

Education Committee Annual Report

Where the Committee is today

Fire Officer I, II, III

We have confirmed a good line of communication with Chief Steele to coordinate instructors and keep the committee posted on classes. Chief Brown has consistently demonstrated the success of the weekend classes. There are two Fire Officer I & II classes and two Fire Officer III Classes scheduled for this fall.

Maxwell

The Maxwell classes are going well, three classes completed so far this year and there are two scheduled for later this year, one at conference and one in the fall in Wooster Township. We will look into making scheduling arrangements to accommodate career firefighters to attend the Maxwell classes in the future.

Ohio Fire Executive

OFE 18 will be located at the new OFCA classroom. The Foundation looks to make the final selection for the OFE program director position very soon. The oversight committee will also meet very soon to review class content.

Professional Development Series

Much discussion on this as we intend to continue scheduling programs in the northeast district. Subjects like: mental health; working with the media; collective bargaining; generational differences; and others. The committee is encouraged to continue these classes and hope to expand in other areas in the state and especially at the OFCA classroom.

Webinars, Symposiums & Annual Conference

Much success with the webinars, symposiums and the annual conference.

We encourage members to take advantage of the webinars as we will provide CE's if they participate in the live event. The members can also review these webinars on our YouTube channel however, we cannot provide CE's for those. We created a survey to distribute to the members on what they would like to see in future webinars with results coming soon.

Good of the Order

It has been my honor to serve with the education committee these past several years and in the capacity of education chair. I must however resign the position due to additional responsibilities. My last meeting as Chair will be at this years' annual conference in July. I have no doubt this committee will continue to do great things for Ohio's fire service. Thank you all for your support and continued dedication to the committee, the Foundation and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association.

Respectfully,

Rudy Ruiz, OFC