



# University of Maryland Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

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Report to the

## Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission

The following report is a synopsis of activities/events of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute since your last meeting.

- **EMTB Programs**
  - MFRI- 73%
  - National Registry – 74%,
- ❖ **Instructor Recruitment**
  - Actively Recruiting Instructors
    - 21 years of age
    - 3 years experience in field that you want to teach
    - In good standing with your department/sponsoring agency
- ❖ **Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board**
  - On October 30, 2024 the MICRB held its 200<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the conclusion of that meeting, there were:
    - 793 State Emergency Services Instructors
    - 266 Instructor Evaluators
    - 17 Instructor Trainers
    - The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2024 at MFRI Headquarters in College Park.
- ❖ **Instructor Trainer Issues**
  - Number of IT's steadily declining.
  - Requires Degree with various teaching requirements.
  - Proposal to create Instructor Trainers for those that can't meet educational requirements.
  - Have not yet received position on proposal from MFRETC.
- ❖ **Instructor Skills**
  - April 12 and 13 Enhancement
  - April 25, 26, and 27 Skills Testing
- ❖ **New/Revised Training Programs**
  - Last year MFRI staff revised/developed 15 programs based on Pro

- Board requirements and/or need here in our State.
- It is anticipated that MFRI Staff will revise approximately 20-22 programs during the upcoming year.

#### Content and Length of Programs

Certification Programs

NFPA Committees

National Proboard

State Certification Agencies

Publishers

Fire Training Organizations

#### ❖ **Short Courses**

- Ongoing Trend...Difficult to fill many certification classes
- Short Courses:
  - Alternative fueled vehicles
  - Tactics
  - Engine Company/Truck Company Operations

#### ❖ **OSHA 1910.156 Emergency Response Standard**

- MFRI has participated in a MD Fire Service group has reviewed the proposed standard with MOSH since February.
- Letters were sent from the workgroup that can be utilized with all MD Fire Service organizations to submit to Federal OSHA requesting changes to the proposed standard as written.
- Maryland Fire Service Health and Safety Consensus Standard

#### ❖ **Seminars/Training**

- Reading Smoke (MD Fire Chiefs)
- Engine Company Operations
- High Rise Operations
- Anne Arundel Fire Summit (EHVFD)
- Rail Cars (requested)
- Maryland Weekend – February 22-23, 2025
- MFRI's National Staff and Command Program scheduled for week of March 2-7, 2025
- Hoglund Seminar- March 8-9, 2025

#### ❖ **Positions to be filled**

- Instructional Designer (filled)
- Administrative Assistant (filled)
- Program Admin Specialist- UESRTC (filled)

#### ❖ **Questions?**