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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council  
Minutes of the June 6, 2018 Meeting**

Chairman Firefighter Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:10 am on June 6, 2018 at the Department of Fire Services with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Chairman Paul Medeiros, Captain Andrew Connerty, Chief Bruce Proia, Jason Cardoso, Chief Tim Nelson, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala, Vice Chairman Captain Rick Tustin, MFA Director Dave Evans, Undersecretary Patrick McMurray and Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller.

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

Not present were: Robert Craig and Lieutenant Drew Piemonte

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Assistant Chief Miller made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Training Council Meeting as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. Fiscal Affairs Report**

MFA Trust Fund report for period 4/22/18 – 5/26/18 - Deputy Director Klucznik reported that the MFA Trust Fund has a balance of almost \$133,000. Deputy State Marshal Fournier explained the two items under “less reserved” are: 1) donation from a cigarette manufacturer and 2) donation from the National Fire Sprinkler Association to be used for a side-by-side sprinkler trailer.

**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 - I have received questions regarding FPO I and II relative to the courses scheduled. The State Fire Marshal commented that the MFA is committed to running a regular schedule of both programs.
- Drew Piemonte – not present

#### **Mass Call/Vol**

- Assistant Chief Miller – nothing to report
- Interim Chief Ruchala – nothing to report

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors**

- Captain Connerty – nothing to report

#### **Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts**

- Captain Tustin – FPAM upcoming meeting is on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Elks. It will be a full day educational session including a hotworks and fireworks session. Our July meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Public House in Sturbridge. We had a very successful conference in May.

#### **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 – not present

**D. Legislative Update** – DFS Counsel Steve Rourke – there is a new chapter 7 section 28C that provides a CISM privilege. A CISM team member or service provider would not have to testify and divulge information from a client in the course of administering services as a result of an incident, with exceptions. Additional bill, new chapter 71 section 37S that creates a safety technical assessment team and includes advisory groups to advise school districts on enhanced school security. The third piece of legislation has to do with trust fund oversight by the Marshal for cities and towns concerned with carcinogens on firefighter uniforms. This fund will provide help to procure washers and dryers.

#### **E. DFS Update** – State Marshal Ostroskey

- Budget – we went through house and senate process and it's now in the conference committee. Both the house and the senate budget was below the governor's budget. We've expressed our position to the conference committee and hope to have the governor's budget version as a result.
- The department is working with the DPH to send out questionnaires to compile information on the current status of Mass Decon Unit program.
- Working with the board of building regulations on amendments to the ninth edition. We received a positive vote from the BBRS for an emergency amendment on one of those. We are working on the next edition of the fire code; 2018 edition of NFPA 1.

- Civil service division of HRD has some challenges that impact the Academy and DFS. Specifically, the PAT exams are given at the Armory in Hudson. They are looking to relocate and they need to re-validate the PAT process. We could see some impact depending on what actions are taken by the legislature. Worse-case scenario – we may have to have a discussion with the council and civil service about the MFTC PAT policy.
- The Dept of labor and workforce development have adopted and will enforce OSHA-like requirements. Fire departments are nervous about the new requirements and Dave Evans is leading a working group to help them follow best practices.
- The DEP has offered take back foam concentrates from Fire Departments to eliminate hazards.
- We had conversations with the governor's office about Boards and Commissions appointment. Each board has appointments that have lapsed. Statutory language says you can stay in the position until you are re-appointed or a successor is appointed. We will continue to facilitate the Council's new appointments.
- The department has hired a student intern for a project. We have been asked on many occasions how many firefighters there are in Massachusetts including career, call and volunteer. We don't have a comprehensive number and will be gathering data through survey monkey.
- Active shooter and hostile event– the dept. has a program that it has been presenting and we are working with other disciplines to improve our support to communities. We want to be able to offer training that has a unified approach.

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

- The number of recruits scheduled for future Career Recruit classes is 211. We are now filling Class 270 beginning on November 15, 2018. There are 29 openings in the class. In Springfield, we are currently filling class S09 which begins on August 29, 2018 and has one opening.
- Career Recruit Class 264 will be graduating on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Chief Bruce Proia will be in attendance representing the Council.
- Call/Volunteer Recruit Class 070 will be graduating on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Fall River and Class 071 will be graduating on Wednesday, June 27 in Stow.
- Over the summer, Captain Tustin will be here for Class 265 on July 27<sup>th</sup>, Chief Nelson has Class S08 on August 10<sup>th</sup> and Lt. Piemonte for Class 266 on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Academy activity statistics report was distributed prior to this meeting.
- We are currently awaiting a set of stairs from Draeger for the SCBA Maze and that unit will be ready for program delivery.
- Repairs will need to be made on the Flashover Simulator due to warping of the floor during Train the Trainer burns. A rep from Draeger will be here to ensure the work will be done to the proper standard.
- We've received word that we have been awarded an AFG for a combined search & rescue and burn building for the Springfield campus.
- We recently completed a FPO II program and have begun a FPO I program, which will be completed on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We have two Instructor I programs being run in Stow, both will be completed on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

- DFS will be turning on Student History in the LMS system on or about June 11<sup>th</sup> with some critical work needing to be completed by Technomedia before then.
- Through the efforts of PCIII Abby Baker and Dr. Christine Kannler, a Dermatologist and sister of the late Peter Kannler, we will be holding two skin cancer screening clinics in Stow on August 30<sup>th</sup> and Springfield on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Alanna Malatos, PCIII overseeing the Company Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Investigation, Chief Fire Officer and Senior Fire Officer Programs will be going on maternity leave on/about July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Director and I will be sharing oversight of those programs, along with Sue Neaz.

## **G. Old Business**

## **H. New Business**

- Captain Connerty asked if there will be a certification process associated with FPO I and II. Director Evans noted that there is no certification at this time. It's being worked on.

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

## **J. Review of Correspondence**

- Winchester FD – The Council received a letter from Chief Nash outlining a request for Firefighter Christopher Adams return from deployment to TD40. Mr. Adams was originally in class 252 back in January of 2017, was deployed and returned to class 253. He was deployed again and will return to the department on June 13. The committee reviewed all information regarding the request. A motion was made by the Policy Sub-Committee to approve the request to allow Mr. Adams to return to a recruit class on TD 40 providing the department submit an updated HRD medical. In talking to the Chief, the MFA Director and the Recruit Coordinator, there should not be any issues with his performance relevant to his academic or physical ability. The Policy Sub-Committee would like the MFTC to support our recommendation. The Policy Sub-Committee's motion was made by Assistant Chief Miller, seconded by ChiefProia. The vote was seven (7) in favor of the motion with three (3) abstentions.

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

- The next meeting of the Training Council is Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Boards & Commissions Room. There made be a sub-committee meeting before this meeting.

## **L. Public Comment**

## **M. Adjourn Meeting**

Jonathan Miller made a motion, seconded by Kurt Ruchala, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.