**MSFA Training Committee Meeting**

**July 14, 2019, 2019**

**Frederick Co. PSTC**

**Present:** Chairman Leon Fleming, Charles Simpson, Scott Wood, Robert McHenry, Bob McHenry, Bob Cumberland (MFRETC), Steve Cox (MFRI), Nancy Cox, Jeana Panarella, Brendan Bonita, Dan Stevens, Bobbi Stevens, Mark Bilger, PP (MIEMSS), JJ Lynott, Shane Darwick, Mario Melfa, Robert King, Roger Marks, Brian Montgomery, George Wentz (Safety), President Faust, 1st VP Walker, 2nd VP McCrea

* **Chairman Leon Fleming –** 10:00AM
  + Welcomed all, called the meeting to order and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
* **Jeana Panarella –** 
  + Welcomed to FCPSTC.
* **President Faust –** 
  + Welcomed and thanked all for attending:
  + Keep Executive Director Kate Tomanelli in the loop.
  + Be involved with Convention Training, Life Safety, and Safety.
  + Discussed Training Committee involvement at the Convention.
  + ZOOM is now available for tele-conference use.
* **Chairman Fleming –**
  + Discussed the Presentation of Zembower Award and the John E. "Sunny" Rose, Jr., Memorial Award at the Convention.
  + Need to get the word out to put in for the awards.
  + Jeana Panarella to make the Awards electronic for placing on the website.
  + Seminars at the Convention were better attended.
  + From Mike Robinson, MSFPQB is developing a new program to keep instructors current and he would like to attend a future meeting to present the concept. Will try to get advance information out to the Committee.
  + **MOTION to approve Minutes from May 4, 2019 meeting, PASSED**
* **Vice Chair Scott Wood** –
  + **Scott Wood** advised he is working with **Joe Ward** (MFRI) on putting on several types of classes at the Convention for next year.
  + Maryland Weekend schedule is set
* **MFRI Assistant Director Steve Cox –**
  + Working on next year’s Convention classes
  + Staff Changes
    - Richard Armstrong retires August 15th from NERTC
    - Opening at UESRTC with Mark Bilger going to MIEMSS
    - Other openings available at MFRI
  + New Integrity Policy being presented.
  + Currently conducting Instructor Regional Meetings.
  + New MFRI Courses will now come out of Pilot in July and January only.
  + New courses under development will include MSFA, MIEMSS, MFCA, etc.
  + Discussed some changes MFRI will be making to how Pilot programs are being presented.
  + Several Programs are being reviewed: SEE ATTACHED MFRI REPORT:
  + EMT/EMT Refresher classes and the on-line/skills programs.
    - Some information in program is not Maryland information and other information particular to Maryland needs to be added.
    - 12hr skills will become 15hr and 12hr on-line will become 9hr.
    - MFRI is changing the way you click through program and get credit.
    - 24hr EMTR program is being revamped with more skills.
    - Question regarding creating a Pre-test to qualify for by-passing certain sessions. Cox advised it will be looked into.
    - JJ advised problems with some existing on-line classes. Cox advised we will have to live with until new program is up and running.
    - Class sizes are now back to 25 immediately.
    - Classes can be more than 6 hours with permission.
    - Working on 30 day cutoff for EMT on-line refresher by having student work with instructor and ask for an extension.
    - Question about having Safety Committee review classes prior to Piloting, Cox will have MSFA involved.
    - Charlie Simpson asked about AEMT training from MFRI, Cox advised it is being looked into but no planning has been done.
    - Charlie Simpson asked about how they are going to manage the change from 12 to 15 hour EMT- R Skills. Cox advised it is being looked in and the possibility of changing the length of sessions for a weekend.
    - Much discussion regarding the current EMS certifications and where we are statewide with jurisdictions levels and where it is going.
    - JJ Lynott talked about ISO Class needs.
    - Update on EMT Pilot by Cox advised is 50 to 60 hours more and four current pilots have had a large dropout rate, but those staying in program are very successful. Learning a lot from the pilots and making changes. Will be doing four more pilots. Jeana commented that the EMT class is not for everybody and we need to better screen those interested, more evaluation and assessment is needed. Cox advised Instructors need to use the Counseling Form.
    - MFRI did receive budget to do Pearson-View testing and NCRO will be in Frederick Co. PSTC and College Park and other sites in the other regions are being worked on.
  + Discussion regarding problems with generational learning issues today and how we can better communicate with students and potential students.
  + Discussion regarding more pre-requisite training needed to prepare student for classes.
* **MSFPQB – Dan Stevens**
  + Dan Stevens talked about proposals for recertifying instructors.
  + Need to get representatives on the Committee from some Counties, contact Dan for list of current representatives.
* **MSFA – Charlie Simpson –**
  + Presented by President Faust
* **MEMA –**
  + No Representative
* **MIEMSS – Mark Bilger**
  + Mark introduced himself as the new MIEMSS representative
  + Has handouts for Mid Atlantic Safety Conference and Stroke Scale
  + Working 2020 EMS Plan, Dr. Delbridge is very interested.
  + Has information on reviewing certification information for cont ed
  + No new CRTs are being certified but old will stay.
  + Mark asked about information as to the status of the Metro Fire Chiefs, No one had any information.
* **MFCA – J J Lynott**
  + July 27 at Branchville next general meeting at 1PM
  + Has new MFCA books available.
  + MD Weekend Planning started was very successful last year.
  + MFCA is working on getting more training classes and seminars out there.
  + We need to do better at getting information out to companies
* **MFRETC – Bob Cumberland** 
  + September 10th next meeting Location TBA
  + Comment period is open for the Orange Book.
  + Looking into Statewide Training Plan in place of many individual plans.
* **High School Programs**  – **Dan Stevens**
  + Dan Stevens updated his and Bobbi’s travels and participation in various programs along with a report of a program in Texas.
  + Roundtable discussions are being conducted.
  + Talked about physical and mental screenings.
* **Other Reports –** 
  + **Recruitment and Retention** –
    - Leon Fleming advised it will be Chaired by John Denver, PP
  + **Safety Committee – George Wentz –**
    - Safety Chairman Mike LeCompte requested George to attend.
  + **EMS Committee – Jeana Panarella –** 
    - Talked about Intern Packet for EMT students is being reviewed by MIEMSS. Much discussion.
  + **Bob Cumberland –** 
    - CVVFA Responder Safety issues with LED lights regarding brightness.
    - Go to Respondersafety.com for information.
    - New program called the Autonomous Vehicle. [www.Respondersafety.com](http://www.Respondersafety.com)
    - Working on getting MIEMSS CEUs for programs.

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

* **Roger Marks** discussed California Casualty underwrites a TTT Impacted Teen Driving that we should look into presenting at the next Convention.
* **Mark Bilger** advised we might want to invite UL to our meetings to add to our resources.
* **Leon Fleming** discussed the “Give away” for Maryland Weekend. **Scott Wood** discussed a lanyard with possibly a case. **Scott Wood** will look into.
* **Leon Fleming** asked for a representative volunteer for the Life Safety and Cancer Committee, **Roger Marks** volunteered for Life Safety. **Brian Montgomery** will handle Safety and Cancer Committee.
* Discussion regarding starting the updating of the 2017 Training Plan

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* **Mario Melfa** sent several documents for Committee distribution. Attached
* **Bob Cumberland** discussed various Active Shooter training sessions
* **Bob Cumberland** talked about upcoming Golf Tournament in Pleasant Valley

Thanks to **Jeana Panarella** and Frederick PSTC for their hospitality.

**Adjourned:** 12:45PM – **Next Meeting – September 15, 2019, Sunday 10:00AM, Carroll County PSTC**

Respectively Submitted,

Charles J. Simpson, Jr.

**MFRI ATTACHMENT:**

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**From:** Cox, Steve  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:15 AM  
**Subject:** Regional Meeting notes

Good morning,

 As requested, I have listed below some items to discuss:

**Courses that came out of PILOT and went into FINAL as of 7/1/2019**

 HM 201 – Hazardous Materials Technician

HM 221 – Hazardous Materials Incident Commander

MGMT 207 – Fire Department Equal Opportunity Officer II

**Courses in PILOT**

 FIRE 114 – Ariel Apparatus

FIRE 125 – Building Construction

FIRE 130 – EVO

FIRE 131 – EVO Refresher

HM 102 – Hazardous Materials Operations

HM 103 – Hazardous Materials Awareness

HM 112 – Hazardous Materials Operations-Extended Version

MGMT 218 – EMS Officer II

**Courses in DEVELOPMENT**

FIRE 113 – Pumps

EMS 202 – EMT Refresher Skills

EMS 204 – EMT Continuing Education Online

EMS 207 – EMR Refresher

EMS 305 – ALS Refresher

**Upcoming courses to be DEVELOPED**

 EMS 203 – EMT Refresher

Firefighter Series

Instructor Series

**Items of Discussion**

        Release dates (for both PILOT and FINAL courses) have changed to July 1 and December 1 (Release dates used to be March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1).

        Train the Trainer seminars will likely be developed for any course that has undergone major design and development changes.

        We will be working on a new format for PILOT and Instructor Course Evaluations

        As stated yesterday, if anything comes up regarding Mate, it was put on hold roughly a year ago.  IDS was pulled to focus on upcoming certification deadlines, which are still ongoing.

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