

Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

Volunteer Committee Report

July 13, 2017

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 meets bi-monthly and has been working over the last year on the following issues of concern to Ohio's volunteer fire service:

- **Training.** The committee, working in partnership with the Ohio Fire Academy, delivered two National Fire Academy Leadership 1 courses at no cost to volunteer departments. We hope to teach more courses later this year.
 - *January 18, 25 & February 1* - Lindsey Fire Department, Sandusky County. 9 departments, 36 students attended.
 - *March 26 & 27* - Fulton County. 7 departments, 23 students attended.
- **Needs assessment.** The committee is developing a "listening tour" in which committee members will attend county chief's association meetings around the state to hear firsthand the needs of the volunteer fire service.
- **Vehicle inspection.** The committee heard the concerns from the volunteer sector regarding changes made to the PSV inspection program. Committee members worked with former Marshal Flowers and his staff to suggest changes to the procedures that reflected these concerns.
- **Education.** The committee has begun outreach to members of the legislature to educate on needs specific to the volunteer fire service.

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

Respectfully,



Chief Colin Altman
Chair