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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the May 3, 2017 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Firefighter Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:05 am on May 3, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Vice Chairman Paul Medeiros, Undersecretary Patrick McMurray, Captain Andrew Connerty, Captain Rick Tustin, Captain Kurt Ruchala, Chief William Scoble, Robert Craig, Chief Dave Celino and Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik.

Also present were: Curriculum Specialist Margaret Crisham, Department of Fire Services General Counsel Steve Rourke, Certification Program Coordinator Bob Rand, Career Recruit Assistant Coordinator James Hagerty, Call/Vol Program Coordinator Chris Norris, Metro Region Chief Bruce Prioa, Jason Cardosa representing James Pappas, Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, and State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.

Not present were: Chief Tim Nelson, Chairman Chief Mario Orangio, Lt. Drew Piemonte, and Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller..

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Captain Tustin made a motion, seconded by Robert Craig, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 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 – not present
- Chief Orangio –not present
- Chief Scoble – ground displays of fireworks at a car dealership had problems with new products.

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Medeiros – nothing to report

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller/Captain Ruchala – nothing to report

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Captain Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Captain Tustin - FPAM had a very successful conference with close to 200 attendees. We'll be back in Southbridge next year on April 30 & May 1, 2018. This month's meeting is the annual fireworks update on the Cape. We're are watching the progression of the FPO II course.

Insurance Industry (Citizen of the Commonwealth)

- James Pappas – not present.

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief Celino – busy couple of months. I've been very involved on national committees. Providing helicopter bucket training for mass state police, a red card course and ramping up fire crew refresher.

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Bob Craig – nothing to report

D. Legislative Update

- Marshal Ostroskey – The legislature has a number of bills in front of them, one I testified on. One of the bills would directly impact the council's operations –seeking a waiver on cap of hours for retirees. Counsel Rourke – number of bills seeking to authorize the use of fireworks which we see every year and we will continue to oppose. There are bills relative to sprinkler systems and mandatory CO in schools. We'll keep an eye on all the bills.

E. DFS Update – Marshal Ostroskey

- The MFA Director search is underway through MassCareers and will be posted until the position is filled. We have a good number of qualified applicants. We will go through applications, whittle down applicants and begin 1st round interviews. The search committee consists of members of the training council, Collins center, deputy marshal and other executive staff. It is my hope that we will hire a Director in early FY18. Appreciates the work of Deputy Director and Recruit staff to step up to fill the gaps of Director and Recruit Coordinator.
- Deputy Director of HazMat Response is open and will be filling this position.
- Article 87 processes continuing to unfold. We have incorporated Boiler and Pressure Vessel program will be housed within the Fire Safety Division. A director, two administrative staff, and eight inspectors came over.
- State budget process is in full swing. The operating budget of DFS is fine. Unfortunately, On Site Academy was left out of the budget. We will continue to work with the Executive Office of Public Safety on the budget and Mr. McMurray promised to help bring On Site back into the budget.
- We are pleased have the new arson prop online and other agencies have expressed an interest in using it.
- The Fire Code update is in progress which will transition into training needs. 9th edition of the Building Code is in progress.
- Continuing to work on public education with Franklin county and trying to identify strategies to help those areas.

- Safe and Senior Safe programs continue to see great results.
- Met with the Dept. of Public Health about the Mass Decon Unit program and our common interests. Met with FCAM to create a survey to evaluate the MDU with hospitals and fire departments.
- Working with the Chaplains to continue their work with fire departments and communities.
- The department is working on a drone program with state police. We're in the early stages of process.
- The LMS program is transitioning from the DFS gateway. The data clean up of access has been a huge undertaking. Everyone involved with the project is working double and triple duty. It is scheduled 'go live' to the public beginning of FY18.

F. Academy Activities Report – Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik

- The current waitlist for career recruit is 170 and we are currently filling class #259 beginning on 8-17-17; there are 26 openings. Springfield class #S05 has 14 openings.
- Academy statistics report was distributed via email.
- We scheduled two Call/Volunteer classes beginning in November in Essex County and in Spencer.
- C/V Class 064's graduation date has changed from June 21st to June 22nd due to the unavailability of the Kuss Middle School School in Fall River used for the graduation ceremony.
- We received official notification that we were successful in our most recent AFG submittal and have begun the process to acquire a new SCBA maze trailer, flashover simulator, and tow vehicle.
- FPO credentialing process is now online, consisting of a new matrix outlining the different levels and the new maximum points for each criteria area.
- FPO II pilot program has been completed. The development team is currently looking at student surveys and instructor comments and will be tweaking the program along with the Fire Safety Division. Next delivery is scheduled for May 11th.
- OEMS credits through March 31, 2018 have now been posted online.
- We completed training on the MTU in mid-March. The training was conducted by the manufacturer Pro-Safe.
- Instructors who will be using SCBA are mandated to complete an OSHA SCBA questionnaire in order to continue using such equipment.
- MFA will launch a first responder program beginning in September. The goal is to offer a program prior to each offered Call/Vol program to assist departments in having their firefighters trained to this level and increase the number of individuals eligible for certification to FF I/II.

G. Old Business

- Lack of policy pertaining to PAT requirements for the recruit program – Deputy Director asked Counsel Rourke to research questions posed by the MFTC Policy Sub-Committee:
 - What is the current HRD wording requiring the mandate for the PAT? Statutory language mandating the PAT can be found in M.G.L. c. 31, s. 61A.
 - Is there a requirement in the MA general laws requiring at PAT for non-civil service fire departments? No requirement
 - What is the actual time frame for the PAT to be valid? One year from appointment to department or from the start date of the Academy? No statutory time frame on validity of the PAT however HRD said that their experts who helped develop the PAT thought six months was reasonable. If the MFTC wanted to recognize the PAT's validity for one (1) year as a condition of entering the Academy, HRD would be ok with that.

H. New Business

- Presentation by O2X – fitness and well being company presented their program to the Training Council for consideration to implement into Recruit programming.

I. Policy/Presentation – The Policy and Certification Sub-Committees has made recommendations to the full council for the following:

- No Return to Career Recruit After Successful Completion Policy – the committee reviewed the language of the policy prepared by MFA and voted to adopt the policy as written. Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to adopt the policy as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- LODD policy – discussed the policy with regard to the Call/Vol program and Springfield Career Recruit. Under LODD death definition, we struck the statement in the parentheses. In the first paragraph, we decided to change the word 'shall' to 'may'. All Recruit programs will attend funerals as their lesson for the day. The lesson is being involved in the message of the brotherhood and sisterhood of the fire service and taking care of the family. Captain Tustin made a motion, seconded by Captain Ruchala, to accept the changes as the Policy Sub-Committee recommended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Instructor Employment Policy Change – request to modify the policy to add a minimum of five (5) years of Fire/EMS experience. The committee felt it would benefit the Academy and the students. Robert Craig made a motion, seconded by Captain Connerty, to accept the addition as requested. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Attendance/Cancellation/No Show – we will be able to keep better track of no shows and to run specific reports in the LMS system. Captain Tustin made a motion, seconded by Chief Scoble, accepted the policy which will become effective when the LMS system goes live. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Certification Refund Policy Change – The Certification Sub-Committee met last month and unanimously approved the policy. Captain Ruchala made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to accept the policy which will become effective when the LMS system goes live. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. Review of Correspondence

- Letter from MFA Instructor Scott Jensen – requesting a waiver of the certification policy for out-of-state firefighters. The Certification Sub-Committee will review and bring it back to the Council.

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

The next meeting of the Training Council will be Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 11:00 in the Boards & Commissions Room.

L. Adjourn Meeting

Chief Scoble made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:35. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.