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2nd Meeting NCFMA Educational Committee 01/19/2021 0900 hrs.

Meeting was called to order by T. Smart, Education Committee Chair at 0905 hrs. virtually, via Go To Meeting platform.

Welcome & Appreciation for participation was conveyed along with the introduction of Kim Dorsey with Charlotte FD as a new member of the committee, along with Tim Henshaw, Greensboro FD as an invited guest for this meeting.

Those in attendance: Eric Wiseman, Charles Eldridge, Shandy Padgett, Kimberly Dorsey, Charlie Johnson, Tony Smart, & Billy Judson

Charlie Johnson gave an update on the Educational Continuing Education Status and the OSFM update for the group. 160D Class updates, Under review for Credit Hours, by QBoard. Approval will come after rule change, at meeting at the end of this month. Beth Williams is busy with residential change out course(s), & Mike Hejduk is involved in continuing education oversight.

Discussion was held by those attending involving the time frame/virtual platform to use for continuing education classes. It was felt by all that the 60-90-minute time frame was best, and that for now, no classroom involvement of students due to the ongoing travel restrictions by local government(s). Virtual delivery only for now, with it being felt that camera mandates for those attending was a requirement, versus audio only attendance.

Floor was opened to those attending, for topics and potential instructors, for virtual classes.

- Eric Wiseman, Mechanical Class in development
- Alan Purdue, Section 510 Radio Responder Updates/Current Requirements
- Tony Smart, "So Now You're an Inspector" (Inspector 101)
- Charlie Johnson, Breweries and Distilleries
- Paul Padgett, a "Train the Trainer" for instructors, with the topic being the current amendments to the 2018 NC Fire Code.
- Kelly Ransdell, NFPA Update(s)
- Michael Phelps, Flammable Liquid Codes/Division of Environmental Quality
- Charlie Johnson, Coordinate with Instructor for 13D Sprinkler Installation Class (NCBIA)

Shandy brought up the possibility of a question submission format for students being offered before the actual class delivery online, so that instructors could have time to prepare/develop answers for the students in attendance.

Charlie brought up the vision of "Train the Trainer" continuing education classes being in a "repository" for those that meet the instructor criteria to teach these classes to provide

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consistency for the students. Scheduling etc., would be handled by OSFM, as it is now for these classes that are available. All members in attendance from the Ed. committee felt this is a good idea to work towards the future.

Eric shared that these virtual continuing education classes once developed, could be linked to the NCFMA website for more seamless access by the members of the association.

A discussion was held regarding the timeline for the virtual classes delivery and it was felt that the second quarter of 2021 was the earliest possibility of scheduling same.

The NC Association of Fire Chief's Mid-Winter conference has been rescheduled for the 18th-22nd of May 2021 in Concord, NC. There is a 6-hour continuing education class that will be offered during this seminar.

Charlie shared that the NC Fire Prevention School has been cancelled for 2021.

It was the hope of all in attendance that virus restrictions would be reduced/amended when the case numbers start to be more under control.

The next virtual meeting of the education committee will be Tuesday, April 20th at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Smart, Chair
Education Committee
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