**MSFA Training Committee Meeting**

**September 23, 2018**

**Sykesville/Freedom District Fire Department**

**Present:** Chairman Leon Fleming, Charles Simpson, Shane Darwick, Scott Wood, Bobbie Stevens, Dan Stevens, Bob McHenry, Brendan Bonita, JJ Lynott, Mark Bilger (MFRI), Phil Hurlock (MIEMSS), Bob Cumberland (MFRETC),

**Training Chairman Leon Fleming -** welcomed all, called the meeting to order and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:25AM. Kingsley Poole advised he could not attend due to sickness.

Chairman Leon requested a “Moment of Silence” for Danny Lister (LODD) and for Chief James Seavey.

* Vice Chair Scott Wood - advised he attended the Convention critique and the training session’s attendance was up. Joe Ward did a great job getting the training together.
  + Still need to work on having gear cleaned after “hot” classes.
  + Scott will be discussing information with Joe Ward.
* PP Mark Bilger discussed other information regarding the upcoming conventions.
* Chairman Leon Fleming - discussed other committees he has had contact with and how we are better working with the MFCAs regarding classes. He has been in contact with Joe Larson regarding the R&R training schedule
* Vice Chair Scott Wood - advised he is working with MFCA for scheduling and updating training on the website
* MSFA Report - Charlie Simpson welcomed all and offered the Presidents regards.
  + Lots of discussion regarding NR EMT testing and issues across the State.
  + We held an Executive Comm. Meeting at Western Enterprise in Hagerstown on Aug. 11& 12
  + Still dealing with NR EMT testing issues, only 31% of those that start a MFRI EMT class make it to be a Maryland EMT. A new Task Force has been formed to look into issues.
    - Much discussion by members present:
      * Reviewed charts regarding program failures and drop outs.
      * Departmental Mentoring or Coaching programs have proven to be a benefit.
      * Need to better inform students what is expected
  + Dr. Tim Chizmar new Asst. State EMS Director to take Dr. Alcorta place
  + New Committee information and Directory is out.
  + Working on a new MSFA.org website.
  + TIM (Traffic Incident Management) Training is urged for all Volunteer FDs.
  + Get involved in “Stop the Bleed”
  + Be aware of Solicitation Scams.
  + Go to www.mdvolunteer.org register and see what is being done for Recruitment and Retention.
  + There are many trainings, meeting, and fire departments activities on our website calendar that may be of interest to you, take a few minutes and review.
  + The next Executive Committee will be in Snow Hill on Dec. 1 & 2.
* JJ Lynott - discussed TIM Awareness Week at M&T Stadium Nov 13th 10AM to 12PM
* MFRI Report – Mark Bilger
  + The following report is a synopsis of significant events that have occurred within the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute since our last meeting:
  + **Learning Management System**
    - We are still looking at new LMS Systems
    - Automated workflow
    - Registering students
    - Assigning them to classes
    - Tracking their progress
    - Providing course completion materials
    - Other future enhancements
    - Course scheduling
    - Instructor management
    - Budgeting, payroll, and reporting.
    - Asset/Equipment Inventory
  + **FY2019 Budget**
    - Slight increase over previous year – for infrastructure projects
    - UESRTC – Fiber Optic Line
    - LESRTC – Replacement of propane gas props
    - NERTC - Replacement of underground propane gas lines
    - All Regions – New phone systems
  + **Burn Building Rehab**
    - Retile two burn rooms at SMRTC
    - Bid awarded
    - Work should begin August 6, 2018
  + **EMTB Programs**

Reporting by Semester

**2018 January to June**

* There were 1,315 students registered in MFRI EMT classes
* During the first half of the year a total of 299 (23%) students dropped or withdrew from class
* This left 1,016 students in class
* Of the 1,016 students a total of 734 (72%) students passed the class
* Of the 734 passing students (55%) tested National Registry
* National Registry exam results for the first half of 2018 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Attempted** | **Passed 1st Attempt (%)** | **Passed 3rd Attempt (%)** |
| **MFRI** | 428 | 312 (73%) | 338 (79%) |
| **National** | 29,043 | 21,283 (73%) | 22,900 (79%) |

**2017**

* There were 1,925 students registered in MFRI EMT classes
* During the year a total of 423 (22%) students dropped or withdrew from class
* This left 1,502 students in class
* Of the 1,502 students a total of 1,208 (80%) students passed the class
* Of the 1,208 passing students 803 (66%) tested National Registry
* National Registry exam results for 2017 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Attempted** | **Passed 1st Attempt (%)** | **Passed 3rd Attempt (%)** |
| **MFRI** | 803 | 533 (66.4%) | 612 (76.2%) |
| **National** | 71, 611 | 50,289 (70%) | 56,915 (79%) |

**2016**

* There were 1,809 students registered in MFRI EMT classes
* During the year a total of 367 (20%) students dropped or withdrew from class
* This left 1,442 students in class
* Of the 1,442 students a total of 956 (66%) students passed the class
* Of the 956 passing students 805 (84%) tested National Registry
* National Registry exam results for 2016 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Attempted** | **Passed 1st Attempt (%)** | **Passed 3rd Attempt (%)** |
| **MFRI** | 805 | 594 (73.7%) | 685 (85.1%) |
| **National** | 76,739 | 52,367 (68%) | 61,963 (81%) |

**2015**

* There were 2,298 students registered in MFRI EMT classes
* During the year a total of 394 (17%) students dropped or withdrew from class
* This left 1,904 students in class
* Of the 1,904 students a total of 1,271 (67%) students passed the class
* Of the 1,271 passing students 973 (76%) tested National Registry
* National Registry exam results for 2015 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Attempted** | **Passed 1st Attempt (%)** | **Passed 3rd Attempt (%)** |
| **MFRI** | 973 | 565 (58.1%) | 710 (73%) |
| **National** | 72,968 | 47,888 (66%) | 57,662 (79%) |

**2014 – National Registry Testing was not required until the fall of 2014**

* There were 2,247 students registered in MFRI EMT classes
* During the year a total of 393 (18%) students dropped or withdrew from class
* This left 1,754 students in class
* Of the 1,754 students a total of 1,214 (69%) students passed the class
* Of the 1,214 passing students 136 (11%) tested National Registry
* National Registry exam results for 2014 are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Attempted** | **Passed 1st Attempt (%)** | **Passed 3rd Attempt (%)** |
| **MFRI** | 136 | 80 (58.8%) | 92 (67.6%) |
| **National** | 71, 407 | 47,965 (67%) | 56,485 (79%) |

* + **GRANT FUNDING** 
    - Awarded an AFG Grant totaling $576,000 (turnout gear, SCBA, LPG Gas props, breathing air compressors, ICS Simulation equipment, PPV fans, Haz Mat spill/leak prop).
    - Applied for an AFG FP&S grant totaling more than 700K (scientifically validated fuel load for training fires). In conjunction with: MFRI, UMD FPE, and UL FFSR Group.
    - Applied for a NIST grant in conjunction with City of College Park and UMD totaling $191,000 for building mapping project.
  + **MFRI Live Fire Training Policy/Procedure**
    - Revised Policy.
    - Workgroup of Instructors reviewed and updated.
    - Risk Management Committee reviewed for 1403 Compliance/approval.
    - Final updated version has been released.
  + **Emergency Management Classes** 
    - MFRI is going to offer some Emergency Management Classes
    - Hand off classes in conjunction with MEMA
  + **Online PDI** 
    - Reminder online PDI is now available for Instructors
    - Typically a 1.5 hour block per subject (6 hours per year)
    - New subject every Quarter
    - Newest posting July 2018
  + **New Program Offering**
    - MFRI will be running a pilot Emergency Tele-communicator Class
  + **Communication and Social Media Specialist**
    - New Communication and social media specialist (Ashley Collier)
    - Started (Monday, July 9, 2019)
  + **Organizational Chart changes**
    - QA/QI group now will answer directly to Executive Director
    - Technology and Certification Section dissolved functions moved to Logistics Section
    - Communications and Social Media Specialist answer directly to Executive Director
  + **Summer Instructor Meetings**
    - Conducted during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July
    - Good information and feedback
  + **MOU with Naval District Washington**
    - MFRI Pilot Program with Naval District Washington
    - Naval Academy
    - PAX River
    - Utilize State Certified (MICRB) MFRI Instructors who work at these facilities to teach for their respective agency.
    - All MFRI rules, policies, and procedures will apply including registration, test proctoring, access to Bases for all State Emergency Services Providers.
  + **Additional Regional Coordinator Position**
    - Will be hiring an additional Regional Coordinator for the SMRTC
  + **NFPA Standards Committee**
    - Primary/Alternates needed
  + **Strategic Planning Project**
    - Have started into a Strategic Planning Process
    - Customer centered strategic planning process
    - Three components:
    - Self-Assessment- grade ourselves against a standard(s)
    - Survey of customers and stakeholders
    - Swat Analysis
    - Critical Issues
    - Develop Goals/Objectives/Tasks
    - Prioritize objectives/tasks
    - Steering committee –prioritize objectives/tasks
    - Assign work groups consisting of faculty/staff/instructors to complete tasks within established timelines.
* MFCA Report – JJ Lynott
  + Discussed the extension of the SAFER Grant
  + Working on Committee lists, lots of interest
  + General Membership Meeting at Kent Island Oct 13
  + Discussed the upcoming training in OC on Dec. 8 & 9
  + Discussed TBA training Jan 9, 2019 at Carroll County PSTC
  + Discussed need to reset MFRI training officer authorization password due to new website
* MFSPQB Report - Dan Stevens
  + Reported their donation to the NFFF Gala
  + Looking at request from for a Sift Water Boat Operator class
  + Scott discussed how various programs meet or don’t NFPA requirements
* MEMA Report – No Representative
* MIEMSS Report – Phil Hurlock
  + Phil congratulated Charlie on induction to MSFA Hall of Fame
  + MIEMSS new State Medical Director, Dr. Tim Chizmar
  + Oct 17 at La Fountain Blu for Dr. Alcorta, contact Chris Hyzer
  + Discussed the need for mentoring program
* MFRETC Report – Bob Cumberland
  + Reorganizing the Commission
  + Need to push the O’Reilly Scholarship program.
  + Working on re-establishing relationships with other training programs
  + Next meeting October 28th in Columbia UL office.
  + Questions about Public Administration and Emergency Management being added to the Scholarship program. Not in COMAR now but looking into.
  + Bob discussed CVVFA First Responder Institute, Respondersafety.com for registering for classes. TIMs training is an on-line class with a certificate at the end
* MCA Report – Shane Darwick
  + New testing procedures forusing tablets
  + Next meeting Montgomery County Oct 4th
* High School Committee Report – Dan and Bobbie Stevens
  + They are attending meetings and roundtables
  + Will be doing a program at MSFA Leadership Summit in Oct.
  + Discussed how various programs are working
* Old Business:
  + None
* New Business:
  + Talked about give-away for Maryland Weekend, looking at mugs.
    - ***Motion by Bob McHenry, 2nd JJ to get Mugs. PASSED***
  + Talked about a common site for getting cancer information. NVFC, IAFC, NFFF.

Next Meeting - January 27, 2019, 10:00AM, MFRI-UESTC

Thanks to Leon and Susan for refreshments and Sykesville Freedom District FD for their hospitality.

Adjourned: 12:40PM cjs