

OHIO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION

Ohio Fire Executive Program 2019 Conference Report

Chairman Wright:

I am pleased to report on the activity and progress of the Ohio Fire Executive Program over the past year. On May 10, 2019, OFE Class XVII conducted their graduation ceremony presenting 22 fire officers with the OFE designation.

This brings the OFE Alumni count to 366. From Class XVII, there were 5 associated promotions within departments involved.

For now, this may be the last class graduating from the Quest Center facility as the Program venue has moved to the Ohio Fire Chief's Association offices classroom.

A venue for the GRADUATION LUNCHEON and Ceremony will develop.

Class evaluations indicate that the program continues to deliver a quality and career enhancement educational experience. Suggestions included the review and possible update of some of the assigned readings and in-class videos. The relative separation of the class room and the accommodations was raised for review. The Program Director will be reviewing evaluation detail for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

Status of the in-session OFE classes is as follows:

Class 18:

20 students – Completed Weeks 1, 2, and 3. Week 4 is December 2019 and Week 5 is June 2020.

Class 18 was the first class to start at the OFCA Training Facility (June 2018), and all future classes will be there.

The OFE students stay at the _____ while their class is in assembled session.

Class 19:

23 students – Completed Week 1. Will be back for Week 2 in October 2019.

Class 19:

Northwest – 2

South Central – 4

Northeast - 5

Southwest – 12

Class 19 Make up: 7 Chief Officers (Fire Chief – 1 ; A/C – 4; Deputy Chief – 2), 5 Captains, and 11 Lieutenants.

Jim Bodenmiller has succeeded Dr. Bill Ashley as the Program Director. His effectiveness is ably supported by Anne Beauch, Lead Administrative Coordinator in the OFCA Administrative Office.

The continuing success of the program is directly attributable to the effort of our students and the hard work and dedication of Jim and Anne.

The Committee and Program owe a special THANKS to Retired Chief Stan Crosley for his service not only to the Program and its initiation, but for his service as the Interim Director as Jim Bodenmiller concluded his employment in the public sector on his way to the OFE.

Members of the Oversight Committee include: Assistant Chief Steve Bosso, OFE; Retired Chief Don Cooper, OFE; Chief Jeff Creed, OFE; Retired Chief Jeffrey Duber, EFO; Retired Chief John Eisel, OFE; Chief Vince Harris, OFE, OFC; Retired Chief B.J. Jetter, OFE; Chief Brandon Loboschefski, OFE; Chief Steve Kelly, Retired Chief Al Woo, OFE; and Chief Dudley Wright, OFE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Steve Ashbrock, Chair, OFE Oversight Committee