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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Rick Tustin opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:00 am on March 6, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Chief Bruce Proia, Jason Cardoso, Captain Andrew Connerty, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala, Vice Chairman Captain Rick Tustin, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Chief Frank Barresi, Chief Richard Donovan, Chief Tim Nelson, and MFA Director Dave Evans.

Also present were DFS Counsel Steve Rourke, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, MFA Curriculum Specialist Maggie Crisham, Operations Director Dave Clemons, Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, and Sudbury Assistant Chief Tim Choate.

Not present: Lt. Paul Medeiros, Chief Dave Celino and Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Chief Barresi, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Training Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

The MFA Trust Fund report for the period of 12/23/2018 through 1/26/2019 was submitted.

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
- Chief Barresi - representing call – nothing to report
- Chief Donovan – representing full-time - nothing to report

D. Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Lt. Medeiros – not present
- Second position open

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller – At the last MCVFA meeting, it was noted that we received a training grant for \$18,000.
- Assistant Chief Ruchala – nothing to report

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Captain Connerty – nothing to report

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Captain Tustin – FPAM's monthly meeting will be March 12 in Auburn and will be a full day. If you need FPO credentials, you can receive 4 points. Captain Tustin was wondering about a waitlist for the FPO program. Director Evans said he would look into it and also reported that there were additional Fire Prevention being scheduled in the spring.

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Insurance Industry

- Jason Cardoso - Nothing to report.

Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- Chief Dave Celino – not present

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- Ret. Chief Sheri Bemis – not present

D. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Steve Rourke

- We have approximately 7,000 bills to go through and nothing to report today.

E. DFS Update –Deputy Marshal Ostroskey

- The Department received \$500,000 for a search and rescue prop in Springfield. We had our initial meeting with the vendor to establish a timeline. We expect the project by June 30 with punch list items completed by the second week of July.
- FY20 Budget was supported as submitted by the governor. The biggest thing for the department is the support for Bridgewater and capital.
- FY19 budget language for grants for extractors has been corrected. There was no mechanism to disperse funds from the MFA trust. We will begin to work with municipalities in FY20.
- We attended the FCAM conference last week.
- For this fiscal year we want to have a presence in Bridgewater some time in April after the building has been painted and cleaned. Some of our FIU team in that part of the area in addition to having a Compliance Officer stationed there. Additionally, we plan to run MFA programs at the beginning of FY20 and two recruit classes in the spring of FY20.
- We plan to hire 75 new instructors, 12 at a time, to help Bridgewater program scheduling.

F. Academy Activities Report –Director Evans

- The Career Recruit waitlist is 219 for Stow and we're filling November with 34 spots available. We're filling July in Springfield with 13 spots available.
- The next scheduled RFO's are 3-7-19 and 3-28-19.
- Career Recruit Graduation is Friday for class 271.

- We just graduated two Call/Vol classes 074 & 075 and two classes have started this past weekend.
- To date, there have been 125 requests for courses since January 1.

G. Old Business

- Counsel Rourke reported a MCAD complaint update: A case was dismissed in favor of the academy and was then appealed. Counsel Rourke will keep us apprised of the appeal.

H. New Business

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption

J. Review of Correspondence

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council is Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 am in the Boards & Commissions Room.

L. Public Comment

- Assistant Chief Miller thanked the MFA for making changes to the new certification process; it makes it better for the Call/Vol folks.

M. Adjourn Meeting

- Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Captain Connerty, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.