

**Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee
Section 21 Committee
MINUTES
December 12-13, 2019**

Meeting held at 5110 Creekbank Rd, Mississauga, ON L4W 0A1
Commencing at noon on December 12, 2019

Present:

Rob Grimwood	O AFC - Committee Co-Chair
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
John Mavrinac	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Geoff Boisseau	OPFFA
Dan Worrall	OPFFA
Vic Dillabaugh	OPFFA
Doug Kellam	FFAO
Mark Pankhurst	AMO
Cathy Hoffman	AMO
Timothy Metcalfe	Public Services Health & Safety Association (Facilitator)
Juanita Martin	MLTSD

Regrets:

Doug Kellam	FFAO – Friday December 13
John Hay	O AFC

1. Review of Minutes

Minutes from the September 12-13, 2019 meeting were reviewed by committee, amended and accepted.

Action: Will be posted on O AFC website.

2. Terms of Reference Fire Section 21 Committee

The updated Terms of Reference (TOR) have been approved by the MOL. Rob Grimwood and John Mavrinac signed the documents.

3. Ontario Fire Marshal

The Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg addressed the committee. He spoke about the importance of OFMEM representation at our meetings and made assurances that the OFMEM representative will be present at future meetings. During an open forum

discussion the Fire Marshal spoke about the future direction of the OFMEM with regards to firefighter training programs and the certification process as well as continued support through statistical analysis of fire events within the province.

4. Firefighter Cancer Prevention Checklist

The FCPC was out for comment for six weeks. The committee reviewed the comments and updated the checklist.

Action: Juanita will send the Firefighter Cancer Prevention Checklist through the MLTSD process before posting on the Ontario.ca website.

5. Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Update

Rob updated the committee about changes to the OAFCA conference in 2020. The one day Health and Safety Day will be open to all fire department personnel. The OPFFA and FFAO were invited to take part in a group discussion forum on April 29, 2020.

Action: Rob will coordinate speakers for the OAFCA Health and Safety Day.

6. GN 6-13 Water or Ice Related Emergencies and Training

The Ontario Association of Fire Training Officers asked about the change of language in GN 6-13 from approved PFD to appropriate PFD. The language was changed by the MLTSD Legal Department. Each Fire Department is responsible for making their own assessment.

Action: Rob will notify the OAFTO of the reason for the change.

7. Vehicle Stop Initiative

Dan brought forward that a number of emergency vehicles are being involved in motor vehicle collisions while responding or once at the scene of an incident. The OPFFA would like the Ministry of Transport workers to enforce the “slow down and move over” legislation for commercial vehicles.

Action: Juanita will contact the MLTSD representatives for the Police Section 21 Committee and EMS Section 21 Sub-committee to elicit support for this initiative. Rob will draft a letter to the Minister which can be signed by the Police and EMS committee co-chairs.

8. PSHSA Update

Tim presented an update of current programs and initiatives PSHSA is implementing to further support the emergency services sectors.

9. NFPA Update

John M. presented the committee the changes that are being proposed for NFPA Standards. When the changes occur, the committee will review GN and make appropriate changes.

10. Ontario Regulation 833

Juanita presented the changes to Ontario Reg. 833 which will come into force January 1, 2020. Applicable GN's were modified.

11. Future Guidance Note Development

In September, Juanita presented the numbers of views the Fire Section 21 Guidance Notes have had on the Ontario.ca website.

Action: Juanita will continue to provide this information to the committee semi-annually.

Meeting concluded December 13, 2019 @ 12:00 hrs.

Next Meeting Date:

February 27/28, 2020

June 25/26, 2020

September 10/11, 2020

December 10/11, 2020