

Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

Volunteer Committee Report

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Mission:

The Volunteer Committee is an advocate of the Ohio Volunteer Fire Service to the OFCA by being:

- Active with the legislature, especially with those in leadership roles
- A clearing house for information
- A resource to all of Ohio's volunteer community
- A common voice for Ohio's volunteer fire service
- Active in developing training, officer and leadership growth
- Enhancing the integrity and image of the volunteer fire service

Activities:

The Volunteer Committee has been working over the last year to help meet the training needs for Ohio's volunteer officer sector. To that end, we are working with the Ohio Fire Academy to deliver relevant courses at no expense on-site to volunteer departments. We are planning to deliver components of the NFA's Leadership series as well as eventually the Strategies & Tactics for Initial Company Operations course. While these courses are available at the OFA for minimal cost, our surveys have shown that many volunteer departments would like the courses delivered locally. After discussions with OFA Superintendent Goheen, committee members who are fire instructors will go through a train the trainer course and then be allowed to directly deliver the course(s). We hope to begin course delivery in the late fall/early winter.

Since the announcement of the new regulations regarding public safety vehicle inspections, our members have received much feedback from the volunteer sector. Much of this feedback has been negative in nature with many legitimate concerns expressed. We will work to advocate for changes to the program to allow it to better meet the needs of the volunteer sector.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information.

Respectfully,



Chief Colin Altman
Chair