MSFA Training Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 2016 11:30-1:30

Western Enterprise Fire Company, Hagerstown, MD

Attendees: Chairman Kingsley Poole, MSFA 2nd VP Richard Blair (and Host), MFRI Assistant Director Larry Preston, MFCA Liaison Tim Delehanty, William Ball, Tim Dayton, Susan Grote, Bob McHenry, Jeffrey Ringer, Dan and Bobbi Stevens, Charlie Wills, and Scott Wood

**Chairman Poole** called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge. Lunch was provided by Western Enterprise Fire Company and MSFA **2nd VP Richard Blair**. VP Blair welcomed us to the company and Hagerstown. If there is anything we needed he will be happy to assist. As MSFA 2nd VP he reported MSFA is working on legislative issues in preparation for the Maryland Legislative Session that begins in January 2017.

MFRI -- **Assistant Director Larry Preston**

* MFRI has been working on a new Learning Management System (LMS) to improve the interactivity of the learning experience for students while still meeting the needs of instructors. The new LMS will create an efficient, unified and automated workflow. After a training period for administrators and instructors, there will be a gradual transition in January 2017, with full implementation by the end of June 2017.
* MFRI online registration has been developed to mirror the existing paper-based system. The online system has been piloted in a couple of regions and should be running in all regions by the end of this year, and will include ALS classes.
* MFRI continues to see improvement in the pass rate on EMT National Registry, and has implemented, for the fall 2016 semester, a newly developed syllabus.
* Maryland Weekend is February 11 and 12, 2017 and a brochure was passed out to those in attendance. None of the classes offered have a pre-requisite.
* Some of the first students who took EMT National Registry will soon be coming up for recertification. Recertification for National Registry is every 2 years and is 40 hours, versus Maryland EMT recertification of every 3 years. Larry indicated MIEMSS would be the agency to address offerings to those wishing to recertify the National Registry. Pat Gainer and Dr. Alcorta are again co-directors of MIEMSS following the departure of Dr. Seaman, and while another hiring process is put into place.
* The Student Council Meetings are scheduled in the MFRI Regions through the month of November.
* The National Fire Service Staff and Command Course will be in Baltimore March 12-17, 2017. The program provides in-depth analyses of current and emerging issues in emergency services management. More information is available on mfri.org or call 301-226-9962.
* The Traffic Incident Management Seminars (TIMS) are not federally required for First Responders and that only Texas requires TIMS. Elsewhere it is a standard, not a requirement. Tow truck drivers were mentioned as needing the training. MFRI offers an online or face-to-face 18-24 hours course. If a department gets 15 people, MFRI will offer a train-the-trainer on this. And lastly, MFRI is willing to work with the Training Committee for seminars/offerings at the OC Convention. A copy of Mr. Preston’s report is attached (as a separate attachment).

MFCA – **Training Committee Chair Tim Delehanty**

* There is a free Leadership Seminar on Saturday, Nov. 5th at the Howard County Public Safety Center in Marriottsville, MD. For more information and to register, go to mdchief.org.
* Dec. 9-11 is the FROG training in OC and paid by the Safer Grant. There are a few seats left. Go to MFRI.org for information.
* MFCA handles Leadership Seminars, and MSFA handles Recruitment and Retention Seminars under the Safer Grant.
* The Chief Officers’ Seminar is scheduled for March 4th and 5th, 2017. The topic is Suicide Prevention, Cancer – Take Care of our People.

MSFPQB – **Dan Stevens**

* The Safety Officer certification is about to change. If you have the current Safety Officer lass, but have not certified, you may want to do so by November before the new Safety Officer Certification goes into effect.
* The Pro Board 5 year inspection is next July (2017).
* The new Fire Department Health and Safety Officer class will be 39 hours in length .
* The new Fire Department Incident Safety Officer will be 24 hours long; Fire Officer I is a pre-requisite. It was suggested you get certified for Fire Department Safety Officer by November 1.

High School Cadet – This Wednesday, October 26th  at MFRI HQ there will be a class sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Volunteer Fire Council. Washington County Cadet Lead Instructor Jamie Drawbaugh will do a presentation. This program is apparently by invitation only.

Kingsley will be offering a training opportunity on Why We Haven’t Learned from our Past on Thursday, Nov. 10th from 6:30-9:30 at the MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center in Cresaptown.

**The next Training Committee meeting will be 11:30 on Sunday, January 15, 2017, hosted by Chief Nick Thompson, Hampstead VFC, at the Carroll County Public Safety Training Center, 50 Kate Wagner Road, Westminster, MD 21157.**

**High School Cadet Meeting**

A brief meeting was held about the inactive High School Cadet Sub-Committee. Possible new sub-committee chairpersons were discussed and Dan Stevens offered to contact two individuals to see if they would be interested in chairing and/or co-chairing this sub-committee. The high school cadet meeting referred to in the Training meeting this Wednesday at MFRI HQ was discussed and it was questioned why a representative from the MSFA Training Committee was not included to attend the meeting. Kingsley was going to check on that. Some counties that offer the high school cadet program are considering going to a two-year program. Washington County’s cadet program has been a two-year program with one year concentrating on fire and the other year on EMS. The fire year includes HMO, PEAF, Site Ops (Rescue Tech), FFI, FFII, Vehicle and Machinery, and fillers such as cultural diversity. The EMS year includes EMT, a rehash of HAZMAT, and the students are on their own to take responsibility to get their 10 EMS assessments. Kingsley was going to check on all that is offered in both the fire and EMS curriculum in Washington County.