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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council  
Minutes of the May 2, 2018 Meeting**

Chairman Firefighter Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:07 am on May 2, 2018 at the Department of Fire Services with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Chairman Paul Medeiros, Captain Andrew Connerty, Robert Craig, Chief Bruce Proia, Jason Cardoso, Chief Tim Nelson, Lieutenant Drew Piemonte, MFA Director Dave Evans, and Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller.

Also present were: Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey, DFS Counsel Steve Rourke, Director of Operations, David Clemons, MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, Curriculum Specialist Maggie Crisham, and Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier.

Not present: Chief Dave Celino, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala and Undersecretary Pat McMurray.

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chief Nelson made a motion, seconded by Director Evans, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Training Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. Fiscal Affairs Report**

Deputy Director Klucznik reported that the MFA Trust Fund is very dynamic and has a healthy balance of \$116,258.64.

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

- Chief Nelson –representing part paid/part call –nothing to report
- Chief Proia representing metro – nothing to report
- Position open – representing call
- Position open – representing full-time

**D. Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts**

- Paul Medeiros – reported on tragedy on the Cape and how this situation underscores the need for continuing training. Still receiving questions regarding Fire Prevention Officer I – hoping to get it up and running. Also received questions regarding Fire Instructor II and Fire Officer courses not being available.
- Drew Piemonte – nothing to report

**Mass Call/Vol**

- Assistant Chief Miller – nothing to report
- Interim Chief Ruchala – not present

**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors**

- Captain Connerty – at our last meeting, a vendor demonstrated rescue task force equipment.

**Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts**

- Captain Tustin – not present

**Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry**

- Jason Cardoso - Nothing to report.

**Bureau of Forest Fire Control**

- Chief Celino – not present

**Citizens of the Commonwealth**

- Bob Craig – nothing to report

**D. Legislative Update** – DFS Counsel Steve Rourke – Not a lot of activity since the last report. Reviewed an informational document of council members' re-appointment dates and documentation required to submit to the DFS Paralegal.

**E. DFS Update** – Marshal Ostroskey

- The House budget is out and senate budget will be out next week. The Department took a hit and we still have a lot of work to do.
- The DFS completed a post-blast investigation course in conjunction with the homemade explosives class under the HME grant. We anticipate offering one post-blast class each year as part of our investigation series.
- The FPAM Conference was held at the Southbridge Conference Center. There were 215 attendees; there were a number of seminars and presentations done.
- The Department anticipates delivery of a side-by-side demonstration trailer for our Residential Sprinkler Program to be used out in communities for public education purposes. We hope to have it on the road early next fiscal year.
- Members of the NFPA 3000 technical committee met to formally announce NFPA 3000, which is the active shooter/hostile event response standard. It expands the discussion to make it a community exercise/standard to prepare, mitigate, respond, and recover. We want to make sure we are consistent.
- Deputy Fire Marshal is working with DPH on Mass Decon unit program and best way to invest in it as we go forward. We will be sending a survey to host departments for MDU changes.
- Will the NFPA 3000 standard result in training through MFA? The Marshal has asked Director Evans to work with the Mass Police Training Council to enhance the current Active Shooter/Hostile Event course.

**F. Academy Activities Report** –Deputy Klucznik

- The Career Recruit Waitlist is currently 223 and we are now filling class 270 which begins on November 15, 2018. Springfield class S09 beginning on August 29, 2018 has seven openings.

- Career Recruit Class 263 will be graduating on Friday, May 11, and Class S07 will be graduating on Friday, May 25 at the Springfield campus.
- Train-the-trainers for the new SCBA Maze and Flashover Simulator props have been completed. Once the punch lists of items that need to be addressed for both trailers is completed, the units will be going into service.
- No word yet on the FY17 AFG submittal for a 2-story Search & Rescue/Burn Building for the Springfield campus.
- We have another FPO I final review meeting on Tuesday, May 8 to ensure that the program is updated and complete. Hopefully by next week we'll have it done.
- We continue to work on getting student history segment of LMS up and running. We have a deadline of June 30 to have it in place.

#### **G. Old Business**

#### **H. New Business**

- MFTC Sub-committee status – The Chairman requested members' participation on policy and certification sub-committees. Chief Proia agreed to be on the Certification Sub-Committee and Assistant Chief Miller agreed to be on the Policy Sub-Committee.
- The Deputy Marshal – we took a look at the FY18 budget and came up with a shortfall in MFA. We crunched numbers and came up with a solution and wanted to pass on that no programs were cut; we had to put some classes on hold but did not cancel those classes in open and planned status.

#### **I. Policy Presentation/Policy**

#### **J. Review of Correspondence**

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

- The next meeting of the Training Council is Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Boards & Commissions Room.

#### **L. Public Comment**

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

Robert Craig made a motion, seconded by Captain Connerty, to adjourn the meeting at 12:06. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.