 starting in March, and 337 that starts in January.
- We are still on a hiring freeze, and the registration staff is down 2 full-time positions.
- The admin position that reports to the Director is also vacant as well as the Deputy of Training.
- We will be updating the certification policies in the coming months.

**G. Old Business – nothing to report**

**H. New Business –**

- **Review of MFTC Enabling Statute – General Counsel Glenn Rooney** – print outs of the enabling statute were passed out and explained.
- **Review of MFA CC Budget for the Fire Officer Programs – Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier** – presented an overview of the CC budget for the fire officer programs.

**I. Policy Presentation/Adoption –**

**J. Review of Correspondence – Review of Cambridge Cadet Program Lesson Plans – Chairman**

**Chief Christopher Madden** – Civil Service has changed and authorized a cadet program; Cambridge Fire has submitted lesson plans for their cadet program. This was discussed prior to this meeting in the Policy Sub-Committee meeting. The Policy Sub-Committee approved the lesson plans to bring to full vote of the council.

**Chief Justin Alexander made a motion to approve the sub-committee recommendations and was seconded by Captain John Bonadio. Vote unanimously passed.**

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

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 11 am in the Boards and Commissions room.

**L. Public Comment -- none**

**M. Adjourn Meeting**

Chief Justin Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chief Andrew Puntini. Voted unanimously adjourn at 2:55pm.