

Education Committee Report for 2016-17

After reviewing the OFCA Strategic Plan, the Education Committee in conjunction with the Ohio Fire & Emergency Services Foundation wanted to focus on a few key educational components.

Fire Officer III: We have established an outline and assigned instructors for the week-long Fire Officer III program. We will host this program in the Summer/Fall of 2017. We are also collaborating with Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development to partner with their ProBoard certification.

Professional Development Series: We had our first Professional Development Series class in April titled: *Creating Your Strategic Plan*. This class was hosted by the Summit County Fire Chiefs Association in cooperation with the Summit County Bluecoats Inc. there were 30 students in attendance and all had a good experience. Our second leg of the Professional Development series is the OFCA Conference. We intent to identify all classes to apply for continuing education credits for the Ohio Fire Chief (OFC) and Ohio Fire Officer (OFO) designations. Jonathan Downes has agreed to facilitate our third Professional Development Series class on Current Employment and Labor Law Issues for Employers. We are still working on a date and plan on hosting the class at the new OFCA office classroom. When students complete all three components of the Series a special certificate will be provided to identify that accomplishment.

Partnerships:

The Education Committee wanted to establish a partnership with other committees from the Foundation. The following Education Committee members and their partnerships include:

FM Steve Rucker- Wellness & Fitness Committee. This helps both committees with an opportunity to promote each other while keeping both informed on the others missions.

Lt. Tony Schaffer- The Ohio Fire Executive Program. Dr. Ashley has expressed appreciation with the support of the Education Committee.

Chiefs Green and Baillis- The Conference Committee. The Education Committee has supported the conference workshops and have agreed to identify those programs to meet the needs of the OFC and OFO for continuing education requirements.

The education Committee continues to support the Administrative Assistance Conference, Fire Officer I & II programs, Fire Inspector continuing education classes, and the John Maxwell's "21 irrefutable Laws of Leadership".

Respectfully submitted,

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