



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting
November 17, 2021
Ocala, FL/Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2023 (2 nd term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough C.C	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Jerry Forte City of Palm Coast	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Jason Schneider Winter Garden Fire Dept.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)

The Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting was called to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council held on July 19, 2021 were approved.

Motion carried.

REMARKS: *given by Randy Touchton, Chairman*

- Teresa Kinstle has resigned from the Council
- Moment of silence held for firefighters being honored on the 2021 Memorial

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *given by Julius Halas, Director*

- Legislative Goals
 - Clean up language on boiler safety program
 - Clarifications on national regulations
 - Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant Program – designed to help volunteer and combination departments with bunker gear/breathing apparatus, adding language to expand eligibility, keeping the focus on safety equipment
 - Fire Safety Inspector renewal criteria – no changes to ceu's, if certification becomes inactive by not renewing within the four-year period it will now be considered expired
- Training Directors meeting was this morning
 - Legislation was passed, if a FFI, under the supervision of the agency, may be hired and have a year to obtain FF2
- LBR's
 - \$937,500 is the price tag for FCDICE system
 - Seeking grant to replace apparatus at Fire College (\$500,000)
 - Staffing support (grants). Division has had over 40 million in grants over the last 6 years
 - With the support of the CFO's office, Legislature and Governor's office, US&R – our budget will administer part of the 10 million (sustainment, prime movers, training, etc.)

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: *given by Mark Harper Bureau Chief*

- Standards – Gena Tucker, Supervisor
 - IFSAC Accreditation site visit
 - Visit went well, only minor corrections to be made (16 disciplines)
 - Pro Board site visit will be 6/2022 (34 disciplines)
- Firefighter Certification

- FFII – 45,082
- FFI – 5, 457
- Cleaning up records for accuracy – so as not to count FFI twice if individual holds FF2
- Standards has issued 6, 842 certifications ytd
 - 1, 927 are FF2
 - There are 33 more scheduled practical exams before the end of 2021
- There are currently 48 certified training centers in the State (2 are inactive – Brevard and Melbourne). There are 4 more getting ready to come on board
 - Florida Panhandle Tech College – ready for inspection
 - Seminole County – ready for inspection
 - Pompano Beach – ready by end of year
 - Osceola County – ready by end of year
- Training Section – introduced Bob Coyne as Training Supervisor
 - Two Program Specialist positions open
 - Training section receives over 1,000 requests per month (course/instructor)
 - Courses now being offered virtually (not self-paced, instructors on screen live)
 - Evaluating Performance Based Design
 - SERP
 - Bob Coyne and Patrick Giacobbe are establishing relationships with city/county departments to find out what their training needs are and sharing Bureau information
 - Quarterly Webinar (first time)
 - Based on feedback we receive from customers
 - Website review
 - FCDICE operations
- Grants
 - Volunteer Assistance Grant – 21 applicants this year (Charlie Frank)
 - De Con Equipment Grant – 52 completed applications/compliance inspections. Over 2 million in requests with only 500,000 to give out. (Susan Schell)
- Legislative Budget Requests (LBR's) Approved for;
 - Chiller pipes
 - Rehab pavilion in hazmat field
 - Deferred building maintenance federal funding of \$2,744,000 will go to;
 - Water filtration system
 - Roof on Arson/Prevention building
 - Roof Leaks on main buildings
 - Generator replacement (from diesel to natural gas)
 - Second phase of parking lot paving
 - Settling issues – windows/doors, etc.
- Upcoming Events
 - Volunteer Weekend – April 27 – May 1, 2022
 - NFA Class – April 28-29, 2022, Fire Investigations for First Responders

- NFA State Weekend May 13 – 15, 2022
- Fire Service Instructor Conference – May 19-20, 2022

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10 minutes after adjournment of
FFIRS meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m.
Daytona Beach, FL

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request