



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting  
 April 20, 2023  
 Conference Call

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
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 Svcs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</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	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Jeremy Joseph Florida Forest Service	Florida Forest Service/DOA	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Michael Woodward City of Oviedo Fire Dept.	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough C.C	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd 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 January 19, 2023, were approved.

**Motion carried.**

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

- Division report given at FFIRS meeting

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

- As asked of the Bureau, we have incorporated an intervention level training into the Company Officer and Chief Officer courses. We are getting the message out at all FFCA regional meetings.
- Safety Section
  - Decontamination grants – 31 contracts are being closed out for this year
  - As of today, we have 14 names pending for the 2023 Fallen Firefighter Memorial
- Rule Development
  - Live Fire Instructor – rule is being routed for approval through Legal (Notice of Proposed Rule stage)
  - Firefighter Assistance Grant – notice posted 3/31 for hearing if requested
  - Instructor Qualifications – will most likely hold one more workshop
  - Rules that will be opening
    - Fire Investigator
    - FLUSARBoth need revision due to NFPA standards updates (this will include task books - clarification)
- USAR training schedule – (offered to 8 teams first)
  - All Hazards IMT class
    - Strike Team Leader (this week at FSFC) 30 in attendance
    - Division & Group Supervisor – April 24-26
    - Ops Section Chief – May 15-18
    - Incident Command – May 30-June 2
    - Incident Management Team – June 12-16
- Campus Activity
  - Volunteer Week – April 28-30
  - Instructor Conference – May 4-5
  - Mental Health Symposium – May 25
  - Fallen Firefighter Memorial – Nov. 17
  - North Central Florida Fire Conference – Dec. 12-14
- IFSAC Accreditation
  - Have received conditional re-accreditation. They will be coming for an additional site visit this fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Rice inquired if there would be interest in combining the FFIRS and FFESTC meeting as they have the same boards. Possibly make FFIRS a subsection of FFESTC.

Discussion was held and it was suggested to defer to legal council to see if allowable by statute.

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 17, 2023 – Naples

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio file available upon request*