

Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee (Section 21) | MINUTES

September 8 & 9, 2016 | 947 Martingrove Road, Toronto, Ontario

Present:	Andy Kostiuk	O AFC . Committee Co-Chair
	John Mavrinac	OPFFA . Committee Co-Chair
	Dan Worrall	OPFFA
	Rob Grimwood	O AFC
	Johnathan Karn	FFOA
	Geoff Boisseau	OPFFA
	Mark Pankhurst	AMO
	Cliff Moore	MOL
	Vic Dillabaugh	OPFFA
	Mike Vilneff	O AFC
	Tim Metcalfe	PSHSA
	Monica Szabo	PSHSA
	Carolyn Bryan	PSHSA
Presenters:	George Gritzotis	MOL
	Vivien Wharton-Szatan	MOL
	Patrick McManus	GTSWCA
Regrets:	Cathy Hoffman	AMO
	John Hay	O AFC
	Jeri Ottley	FFAO
	Jeff Attwell	OFMEM

1. Call to Order

Round table introduction to introduce new committee members.

2. Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed, amended and accepted.

Action: distributed Minutes for posting

3. Elevator Rescue Training

Training will be offered through the Reginal Training Centres

Action: Creation of training is on hold until Reginal Training Centres system is operating.

4. Active Shooter GN Review

Continued development of GN around safety concerns incorporating other emergency services.

Action: Dan and Andy to review and reduce the size of the document.

5. Air Ambulance

The GN was reviewed and changes made to the document.

Action: Will be sent out for comments.

6. Ladder Training GN Review

GN reviewed and further edited by committee.

Action: MOL will review content for compliance with Ontario Legislation.

7. Excavation Safety Handbook

The Excavation Safety Handbook was reviewed by the committee.

Action: Committee will receive presentation on second day of meeting.

8. Meeting with Chief Prevention Officer – George Gritziotis, Ministry of Labour

The Chief Prevention Officer addressed the Committee and reiterated the Ministry's commitment to a collaborative effort to meet Health & Safety needs. He noted that:

- i. The CPO office is advised by the Prevention Council with representatives from the academic community, and legal aid to bring a voice to workers and provide strategic advice on health and safety.
- ii. PTSD summit coming up in October.
- iii. Prevention has been moved over from WSIB
- iv. Regulations are being enforced. For example it is mandatory for all workers to take Health and Safety Awareness Training and Working at Heights in the construction sector and looking to expand in other sectors
- v. Completed a review of Health & Safety and prevention in mining sector. Release four new legislative changes
 1. High visibility
 2. Ground patrol
 3. Water management
 4. Risk assessment annually
- vi. Prevention office embark on occupational diseases action plan in tandem with the MOL and Health & Safety Associations, WSIB and research community to scope out how this will manifest.
- vii. Initiative for first responders . PTSD . four pronged strategy . radio awareness campaign . annual summit on October 25th or 26th . engage community on what has been done, where are the gaps and what to do moving forward.

Action: . The CPO identified three areas of opportunity: Further utilizing PSHSA's training centres; further utilizing the fire service as a distribution/communications network, better utilizing system data. . Cliff to loop back to George regarding next steps for fire specific data collection.

9. GN Occupational Illness Notification- John, review 4-8 and new GN

Continued development of GN. Awaiting MOL direction for Occupational Hygiene during fire operations.

Action: Review at next meeting.

10. GN Artificial Smoke

Out for comment. Comments close November 28, 2016

Action: Review Comments at next meeting.

11. GN Active Forest Fire

The GN for the Active Forest Fire was reviewed by the committee.

Action: Dan and John to continue working on the GN based on committee's discussion.

12. GN 6-19 Hybrid/Electric and Electric Vehicle Safety

GN continues to be relevant.

Action: No action required.

13. Draft Guidance Note on Training Providers – Comparison against GN7-1 Training Session

Waiting on recommendation from Coroner's Inquest.

Action: Co-chairs are removing this item from the agenda

14. GN 6-10 Traffic Protection

Completed review with the Ministry of Labour.

Action: Awaiting MOL approval.

15. GN Review

Update on GNs . Cliff

GN 3-1 Reducing Exposure to Diesel Exhaust & GN 6-36 Limiting Exposure to Fire Gases have been approved and posted.

GN 6-37 Chemical Suicides . Is in the MOL approval process. Significant changes need to be made.

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), GN 4-2 Eye Protection, GN 6-38 Working at Heights, GN 6-10 Traffic Control are scheduled for the October meeting of the MOL Industrial Program Provincial Advisory Committee/MOL comments process.

16. Meeting with Vivien Wharton-Szatan - MOL

Vivien addressed the five main questions that arose out of the co-chairs letter to her. She informed the committee that the guidance note system was developed to address the gaps in regulation and is to be used as a best practice document.

Action: MOL to review the disclaimer with possible revisions to the language.

Vivien to respond to the co-chairs letter in writing.

MOL will attempt to bring a representative to the next meeting to discuss hygiene.

17. Presentation on Excavation Safety Handbook for Emergency Responders

Patrick McManus and colleague presented the excavation safety handbook for emergency responders to the Committee. The handbook provides a reference guide that identifies safe and unsafe sites. They demonstrated how to use the guide and lead a discussion on to recommendations for its publication to all emergency responders across the province.

Action: The committee will continue having discussions with GTSWCA to identify possible training piece to compliment manual. Future distribution through PSHSA.

18. Policy Department Update on Regulation 714 Changes

Yvette Shirtliff spoke to the committee about possible updates to the firefighter protective equipment within the regulation 714 and gave an overview of the regulatory development process.

Action: Yvette will send questions to the committee for review. Section 21 Committee to review and discuss at the December meeting.

18. Other Business

Explore the option for a central repository to share committee information and developing GNs. It was suggested that we use SharePoint for this purpose.

Action: Tim and Monica to look into PSHSA hosting this site.

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

Action: Tim and Cliff to look into the feasibility of this.