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Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the March 6, 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 11:02 am on March 6, 2024, in the Boards and Commissions room.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Tim Nelson, Captain Drew Piemonte, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Lieutenant John Lombardo, Captain John Bonadio, Jason Cardoso, Chief Christopher Madden, Deputy Chief Fire Warden Andrew Regan, Chief Justin Alexander, Chief Frank Barresi, Director Eric Littmann, and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau.

Also present were State Fire Marshal Jon Davine, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, DFS Operations Sections Chief Dave Clemons, DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney, Instructional Design and Curriculum Development Specialist Sara Pragluski Walsh, Deputy Director of Administration Joanne Gardiner, Deputy Director of Training Dennis Ball, and MFA Instructor Vashon Robinson.

Not present: Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey, Courtney Mayo Esquire and Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Justin Alexander made a motion, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Training Council Meeting, seconded by Director Eric Littmann. The vote passed in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Director Eric Littmann

- The revenue is up from the last report and continues to look healthy. We are continuing to provide offerings and expect more revenue by the end of the fiscal year.

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 – Boston announced they will be having their Metro fire academy starting in April/May. This is for anyone in Metro fire.
- Chief Barresi – nothing to report
- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral—not present
- 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 – MIFDI had a meeting last week and Lt. Jason Burns from Fall River from PFAS and PPE. The next meeting is March 27th.

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Lt. John Lombardo – Thank you to the Marshal for pointing him towards training and classes for the Educational Conference in May.

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso— nothing to report

Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Deputy Chief Fire Warden Andrew Regan –

- DCR is going to have their firefighter seasonals starting on Sunday.

Citizen of the Commonwealth

- Attorney Courtney Mayo – not present

E. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- Over the past 2 weeks a lot of bills have started moving out of committee. The establishment of the American Sign Language component for all members of the Fire Service, had an extension order filed through April so that might mean that the legislature needs more information from the sponsors from those bills. Some of the acts to promote cancer screenings for firefighters were reported favorably. We will track those as they go through the ways and means committee.

DFS Update – Marshal Jon Davine

- Presented the Annual DFS Budget Powerpoint Presentation

MFA Update – Director Eric Littmann

- Career recruits have multiple classes running right now. What is scheduled for 4/8 in Springfield, so we are expecting 15 recruits.
- Bridgewater is beginning April 22nd and have 24 registered.
- Provided an update to all our instructors and MFA staff about what is going on in different program areas.
- The waiting list on LMS has been corrected.

Old Business –

- **New Business – Lt. Lombardo** – last month we talked about the re-accreditation for ProBoard, for my own understanding looking at the ProBoard list what does that look like. For example, PFALSE was no longer offered as a ProBoard certification. What makes it so the Commonwealth can offer full board certification?

Director Eric Littmann – that is class dependent on what we are available to provide. In accordance with ProBoard we are required to have all JPR practical components embedded into the program and the ability to assess all JPRs in a program.

- **Policy Presentation/Adoption**

- a. **We will be presenting to the policy sub-committee meeting next month the staff charged with a felony**

- **Review of Correspondence**

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 11:00 am at our Stow campus.
- **Public Comment - harassment policy and training**

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Chief Frank Barresi motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chief Christopher Madden at 11:55 p.m. The vote passed in favor of the motion