

Ohio Fire Executive (OFE) Program 2022 Committee Report

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The Ohio Fire Executive Program remains strong with our 20th, 21st and 22nd Classes in process.

After years of loyal service and program leadership, Dr. Bill Ashley retired and Mr. Jim Bodenmiller now serves as program director. Like many organizations and programs, the OFE was challenged by the COVID situation, but with Jim's guidance has emerged as strong as ever as we return to the new normal.

Included in program changes during this period was a relocation of the program to the OFCA Office facilities as program base. With this move, we rely on OFCA staff for logistics support and we appreciate the work of Anne Beauch and others for this effort. THANKS TO ALL for their continuing support of the OFE Program

Director Jim Bodenmiller supplies the most detailed OFE Program update:

Replaced instructor Burt Clark who taught an 8 hour module on vision, mission & values. That is now a 1/2 day module that I teach, and the other 1/2 day is now spent on media relations, crisis communications and social media interactions. This class is taught by Tom Speaks of The Impact Group. In addition, we added an online PIO certificate requirement through FEMA concerning crisis communications, that is then supplemented by a 2 hour Zoom class led by Chief Steve Kelly. A big thanks to Chief Kelly for volunteering his time so generously.

2) Replaced instructor Larry Inks, who taught team building, with Tayo Switzer. Tayo has done two sessions now and has quickly become one of the favorite instructors in the program.

3) Replaced instructor Gary Johnson, who taught managing change, also with Tayo Switzer. Tayo will do the class instruction and I will monitor/review the change initiative papers and projects.

4) Worked closely with Don Cooper on slightly modifying the research classes and instruction, including updating the manual, adding a glossary of research terminology and going to the newest version of the APA manual. Much of this work was done by Don and I truly appreciate it. Added an online certificate requirement through FEMA on research and writing a research paper.

5) Stan Crosley continues to coordinate the readers and take on a major student load, as does Steve Ashbrock. A big thanks to all our volunteer readers. I don't know what we would do without them.

6) Added a small segment on Labor negotiations to the legal issues module as taught by Ben Albrecht.

Classes 18 & 19 graduated via Zoom versus in-person. Class 18 only had Anne, the students, and Jim Bodenmiller actively online for their ceremony. With Class 19 they were physically present as a class in the OFE training room, but we had our big camera on that allowed family and department representatives to observe via Zoom. Our plans are to have a more traditional ceremony for Class 20 this November. Class 20 is the class that started 6 months late due to COVID, so they will finish this fall as opposed to this past spring.

Steve Ashbrock
OFE Oversight Committee Chair