



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
November 17, 2022  
Ocala, FL

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Forest Service	Jan.31, 2023 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT:**

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The Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel meeting was called to order.

**On a motion duly made**, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on July 18, 2022, were approved.

**Motion carried.**

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:** *given by JoAnne Rice, Director*

Director Rice introduced present SFM staff; John Gatlin, Bureau Chief, Fire Prevention, Joe Landreville, new supervisor for Standards Section, Eugenia Tucker, Assistant Superintendent FSFC, Melissa Dembicer, SFM Tallahassee, Lisa Allen, SFM Tallahassee, Willie Saulsberry, FFIRS/Community Risk Reduction in Tallahassee.

Moment of silence for Wayne Watts – over 41 years in the fire service and former SFM employee.

As newly appointed Director, Director Rice plans to carry on the good work that Director Halas did and build on it. Statewide Strategic planning is on the schedule.

- Hurricane Ian
  - Extraordinary response.
  - 1,800 members from ESF 4&9, Information Centers, PIO's, Inspection Teams, Benevolence Team
  - 17 US&R teams (11 FEMA, 6 In-state teams), Two in-state teams were not deployed as they were inside the impacted areas, multiple strike teams both engine and ambulance
  - Multiple EV fires due to submersion, majority were Tesla's, will be working with Tesla, national and local partners for research and recommendations
- 10 million US&R Appropriation
  - In process of being processed and distributed
  - Working with DEM (funding) and Palm Beach State College
- Grants
  - Decon Grant – additional \$500,000
  - Firefighter Assistance Grant – 1,000,000
  - Cancer Initiative – 2,000,000
  - Facility/Infrastructure Grants - 36,000,000
  - New OPS Grant Manager in Tallahassee office
  - Full time Grant Manager position open in Ocala at the Fire College
- Photo contest for Annual Report coming soon
- Bureau of Fire Standards & Training/Fire College
  - Working steadily on campus improvements
  - Applying for AFG Grant for a new fire truck
  - ProBoard Accreditation in progress

- IFSAC reaccreditation was denied. Bureau is appealing
- Feasibility study on FCDICE is underway
- Bureau of Fire Prevention
  - Working on 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, hopeful for completion by July 2023

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *given by Willie Saulsberry, SFM*

- Encouraging departments to report quarterly instead of a large dump of data at the end of the year.
- Departments reporting through outside vendors need assistance/training
  - Training section inside of system
  - A web-based class will be held in the future with Q&A
- Tableau – with accurate reporting this will tie in with Community Risk Reduction as data will pinpoint areas in the community that need to be looked at
- Reaching out to other states to see how they are reporting in NFRIS and their community risk reduction plans
- Will be adding on a Community Risk Reduction Coordinator

**REPORT FROM EMS:** *Tom DiBernardo, Florida Department of Health (handout provided)*

- Received 4.5 million records this year
- Most vendors report within 4 hours of a call (97% of records)
- Secured a Federal Grant – 30 benchmarked performance measures now available for a total of 85 ready to use.
- New features
  - Heat map by zip code
  - Notify – you can ask the system to alert you when a specific call comes in
  - Good use made of system during storms such as carbon monoxide/generator calls – live data

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- FFIRS Working Group
  - Reaching out to individuals that are interested
  - Plan to meet monthly

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Fire Rescue East, Daytona Beach  
January 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request.*