

MEFIRE Instructor Updates – Fall 2009

Update for a permanent Director for MFTE

Initial actions on the goal to permanently fill the position of Director for MFTE have been completed. It was reported at the Sept 8th Advisory meeting that of eleven applications received; four met the qualifications and will be interviewed. Both Steve Bunker and Vicki Schmidt volunteered and were chosen to serve on the interview committee. It is planned that the interview process will be determined and that interview will begin within the very near future.

Maine Emergency Services Institute (MESI) & Regional Training Facility Updates

There has been a regrouping since the lessons learned with LD1177. It was reported at the August Fire Commission meeting that the new Training Facilities Work Group will be the Fire Commission members, and that when new legislation is submitted it will be a document that all members will be willing to sign.

It will be imperative that all groups give input to their representatives during this process. No matter what your role in Maine's fire services please make it a priority to keep in touch and keep track of progress on this process. Ideas for supportive funding options are also needed.

MFTE Deliveries

We've seen an increase in scheduled deliveries offered by MFTE. Compared to FY08-09 figures requests are up by 88% in the first two months of FY09-10. *(25 assignments per month for FY08-09 compared to 47 per month for the first two months of FY09-10)* Local Community Deliveries (LCD's) alone have increased by 69%. *(13 LCD requests a month for FY09-09 compared to 22 a month for the first two months of FY09-10)* Its theorized towns and FD's are finding MFTE program more attractive for several reasons:

1. Increased promotion of MFTE program from Regional and County Reps are educating FD's on our programs, how to request them, etc.
2. Increased activity from regional instructors who are successfully establishing a "culture of training" in their regions.
3. The offering of SMCC credits toward a fire science degree for long term commitment from student who complete FFI, FFI, and other programs.
4. The downturn in the economy which has reduced fire department training budgets. MFTE courses are offered at no charge for the instructor and most equipment and books.

Maine Fire Training & Education - Deliver Training Synopsis

(FY 09-10) AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009

TYPE OF TRAINING	ASSIGNED	COMPLETIONS
FIRE ACADEMY - ACA	1	0
FACILITY GRANT MANAGEMENT - FAC	3	n/a
HAZMAT - HAZ	1	0
CERT. AND TESTING - IHC (WRITTEN TESTS)	19	68
CERT. AND TESTING - IHC (PRACTICAL END TESTS)	3	18
LOCAL COMMUNITY DELIVERY - LCD	44	112
NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - NFA	7	0
OFFICER TRAINING - OFT	0	0
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - PRO	15	14
VIRTUAL FIRE OFFICER - VFO	1	0
TOTALS	94	212

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(FY 08-09) June 30, 2009

TYPE OF TRAINING	ASSIGNED	COMPLETED
FIRE ACADEMY - ACA	0	0
FACILITY GRANT MANAGEMENT - FAC	7	n/a
HAZMAT - HAZ	2	31
CERT. AND TESTING - IHC (WRITTEN TESTS)	44	664
CERT. AND TESTING - IHC (PRACTICAL END TESTS)	12	361
LOCAL COMMUNITY DELIVERY - LCD	159	2947
NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY - NFA	22	357
OFFICER TRAINING - OFT	3	24
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - PRO	52	249
VIRTUAL FIRE OFFICER - VFO	2	24
TOTALS	303	4657

MFTE 5 yr Capitol Plan Equipment Update

Several members of Advisory have evaluated the “wish list” of items prepared for the MFTE 5-yr capitol purchase plan along with a very comprehensive list of needs for effectively teaching J&B 2nd Edition which was compiled by MFTE Logistics. Members of Advisory and MFTE are also working to compile a status summary of the thirty-three local and regional training facilities that are in the State of Maine. (though not all are currently active or viable) It is hoped these documents and documents resulting from them will provide a basis for a capital plan for MFTE training needs.

Part of the planning process discussed includes memorandums of understanding (MOU's) with progressive training facilities that apply for and accept MFTE Training Facility grants. Ideally, training facilities that receive grants would allow regional FD's and MFTE use of those activities on an agreed basis at reduced or no charge.

Misc Instructor News and Updates:

Professional Development Updates

Along with several EVOC and HazMat TtT's this fall there is professional development opportunity with the Maine Fire Chiefs Assoc Fall Conference. Information is available online at:

<http://www.mainechief.com/documents/mfcaannual09-attendee.pdf>

A message from MFTE Logistics

MFTE Logistics would like to remind Instructors to submit equipment requests at least two weeks prior to your classes. They realize this isn't always easy, but with the demand for deliveries increasing, demand for equipment also increased. Equipment is scheduled on a **first come- first served basis**. To ensure your request arrives at the proper location **email** it to logistics at: mlogistics@smccme.edu . Requests by phone or “sticky notes” will be filled if available, but can not be guaranteed.

In addition, if you do not know how to use the equipment requested: **ask for assistance**. It is understood items can break and wear out, but reducing damage due to misuse is an expense that we can improve on.

(especially with the FETS trainer). If equipment needs repair while you have it signed out, please fill out a damaged equipment report so Logistics can make sure the repairs done quickly and efficiently. Equipment damage report forms can be found at:

<http://www.mfte.org/forms/> and can be downloaded from;

http://www.mfte.org/resources/files/equip_damage_rprt.doc

Updates derived from:

June and Sept MFTE Advisory Committee meetings,

End-of-Legislative Session Fire Commission meetings,

Regional / County meetings & feedback from Instructors, Chiefs, and Firefighters.