

OHIO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION

Ohio Fire Executive Program 2016 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 20, 2016, OFE Class XIV conducted their graduation ceremony presenting 25 fire officers with the OFE designation. This was the first class to graduate from our new venue and the ceremonies went well. Class IV is the only one in the past several years that graduated all its original members. The class started at 25 and finished with 25 graduates. This brings the OFE Alumni to 292. Four officers received promotions while enrolled in the program. Of particular note was one who was promoted from Captain to Chief.

Class XV has an enrollment of 18 students and is currently preparing for their fourth week of studies in December 2016. Class XVI held their first session in April of this year with 24 students. The make-up of class XVI is as follows: six from southwest, eight from northeast, two from northwest, two from north central, one from the southeast, and five from south central. The retention rate for the last three OFE classes remains at 100%.

Applications for OFE Class XVII open September 1, 2016 and run through November 1, 2016. A minimum of 18 students is needed in order to seat the class.

The OFE program is held at the Quest Conference Center, located just off I-71 at Polaris Parkway in the northern Columbus metro area. The Quest Center continues to provide quality service to our program. Students are housed at the Fairfield Inn & Suites adjacent to the Quest Conference Center.

Class evaluations indicate that the program continues to deliver a quality and career enhancement educational experience. Suggestions for module revisions are constantly being evaluated. New to Class 15 is the module IT Applications. By all accounts, it was very well received. Success of the program is directly attributable to the effort of our students and the hard work and dedication of Dr. Bill Ashley, Ph.D., Program Director and Mary Pat Helvey, Administrative Coordinator.

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; Retired Chief Al Woo, OFE; and Chief Dudley Wright, OFE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Steve Ashbrock, Chair, OFE Oversight Committee