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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO IMPROVE GRANT OVERSIGHT

Columbus, Ohio, December 20, 2017

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after conducting a review to determine whether the Ohio Department of Commerce (ODC) spent funds received from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) in accordance with a memorandum of understanding. The purpose of the funds was to provide safety training to volunteer firefighters.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General found several weaknesses in the monitoring process on the part of both agencies, including insufficient documentation to support course rates; lack of payment monitoring; failure to reconcile class participant rosters to payments issued by the ODC; and OBWC's failure to verify the receipt of final rosters from ODC.

The investigation is being referred to the Ohio Auditor of State for future consideration during financial audits of the course providers.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00048 is now available at:

<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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