

**Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee
(Section 21 Committee)***

Date: June 16-17, 2016

Location: CHSI - 5110 Creekbank Road, Mississauga – Conference Centre, West

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:	Andy Kostiuk	O AFC . Committee Co-Chair
	John Mavrinac	OPFFA . Committee Co-Chair
	Rob Grimwood	O AFC
	Mike Vilneff	O AFC
	Warren McGilivary	OPFFA
	Jeff Topliffe	OPFFA
	Jeri Ottley	FFAO
	Johnathan Karn	FFAO
	Mark Pankhurst	AMO
	Cathy Hoffman	AMO
	Jeff Attwell	OFMEM
	Cliff Moore	MOL
	Tim Metcalfe	PSHSA
	Jennifer Russell	PSHSA
Regrets:	Dan Worrall (Both days)	OPFFA
	Johnathan Karn (Day 2)	FFAO

1. Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2016

The minutes were approved.

ACTION: Jennifer to distribute for posting on the websites.

2. Elliot Lake Update

This agenda item has been deferred to the September meeting.

3. Committee Facilitation Update

Cliff and Tim presented the implementation plan for the pilot program in which Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) will facilitate this committee. Tim Metcalfe, Fire Services Specialist and Jennifer Russell, Executive Assistant will assume lead Operational and Administrative roles and Cliff will remain as the MOL representative.

It was noted that going forward, Guidance Notes will retain the Ministry logo and be posted on the MOL website in both English and French.

4. Use of Fire GNs

The Committee discussed the use of Fire GNs and their value as a best practise.

ACTION: - The Co-Chairs to draft a letter to Vivien outlining the requests of the Committee in this matter.

5. Firefighter Equipment Burden

Bob Webb and Chris Ste. Croix from Human Systems Incorporated (HSI) presented their findings on Human Burden and Protective Equipment based on research for the Canadian Military. It was proposed that their research and technology could be applied to Fire Fighter clothing and equipment.

ACTION: Follow up with HSI for a copy of their Fire Fighting Study for distribution to the Committee members. Cliff to supply the link for Prevention Submission Grants.

6. MOL Report

Firefighters Protective Equipment Regulation 714/94 - Cliff went through some potential changes with the committee and asked for feedback of any concerns. Section 8.2 is to be removed (traveling on a tailboard).

A new MOL contact number for priority reporting of workplace injuries has been created for exclusive use by Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.

Cliff highlighted articles from the MOL *What's New* e-newsletter on Noise Protection and the blitzes targeting Falls and New/Young Workers. It was suggested that the new Hazard Alert on Tire Explosions should be forwarded by the Committee members to their respective mechanics. Committee members are encouraged to refer to this section of the Ministry website regularly.

7. GN: Working At Heights (WAH)

Two comments were received on the Working at Heights GN. This item has been deferred to the September meeting pending further revisions.

ACTION: John to clarify the comment from Cambridge Fire regarding Fire Ground Training. Andy to follow up on the comment from Selwyn Fire regarding hose towers.

8. GN: 6-10 Highway Traffic Control

Continued review of GN-10 Highway Traffic Control

9. GN: 4-2 Eye Protection

No further revisions required. This GN is ready for the MOL process.

10. PTSD

Neil Salter, Manager, Health and Safety Policy Unit, MOL presented on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). An overview was also given of the PTSD Resource Toolkit which is housed on the First Responders First website.

11. Diesel Exhaust Exposure Study

Paul Demers, Sheila Kalenge and Richard Chung presented on a study of Diesel Exhaust Exposures in Ontario Fire Halls. They will be testing air quality in 10 Fire Halls across the province determine diesel exhaust levels.

12. Update on GNs - Cliff

- GN 6-37 Chemical Suicides, GN 3-1 Reducing Exposure to Diesel Exhaust, GN 6-36 Limiting Exposure to Fire Gases . Are in the MOL approval process. Significant changes need to be made (re: O. Reg. 833/90 references instead of NFPA, etc.).
- GN 5-2 Minimum Safety Considerations for Working Alone, GN 6-38 Carbon Dioxide Hazards, GN 7-7 Building Fire Service Training Centres, GN 4-9 Respiratory Protection Program . Have been taken to MOL Industrial Program Provincial Advisory Committee/MOL comments process.
- GN 3-5 Exposure to Noxious Weeds & GN # 6-3 Water Related Emergencies (previously GN 6-3 Water and Ice Rescue) have to be taken to the MOL Industrial Program Provincial Advisory Committee/MOL comments process.

13. Occupational Disease Action Plan

Steven Grossman, Strategy Specialist (A) and Renee Hepburn, Senior Strategy Advisor, MOL presented the Strategy Refresh and Occupational Disease Action Plan. The MOL is currently the consultation phase of the plan which will be tailored towards the reduction of occupational illness in the workplace. The presenters consulted with the committee on the previously distributed discussion questions around occupational disease prevention.

14. Update on Notification of Solar Panels

ESA will be sharing with fire Chiefs the locations of installations of solar panels across the province. This will allow fire services the opportunity to preplan.

15. Update on PSHSA Support for Elevator Training

There will be development of a hydraulic elevator training program for firefighters.

16. Occupational Illness Notifications

John presented a new draft GN on Hygiene and Decontamination. Revisions were made by the Committee members during the meeting. This GN to be cross-referenced for compatibility with GN 4.8 Maintenance, Inspection and Replacement of Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment.

ACTION: John for cross-referencing and further revision.

17. GN: New Artificial Smoke

This GN has been placed on hold.

18. GN: Proposal for Active Shooter

Dan and Cathy to revise this GN and reduce its size.

19. GN: Active Forest Fire

There was agreement that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) should come to a future Committee meeting.

Jeff T. to review and revise this GN.

ACTION: Cliff - Does MOL retain any information pertaining to mutual aid agreements between MNRF and any municipalities and wild land fire response percentages.

20. GN: 6-19 Hybrid/Electric and Electric Vehicle Safety

Mark to review this GN.

21. Draft Guidance note on Training Providers

This GN remains on hold.

22. GN: Ladders

Cathy to review for grammar and spelling.

23. GN: Air Ambulance

Cathy to review GN for grammar and spelling.

24. Other Business

There was a suggestion to have future Committee meetings in rotating locations/venues in order to provide exposure to other geographical areas.

Action: Cliff will present to MOL for remarks.