

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

Meeting held in Room 207, 21 Voyager Court, Etobicoke Ontario

Commencing at noon on February 25, 2016

Present (both days):

Andy Kostiuk	O AFC – Committee Co-Chair
John Mavrinc	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Rob Grimwood	O AFC
Warren McGillivray	OPFFA
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
Dan Worrall	OPFFA
Jeff Topliffe	OPFFA
Jeri Ottley	FFAO
Jonathan Karn	FFAO
Denys Prevost	O AFC
Mark Pankhurst	AMO
Tim Metcalfe	Public Services Health & Safety Association (Observer)
Cliff Moore	MOL

Regrets from Day 1 but present Day 2:

Jeff Attwell	OFMEM
Cathy Hoffman	AMO

Minutes from December

Minutes were approved.

GN 3-5 Exposure to Noxious Weeds

Committee reviewed comments received. This GN is ready for the MOL process.

Update on the Working At Heights (WaH) Subcommittee

Committee made revisions to the GN. This GN is ready for comments from the fire sector.

Elliot Lake Update

Vivien Wharton-Szatan presented portions of the new MOL Major Incident Policy & Procedure.

Committee Facilitation

Vivien outlined a new pilot project to have Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA) facilitate this committee. Cliff will remain on the committee as the MOL rep. Vivien and Cliff are meeting with PSHSA next week to begin work on an implementation plan. The implementation plan will be brought to the committee for comments.

Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management (OFMEM)

Vivien mentioned that MOL has received some letters from OFMEM citing section 9 (1) of the Regulatory Modernization Act (RMA) and identifying possible health and safety concerns at some municipal fire departments.

ACTION: Cliff to send out s. 9 (1) of the RMA.

Occupational Illness Notifications

Vivien mentioned that MOL has received a number of Occupational Illness/Presumptive Cancer notifications from fire departments in the Niagara Region.

The committee decided to do two new guidance notes; one for occupational illness reporting and the other for hygiene. John agreed to draft the hygiene GN.

GN # 6-3 Water Related Emergencies (previously GN # 6-3 Water and Ice Rescue)

Jeff T. gave an update. No further revisions to this GN are necessary. This GN is ready for the MOL process.

Update on the Committee Review of the Sections of the Manual

Update on Notification of Solar Panels

An e-mail log in for the fire service is being established on the Electrical Safety Authority web site. Each fire chief in the province has received log in instructions. The purpose of the information is to allow fire services to preplan solar panel installations in their jurisdictions.

PSHSA Support for Elevator Training

Tim spoke with a community college that can do the training. A memorandum of understanding is being established with the Ontario Fire College for regional training schools. Once the memorandum is done then regional training on elevators with community colleges can be explored.

Draft Guidance Note on Training Providers (comparison against GN 7-1 Training Sessions)

Deferred to next meeting.

GN 6-19 Hybrid/Electric and Electric Vehicle Safety

Mark, Denys, Jeff T. to review against NFPA material. Deferred to next meeting.

Retirees Dinner Update

Cliff has arranged for two of the retirees to come to the June meeting.

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Cliff mentioned the pilot with Public Services Health and Safety Association to facilitate the committee (outlined on the first day under committee facilitation) for the benefit of the members who missed the first day.

GN 6-10 Highway Traffic Control

Rob presented a revised draft. The committee made revisions. This GN is ready for comments from the fire sector.

MOL Report

Cliff gave the report

Update on GNs – Cliff

GN 1-9 SCBA, GN 7-6 Hazardous Fire Conditions, GN 6-6 Rapid Fire Progression have been approved.

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.

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 4-2 Eye Protection

Committee reviewed revisions by Mike. This GN is ready for comments from the fire sector.

New Artificial Smoke GN

Mark/Cathy presented a draft.

ACTION: CLIFF to send to the committee to rework.

The committee asked about the possibility of doing a hazard alert on this. Cliff mentioned that the request would have to come in writing because there are criteria that must be met such as is it a new or emerging hazard.

Proposal for Active Shooter GN

Dan presented a draft.

ACTION: CLIFF to send to the committee for comments.

Active Forest Fire GN

Dan presented a draft.

ACTION: CLIFF to send to the committee for comments.

Agenda Items for Possible Joint Fire/Police/EMS meeting in June

Committee to send Andy/John possible agenda items.

Other Business

New GN on ladders – Andy & Dan

Next Meeting

June 16/17