



BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

March 12, 2018 6:00 PM – Meeting Minutes
Delaware County EMS Station #3
4501 East Memorial Drive
Muncie, Indiana 47305

NOTE: All variance request must be received no less than 20 days prior to the Fire Board Meeting to be put on the Agenda.

A. Call to order 6:00 PM – Meeting called to Order

Board Members Present

Eric Drieman (Chair); Rob Lund (Secretary); Geno Brabson; M. Burke Jones; Jason Rogers; Tom Hanify; James Greeson (Fire Marshal); John Brown (Director of Training & Preparedness and Director of Planning)

Board Members Not Present

Eric Gentry (Vice Chair); John Smith; Greg Wyant; 1 Vacant Seat (Chris Johnson)

B. Consideration and approval of January 22, 2018 Fire Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve minutes by **Rob Lund 2nd by Geno Brabson**, the remaining board members stated “Aye” in agreement to approve November meeting minutes. *Motion carries.*

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Muncie Area Career Center – Is requesting a variance for thirteen (13) students who are under 18 years of age to take the Cognitive Testing prior to taking their Practical Skills Testing for the following courses: Mandatory, HazMat Awareness. In addition, the school is requesting the variance be valid until the students 19th birthday. Secondly, the school is requesting these same students be allowed to take their Practical Skills Testing at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until the students 19th birthday. The students are:



Muncie Area Career Center			
Students Name		Students Name	
Ballenger, Malia	3418-9562	Billiter, Harmony	1175-0221
Carter, Joshua	8822-4895	Chapman, Tiana	9115-4955
Courtney, Christopher	8193-6628	Cox, Kearsten	2613-4252
Gunckel, Max	1624-6089	Hardesty, Lindsey	3891-2021
LaForece, Aaron	6399-3155	McCain, John	1225-3401
Phillips, Tyler	7186-5165	Santana, Raul	9090-8364
Wade, Jensen	3866-5430		

Motion to approve Genois Brabson, 2nd motion Jason Rogers all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*

2. Dillard, Dustin 5623-2041 Fire Officer IV – He has completed the packet and submitted all required documentation.
Motion to approve M. Burke Jones, 2nd motion Fire Marshal James Greeson, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
3. McClure, Anthony 7677-3558 Fire Officer II – He has completed the packet and submitted all required documentation.
Motion to approve Genois Brabson, 2nd motion John Brown, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
4. Hanisch, Timothy 1554-4879 Fire Officer II – He has completed the packet and submitted all required documentation.
Motion to approve Fire Marshal James Greeson, 2nd motion Jason Rogers, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
5. Winkler, Chad 3236-6562 Fire Officer I – He has completed the packet and submitted all required documentation.
Motion to approve John Brown, 2nd motion Jason Rogers, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
6. Latta, Dennis 4773-9172 Fire Officer I – He has completed the packet and submitted all required documentation.
Motion to approve M. Burke Jones, 2nd motion Genois Brabson, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
7. Sellersburg Fire Department – Is requesting a variance for four (4) students who are under 18 years of age to take Cognitive Testing prior to taking their Practical Skills Testing for the following courses: Module A, B, C, and D {Mandatory, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II}. In addition, they are requesting the variance be valid until the students 19th birthday.



Secondly, the department is requesting these same students be allowed to take their Practical Skills Testing at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until the students 19th birthday. The students are:

Hattabaugh, Aaron Jacob 8301-4335
Myers, John Logan 1310-1157
Werle, Matthew Brennen 8003-9310
Kerstiens, Jacob Steven 6534-4090

Motion to approve Rob Lund, 2nd motion Genoio Brabson, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*

8. Indiana Task Force 1 Requesting a variance to allow twenty-five (25) of their members to be trained and tested out of order to the Technician level for the following certifications: Vehicle/Machinery Rescue, Rope Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue. The training will begin in March and conclude in October.

Course Schedule:	
March 19-23	Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician
April 2-6	Rope Rescue Technician
May 14-18	Swift Water Rescue Technician
August 20-24	Confined Space Rescue Technician
September 10-14	Trench Rescue Technician
September 24-28	Structural Collapse Rescue Technician
October 1-5	Structural Collapse Rescue Technician

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Indiana Task Force 1 Student Names for Variance Requests			
Student Name	PSID	Student Name	PSID
Aaron Reese	2452-0500	Michael Turner	8885-6890
Amber Clouser	9637-2005	Nathan Joseph	2488-1157
Ben Lasater	9557-7726	Rob Gaylor	5868-6685
Chris Baker	8465-8838	Roger Tucheck	6906-0430
Collin Elliot	7307-0477	Ryan Takacs	4557-2935
Jared Pearish	6554-5520	Scott Floyd	4243-0762
Jeffery Keithley	6006-1775	Scott Huff	8766-7909
Jennifer Blake	5938-6044	Scott Mamaril	1863-9285
Kyle Stewart	8668-5969	Scott Tierney	3390-5202
Mark Rapp Jr.	2404-6069	Thurgood McFadden	8380-2233
Marty Roberts	9179-1011	Willie Thompson	9701-3386
Matthew Steele	7970-7949		

Motion to approve the twenty-three (23) students on the list above by Jason Rogers, 2nd motion Fire Marshal James Greeson, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. Motion carries.

9. Vincennes Township Fire Department is requesting a variance for two (2) Firefighters who are under 18 years of age to take Cognitive Testing prior to their practical skills testing for the following courses: Module A, B, C, and D {Mandatory, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II}. In addition, they are requesting the variance be valid until the students 19th birthday. Secondly, the department is requesting these same students be allowed to take their Practical Skills Testing at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until the students 19th birthday. The students are:

Leman, Caleb 7680-4267
Hostetler, Coleton 7114-4216

Motion to approve Genoio Brabson, 2nd motion M. Burke Jones, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. Motion carries.



D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)

1. Burson, Kenneth 3917-9539 Instructor II/III Variance Request – He transferred his DOD certifications to Indiana. After he took and passed the Fire Board Rules Exam we issued him Instructor I through Reciprocity. He is requesting Instructor II/III through reciprocity, but only holds Instructor II with the DOD. The DOD Instructor II certification is not equivalent to Indiana certification. Instructor II training, and skills does not meet the Instructor training, written testing and skills testing equivalency.
Motion to deny this variance request as the DOD Instructor II does not meet the standards needed for Instructor III, therefore he cannot be certified through reciprocity as an Indiana Instructor II/III Jason Rogers, 2nd motion John Brown, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. Motion carries to deny.
2. Badgley, Tracy 2338-0119 Driver Operator Request from a certificate from Engineer / Operator Seventy-Two Hours (72) completed March 30, 1990.
 - *Tracey Badgley* was present at the board meeting and presented his case to the Fire Board. He stated his credentials and training information to the Fire Board and said he had gone through all the skills again the previous week, then asked the Fire Board to issue him a variance and give him certification as a Driver Operator Aerial, Pumper, and Mobile Water Supply.
 - After some discussion back and forth there was a *Motion to approve by Fire Marshal James Greeson, 2nd motion Tom Hanify, Eric Drieman abstained from the vote*, all other voting members stated “Aye” to approve giving Tracey Badgley Driver Operator Aerial, Pumper and Mobile Water Supply *Motion carries.*

E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation)

1. Ray, Adam 4672-9849 Safety Officer Variance Request – He took and completed the Safety Officer course 5/06/2009 however he did not have Fire Officer I at the time. He did obtain his Fire Officer I Certification on 11/10/2010.
 - *Adam Ray* attended the Fire Board meeting and stated his case, his credentials, and explained the information he had submitted. *Motion to approve Jason Rogers, 2nd motion Tom Hanify*, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Motion carries.*
2. Bloomington Fire Department Variance Request to allow **Hutchison, Bryan 7969-6603** to be a Lead Instructor for the following new Driver Operator Modules: D/O General, D/O Pumper, and D/O Aerial. Additionally Bloomington Fire Department is requesting to allow **Drescher, Travis 4073-1121** to be a Lead Evaluator for the following new D/O Modules: D/O General, D/O Pumper, and D/O Aerial.
 - *Tania Daffron* attended the Fire Board meeting and stated the case for the Bloomington Fire Department and why they want this variance. After some discussion with Tania Daffron a Battalion Chief with Bloomington FD explaining



the credentials of Hutchison and Drescher the board voted. **Motion** to approve the request that Bryan Hutchison be allowed to be the Lead Instructor for the new Driver Operator (D/O) Modules: D/O General, Pumper and Aerial and for Travis Drescher to be the Lead Evaluator for the new D/O Modules to include: D/O General, Pumper and Aerial **by Tom Hanify, 2nd motion M. Burke Jones**, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. **Motion carries.**

3. Clift, Donald 7185-7042 Requesting the Board waive the 1 year waiting period to become an Instructor 1, from the time he received his Firefighter II Certification.
 - **Donald Clift** attended the Fire Board meeting and stated his case, his credentials, and explained the information he had submitted. He completed his practical’s but was not allowed to test as he did not meet the prerequisite of having his FF II for one (1) year.
 - After much discussion the board made a **Motion to approve** Donald Clift to take the Cognitive Exam for Fire Instructor I but it would **not be effective** until he has met the prerequisite of being a FF II for 1 year **by Tom Hanify, 2nd motion Rob Lund**, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. **Motion carries.**
4. Steven Nolan 5959-3481 and Robert Brown 4662-4306 are requesting a variance to allow them to be a Lead Instructor and/or a Lead Evaluator for the new Driver Operator Modules.
Motion to approve Tom Hanify, 2nd motion Jason Rogers, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. **Motion carries.**
5. Smythe, Mark 4346-8425 requesting a Variance for Instructor I and Instructor II/III based off his teaching license, which has been verified through the board of education. He has a Master’s Degree. He has taken and passed the Fire Board Rules Exam.
 - **Donna Saine**, Certification Course Administrator, discussed with the board that on Mark Smythe’s variance request he stated he originally took the Instructor I course at the Jasper Fire School, but that it was not on his record and staff could not verify this. Staff requested Mr. Smythe respond and let staff know the course ID for the Instructor I he took at the Jasper Fire School, and when. At the time of the Board Meeting staff still had not heard back from him.
 - **Fire Marshal James Greeson made a motion to table** this to the next Fire Board Meeting and if the additional documentation is not in by that time that the Board deny the request, **2nd motion by M. Burke Jones**, all voting members stated “Aye” to approve. **Motion carries to table to the May 14, 2018 Fire Board Meeting.**



G. State Fire Marshal Report – **James Greeson**

- Marshal Greeson started his comments by thanking everyone who showed up to attend this Fire Board Meeting. The meeting was well attended and it was nice to see a large audience. Many have driven many miles and he thanks all for taking the time to attend. Last Saturday, March 10th, was the last of our three Fire Marshal Leadership Seminars. This year they were held them in Seymour, Brownsburg, and South Bend this year. He wants to thank each of the departments for hosting the Seminars. We had really good attendance, a full day of discussion, and he believes everyone walked away with a good understanding of EMS and Fire reporting, the Opioid epidemic we have going on, and a good understanding of what services the Fire Marshal’s Office provides, training issues, again it was very successful this year. Marshal Greeson is thanking all those who attended and gave up their Saturday to come and participate, both attendees and staff.
- The first Module of the new Executive Leadership Program is complete and we were due to Beta test the first Module this week, in Northern Indiana, due to the flooding the Beta testing has been delayed by a week or two. This will be a two (2) day presentation of our Leadership Development Program to get feedback from those who are completing the Beta testing. We will have subject matter experts (SME’s) come in and help present the different topics. In full, when ready, this training will be a Modular system with everything from basic leadership all the way into maybe some civics classes on how to deal with budgets, elected officials, and all those developments one must know to become a leader. This is not just for Fire Chiefs, but also for those aspiring to grow their careers and get into leadership. I would like to thank Wade Walling and Charlie Heflin for all the work that they and our staff are doing on this program.
- The Homeland Security Foundation Grant just closed last Friday and I hope that anyone who was eligible to apply took advantage of this. This potentially can award a qualifying Fire Department, Law Enforcement, EMA, or EMS entity be awarded up to four-thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for a various number of items whether it be equipment, defibrillators, or another piece of equipment or items, pretty much the sky is the limit except for radios. We will be scoring those applications later this week and next week. Then the full board will meet to award those grants later this year.
- FDIC week is April 23rd through April 28th for those that want to come to Indianapolis and attend. I encourage anyone to attend so they can kick tires, put their hands on tools and equipment. The Convention Center and Lucas Oil stadium are usually full of all kinds of trucks and equipment. If you haven’t signed up and are still able to there are many “HOT” Classes the first two days then during the remaining of the week there are many worthwhile classes you can take advantage of (i.e. leadership, EMS). I encourage all to go online and enroll in the classes if they are still open.



- I am not so happy to report this, but there have been twenty-seven (27) Fire related fatalities in the State of Indiana since the first of the year. Many of those were multiple fatalities and many involving children. As all of us know many times it is due to not having a working smoke alarm in the residence. The Fire Marshal's Office will be receiving some smoke alarms here in the near future they have been ordered from some money we received from State Farm Insurance, I thank them for that, they will have the ten (10) year lithium battery. If you have a program at your fire department, or know of individuals in your area who need smoke alarms reach out to the Fire Marshal's office and we will try to get those to you. We have also applied for the Fire Prevention Safety Grant through FEMA. If we are fortunate enough to get that grant this year we are asking for three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to buy smoke alarms and also smoke alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing which we have done in the past.
- Last week and for about the last ten (10) days a lot of our staff out of the Marshal's Office have been up in northern Indiana either doing damage assessments or working in the One Stop Shops for the floods. The flooding occurred from the Mid-Central state up to Elkhart County going west into Lake County. The One Stop Shops are to help those who have been affected by the flooding a place to go apply for assistance of any kind. It is not just DHS that is there many other state agencies are there like BMV, FSSA, so anyone who needs help can come there for assistance. Additionally, we have also now moved down to the southern part of the state for flooding down and around Clark County doing damage assessments and I imagine next week we will be setting up the One Stop Shops down south. So if you have been trying to get things done through the Marshal's Office and have been delayed that is the reason.

H. Director of Training/Preparedness – **John Brown**

- John Brown reported the Training section is very involved in the Stop the Bleed Program. Our State Training Officer, Elizabeth Westfall, who is here is truly the hinge pin around that program. We are working really hard right now to expand the deliveries of this program throughout the state.
- We are working everyday on our State Level Exercise (SLE) which will be held July 28th through August 3rd. It will involve District 3 as evaluators, District 5, 6 7 as Incident Management Team (IMT) support, Districts 8, 9 and 10 will be doing damage assessments in the 2018 SLE scenario. We are already working on having planning meetings on SLE 2019 which is going to be a Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Event and will include Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- While all of this is going on we are working on the Combined Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) which Indiana received a 2.1 million dollar grant around CCTA activities and we are working very hard to put together some activities for that. This involves the State of Indiana, but includes partners from FEMA Regions 3 and 5, and the



Commonwealth of Kentucky. This is a very robust event we are planning which will include Law Enforcement and some local jurisdictions as well.

- I. Section Chief – John M. Buckman III is not here this evening, but **Charles Heflin** and **Jason Coffey** are here to give a report.
- **Charles Heflin** reported about Quality Assurance (QA). We have given brought on two (2) additional contract staff to help with QA. We have given Eric Funkhouser read only access to ACADIS to see each course that is requested on ACADIS in order to allow him to assign coaches for the different courses to the QA staff. In those categories of courses where take care (i.e. FF I, FF II, HMA, HMO, VMRO, FO I) in those classes you will see 100% saturation. Every Lead Instructor and Every Lead Evaluator in those courses will be contacted moving forward to coach them. We will do front end coaching and help the Instructor and/or Evaluators find out if they have everything they need for the course. If they need a prop we will make sure they have it and if not help locate the needed prop. We want to make sure they have everything then need to deliver a top quality course. We are also going to step up doing site visits. These will be QA Staff who will locate courses within fifty (50) miles of their homes. We are focusing on courses that have skills. We get feedback from the field we are picking on Instructors. We are not there to pick on them, we are here to help them become better Instructors and to help make sure all their ducks are in a row, and they have all the props they need for the course.
 - We are starting to make some revisions to the Instructor II/III Program. This program has 27 JPR's and skills the students are required to do. One of those is a Training Needs Analysis which is subjective. We don't have anything that says a Training Needs Analysis should have A, B, and C. We are developing a few Analysis documents to help take away some of the subjectiveness. These are just about complete and once they are they will send out electronically for you to look at. This will give the Instructor across the state a consistent guide on what to look for. It will also allow those students to know what is being looked for in a specific JPR. In just these past few weeks we have had several Instructor II/III Packets turned in that are anywhere from 21 pages long up to 550 pages long. So we have some students that are going out of their way to do a really great job and others just enough to get by. We want to be sure that even if they are doing just enough to get by that they are meeting a minimum criteria. We plan on BETA testing the Analysis Documents to assess the JPRs on the documents that are being turned in for the Instructor II/III Packets. We are making progress and should be able to reach more Instructors on the front end as we ramp up our numbers in QA.
 - **Eric Drieman** – Anything you can do on the front end to help reduce the Agenda on our end is greatly appreciated.



- **Charles Heflin** – We also will start providing you with numbers from how many Quality Assurance contacts, Instructor contacts, Lead Evaluator Contacts, and site visits contacts we have made between Fire Board Meetings, or whatever timeframe you prefer so you can see what progress we are making.
- **Jason Coffey** Discuss Driver Operator Prerequisite of being a First Class Firefighter or Firefighter II for 1 year.
- NFPA 1002 2017 has taken out the requirement to be a Firefighter before becoming a Driver Operator. The reasoning for this is due to the volunteer fire departments have people who do not want to be a firefighter but are willing to drive. Our current prerequisite is to be a 1st Class Firefighter or a Firefighter II before you can become a Driver Operator. I do not know if this has to go to legal or through the Fire Board to change the prerequisite. I would like the State of Indiana to look at this and determine if we can take the prerequisite out.
- Instructing the new Driver Operator Module System – To be an Instructor for the new Driver Operator Module System if an Instructor has taken the old Driver Operator courses to include (Aerial, Mobile Water Supply, Pumper) they would have completed the General portion in each of those courses. Therefore, they will be allowed to instruct the new Driver Operator General without taking that course. They are also able to teach any of the Driver Operator courses which they hold a certification in, as long as they meet the requirements of Instructing said course.
- Driver Operator 3 Year Rule (September 2014 – September 2017) If a student took any of the Driver Operator courses within this three (3) year time span they can take the next course they choose to without having to take the Driver Operator General. For example; if they are signed up for a new Driver Operator Module course for Aerial, they can take that without having to take the new General exam stand alone. This only applies to those students who have received one of the Driver Operator certifications within the last three (3) years starting September 2014.
- **Eric Drieman** – The only concern I have is if you are going to make the Driver Operator General a separate certification then it may create logistical issues for those that are wanting to teach an Aerial, Pumper or Mobile Water Supply course, when they have to wait the 30 days to get the results from General before taking one of the others.
- **Donna Saine** – The new Driver Operator exams are only available electronically. The old Driver Operator mixed the General in each of the three disciplines. If a Driver Operator course is going to be given the Instructor may instruct both the General Course along with the other Driver Operator discipline they choose. The students would then take sequential testing. The Proctor would be given test codes for each of the students for both exams.



Once the Proctor verifies the student has passed the General Exam, they can give the student the test code for the next exam. However, if the student does not pass the General portion they would not be allowed to complete the other exam until they have retested General and passed.

- If we are going to IFSAC these certifications we cannot by IFSAC rules combine the General in with the other three disciplines. I would personally rather see this be kept as an online exam, as four (4) separate exams. If you want me to make paper exams for the four (4) Driver Operator Disciplines I can, but I would rather see us keep this as online only. Sir, I believe the further we can move from paper testing to electronic testing the better off our testing will be.
- **Eric Drieman** – I have an Officer’s Annual In-Service Training Plan in my packet, were one of you going to talk about that?
- **Charles Heflin** – This is another document that is not quite done yet. It is a Quality Assurance document that outlines what a Fire Officer should have for the fire department under the 1401 guidelines. We should have that complete and ready to share with you within the next few weeks.

J. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders – Legal - None

K. Request for Administrative Appeals – Chairman - None

L. Old Business –

1. Carmel Fire Department Updated List for Variance to bring Carmel up to NFPA 1021 standards.

- **Eric Drieman** – Chief Cromlich did I see you come in, do you have an update for us in your classes in Carmel?
- **Chief Cromlich** – We held an Instructor II/III course last week and fourteen (14) of the seventeen (17) passed the exam. This was an 80% pass rate which the state averages about 40%. We have a Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST) Class next week. After that we have three more course schedule under this federal funding. We may look to expand some classes with left over funding. We are trying to figure out how to apply that. Everything seems to be going well. We have had a few rough patches with ordering test with the transition to the new system, but I think staff has done a great job with helping us with that.

M. New Business – No new business



N. Open discussion, comments, questions?

- **Tom Hanify** – Everybody knows **John Buckman is retiring**. We are having a Retirement Open House for him beginning at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Indianapolis Fire Fighters Union Hall, see address below. We are planning this with staff from IDHS. Anybody who has no position and wants to donate you are welcome to. It is going to be during FDIC. If you do not know John Buckman and have not worked with him you should know he is a real gentleman. He has been a tremendous asset to the Fire Service across Indiana. He has worked for IDHS for about twenty-nine (29) years. He was a past president of the International Fire Chiefs Association. I am not sure if we had any others from Indiana. Everybody is welcome to come stop by and congratulate him. I will tell you parking is not great off Massachusetts Ave. so you may want to Uber over.
- **Union Hall Address:** 748 Massachusetts Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204.
- **Chief Cromlich** - I would like to clarify what Mr. Coffey spoke on the removing of the prerequisites for the Driver Operator Program. I think this is a terrible idea I believe the NFPA is a minimum standard. That engine may be the RIT engine and a lot of the time we rely upon our Chauffeurs of the apparatus to be our eyes and ears or outside safety for our departments. This is just a knee jerk reaction. I do not know what the reason is behind doing this, but when the public sees a person get out of the apparatus they expect that person to be a Firefighter. I do not know if we are doing ourselves a real service there.
- **Marshal James Greeson** – Let me talk about this for a minute. This is primarily about the Volunteer Fire Service. There are many departments down in southern Indiana that have a hard time getting five (5) or six (6) people to show up and they do not have enough people to staff. There are some seasoned individuals out there that maybe do not care to be a firefighter but are gladly willing to thorough the Pumper Operator Course and learn how to do Aerial, Pumper and Mobile Water Supply and do nothing more than get the apparatus to the scene and provide water. I understand it is one thing for a department that has fourteen hundred (1,400) people or a department that has one hundred-fifty or sixty (150 or 60) people. But, some of these fire departments in rural Indiana are struggling and all this does is allow an individual (and it is not going to be a lot) to provide a service to their community.
- **Chief Cromlich** – Volunteers lives matter, just as career firefighter lives matter. I just think the more education the guy driving the truck has the better off we are. I do not wish to see us lower our standards.
- **Elizabeth Westfall** – Mr. Chairman, One additional comment to go along with Director Brown’s report for Training and Exercise. We are currently in the process of conducting



our State Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW). This is supposed to be filtered through Fire, Emergency Management (EMA), and Emergency Medical Service (EMA) where we identify all the training and exercises that you would like brought to Indiana through our Federal partnerships. I encourage all of the Fire Service to reach out to your EMA Directors over the next two months. They are collecting all of the data and sending the reports to the State and we will upload that information to the Federal Government. Please have some buy-in and bring some classes to your departments, they are free.

- **Eric Drieman** – Is there a resource list or course catalogue we could look at?
- **Elizabeth Westfall** – There is some information I can provide if you want to send that out.
- **Eric Drieman** – Donna maybe you can include this information in the next Training Bulletin you send out.

- **Eric Drieman** – **Anyone else have anything?**
- **Jay Settergren** – Mr. Chairman, I do not think I introduced myself earlier, I am Jay Settergren the Training Coordinator with Indiana Task Force One. I just have a quick question about the timeline for the 1670 courses to be added to the online testing. Do you have any idea when that may happen?
- **Eric Drieman** – I do not. Jason Coffey do you have any idea.
- **Jason Coffey** – Marshal Greeson may have something on this. Some of those courses have not been updated since 2004 with one of those being recent as 2009 Vehicle and Machinery Operations and Technician. Speaking to Chief Buckman he has a plan that we are going to put in place to start redoing those. I think he might have talked to Donna. Instead of putting the current test banks into online testing waiting until we start updating these individually so it makes it easier on her to get those test updated and online at one time, instead of doing what we have now and then having to redo it all over again.
- **Donna Saine** – So on that note, Russ Shoaf came by and met with us maybe two or three weeks ago. It is my plan in 2018 to get all of the rescue tests updated and online so we can do online testing. He went through and completed a matrix on the new NFPA standards for each discipline. He looked at our current material which we have built our test from. He said the changes to the new NFPA standards did not have enough significant changes to change what we already have validated. We are revalidating the test questions to make sure they are refreshed and we will be building new exams from those banks. He believes those banks we have will cover what the new NFPA standards require.
- **Tom Hanify** – I want to go back to the Drive Operator discussion. Is there any chance we can find out what other states are doing? Do any other states do this? What kind of liability



does this have for the Fire Service? Seventy percent (70%) of the volunteer fire departments are private corporations. If a person shows up as a driver for a truck, it is like me showing up in a Police car at a mass shooting, it does not do much good. I would like to know what is going on with other states. What kind of liability is it? What does the insurance industry companies that insure the Volunteer Fire Departments think about this, are they okay with it?

- **Jason Coffey** – I can reach out to them. My contacts with Jones and Bartlett and IFSTA are the ones that brought this to my attention, that the prerequisite has been removed. Then by doing research and reaching out to some of the people on the 1002 committee confirmed they had pulled that out. I am not stating facts but I am sure there are people driving fire trucks in this state and that is all they do.
- **Tom Hanify** – I do not doubt that. It is just for us approving this is the question. What is our liability? I understand the need, but why not have sixteen (16) year olds use a chainsaw and we approve that? We do not because it is a liability. I am not saying it is not happening out there, we all know it is happening, but it is not for us to say.
- **Donna Saine** – Legal may have something to say about that.
- **Tom Hanify** – Yes, people are doing it, and we are not saying it is okay. I just think we should ask some questions. If you go to a national meeting of volunteer fire departments you will see recruitment and retention are number one, two, three, four, etc. on their list.
- **Jason Coffey** – I will reach out and see what other states are doing?
- **Eric Drieman** – I will have to say this is the most open discussion and remarks we have had in a long time.
- **Tom Hanify** – Thank you Mr. Chairman for running a great meeting. I would like to thank Delaware County for hosting us and providing the coffee.
- **Board** – Here – here
- **Eric Drieman** – All those in favor to adjourn *signify by stating aye*. *All* voting members stated “Aye” to approve. *Meeting is adjourned*.

Next meeting: May 14, 2018 6:00 PM
Columbus Learning Center
4555 Central Ave.
Columbus, IN 47203

Approved: _____
Eric Dreiman, Chairman

Date: _____