



THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
The Association of Cities and Towns



Commission to Advance and Strengthen Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services Within Maryland

July 25, 2023, 12 - 2 PM (EST)

In Person:

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
4500 Campus Dr,
College Park, MD 20740

Virtual:

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Minutes

1. Opening and Introductions Chief Tiffany Green,
Chair

Chair Green opened the session and welcomed attendees.

2. Approve Minutes from 6/20 Chief Tiffany Green,
Chair

Chair Green asked if all present had an opportunity to review minutes from the June 20, 2023 session and asked for a motion to approve.

- Motion to approve: Grant Walker
- Seconded: Dominick Butchko

Minutes from 6/20 were approved unanimously.

3. Guest Presentation: Ginamarie Best,
Maryland Dept. of Labor
Registered Apprenticeship Programs

Gina Best (MD Labor) presented on Maryland's Registered Apprenticeship program and discussed programs that already exist within Maryland fire departments.

Anyone interested in learning more about Registered Apprenticeship can contact Gina (ginamarie.best@maryland.gov) or Chris MacLarion (christopher.maclarion@maryland.gov).

4. Review and Approve Survey Design Logan Dean,



- Survey launch and marketing plan

Maryland Dept. of Labor

The Commission spent about 5 minutes independently reviewing the live Google Forms draft of the survey which will be issued to fire and EMS volunteers and staff across the state.

The suggestion was made to add help text to some of the questions to improve navigation.

The suggestion was made to add a question asking respondents whether they identify more with firefighting or EMS.

The suggestion was made that age ranges be standardized to 10 years and extended to 80.

The survey due date (last day for submissions) was set as October 15th, 2023.

The Commission agreed to all suggested changes and entertained a motion to approve the survey pending the incorporation of suggested edits.

- Motion to approve: Michael Cox

- Seconded: Dr. Ted Delbridge

The survey design and content were conditionally approved pending the inclusion of suggestions from the Committee.

Logan Dean (MD Labor) will update the survey and send the final version, links, and marketing materials to all Commission members and alternates. Members and alternates will begin to immediately disseminate the survey. Expected completion date is 7/28/2023.

5. New Business

Chair Green requested that the Commission chairship be shared by herself and Kate Loveless.

Kate Loveless was appointed Commission co-chair without objection. Kate will also remain Chair of the Volunteer Subcommittee.

6. Confirm Next Meeting: **August 22, 2023 - 12 - 2 PM, Location?**

The August 22nd session will take place in person at Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) - 2130 Priest Bridge Dr #4, Crofton, MD 21114



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7. Call for Guest Presentations and Best Practices
 - Submit contacts, reports, or documents to Logan (logan.dean@maryland.gov)

Logan will update access to the shared Google Drive to ensure Commission members can access shared files

8. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 1:05 PM