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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Firefighter Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:05 am on February 1, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services.

Members in attendance were: Vice Chairman Paul Medeiros, Undersecretary Patrick McMurray, Captain Andrew Connerty, Captain Rick Tustin, Lt. Drew Piemonte, Captain Kurt Ruchala, Chief William Scoble, Chief Tim Nelson, Robert Craig, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, and Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik.

Also present were: Curriculum Specialist Maggie Crisham, Department of Fire Services General Counsel Steve Rourke, Certification Program Coordinator Bob Rand, Operations Section Chief Dave Clemons, Metro Region Chief Bruce Prioia, DFS Environmental Safety Officer John Mulloy, Jason Cardosa representing James Pappas, and State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.

Not present were: Chairman Chief Mario Orangio and Chief Dave Celino.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lt. Drew Piemonte made a motion, seconded by Captain Rick Tustin, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Training Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Deputy Director Klucznik reports the MFA Trust Fund Report continues to grow and there is nothing new or out of the ordinary.

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

- Chief Nelson – nothing to report
- Chief Orangio –not present
- Chief Scoble – HRD and civil service are trying to resolve the PAT location. There appears to be a huge increase in requests for new hire lists.

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Lieutenant Piemonte and Firefighter Medeiros attended a debriefing at our Springfield campus on Monday. Marshal Ostroskey presented the recently completed MTU report to the affected fire departments and other interested parties.

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller – nothing to report

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Captain Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Captain Tustin - Our next training meeting is on February 14 and the topic is protecting your fire protection systems. The annual conference is April 10 & 11 with online or paper registration. The question was asked about the status of the FPO credentialing. DD Klucznik was unsure and will get an answer.

Insurance Industry (Citizen of the Commonwealth)

- James Pappas – not present. Undersecretary McMurray acknowledged that Mr. Pappas has retired and commended him for his years of service to the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief Celino - not present

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Bob Craig – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update

- Marshal Ostroskey – The department has interest in a couple of bills: carbon monoxide detection in schools bill has been re-filed and the smoke detector gap legislation which resolves aligning requirements in a residential setting with the building code. Some other bills of interest are the group 4 bill, credentialing for fire chiefs bill, and a regional tech rescue program bill.

E. DFS Update – Marshal Ostroskey

- DFS FY 2018 budget presentation is attached.
- MTU report – released the report this past Monday with the fire departments involved. John Mulloy chaired the review committee and provided the report to the council (attached). The manufacturer, Pro-Safe, and an independent company reported that the unit is well maintained. We will take the recommendations in the report and bring the unit back on line. Vice Chairman Medeiros asked that the council continue to be notified when situations such as this arise.
- There has been a reorganization of state government within the Executive Office of Safety & Security. The Division of Inspections will be brought in under the Department of Fire Services as of July 1, 2017.
- DFS has appointed Maribel Fournier as the new Deputy State Fire Marshal effective in the very near future. Maribel has extensive public safety roots.
- DFS has appointed David DiGregorio as replacement of former HazMat Ops Director David Ladd.
- The Collins Institute has completed their review and their report will be forthcoming. We will ask the Collins Institute and the Steering Committee for their input in disseminating the information in the report.

F. Academy Activities Report – Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik

- The current waitlist for career recruit is 143 and we are currently filling class #256 beginning on 6/2/17; there are 12 openings. Springfield class #S04 has 20 openings.
- Presented the Academy summary statistics through December, 2016.
- Chief Fire Officer Management Program is completed with graduation in the link on February 2, 2017.

- We are going to schedule an instructor improvement for the FPO II program later this month with the intent of rolling out the pilot program mid- to late March.
- The Course Request form is now online and we have received 74 requests in the month of January alone.
- We have added a 3rd Springfield class beginning July 10 with graduation September 19.
- Changes have been made to the Career Recruit schedule where we will go back to a Saturday schedule as a result of a Monday holiday. This will put us back into a more consistent schedule.
- The next Career Recruit graduation will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.
- There will be two graduations on the same day on Wednesday, June 21 for S04 in Springfield at 11:00 am and class #064 in Fall River at 7:00 pm.
- The LMS program continues with User Acceptance Testing starting next week. We are getting closer to integrating an ePayment system into the LMS system for all program and certification fees.
- Bob Rand was recognized for receiving the Johnny Wilson award from the Pro-Board in San Diego last month.

Chief Scoble asked Marshal Ostroskey if there were plans for further active shooter training. The Marshal stated that there would be a document rolled out at the FCAM conference. Five presentations are being planned statewide. It is essential that terminology and consistency be presented throughout the commonwealth. OEMS has become involved and have made a couple of changes in the program.

G. Old Business

- Counsel Rourke reported that the Accident Waiver is in draft form and will be made part of the regular application.

H. New Business

- Lack of policy pertaining to PAT requirements for the recruit program. Deputy Director reported that he was asked to provide a MFTC Policy regarding the Academy's PAT requirements. No policy has been written however MFTC meeting minutes dated 9-6-2006 states Career Recruit requires it. Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Chief Nelson, that the Policy Sub-Committee discuss HRD's Physical Abilities Test as a requirement in the Career Recruit program. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Lack of policy regarding "no returns" after Career Recruit completion – Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Captain Connerty, that the Policy Sub-Committee investigate the lack of policy. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I. Policy/Presentation

- Career Recruit Readmission Previous Training Credit Restriction Policy. Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, for the Policy Sub-Committee to review and make recommendations to the policy. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
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J. Review of Correspondence

- Request from New Bedford Fire Department for SAFER Grant to hold six slots in Career Recruit July class #257. Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Lt. Piemonte, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Deputy Director Klucznik will notify the chief of the department.

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

The next meeting of the Training Council will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 11:00 in MFA Classroom 117.

L. Adjourn Meeting

Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to adjourn the meeting at 1:25. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.