

Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
July 25, 2008

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Mike Coker, Division of Forestry
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
John Drago, City of Longwood
Greg Gay
Steve McCoy, Bureau of EMS
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

REPRESENTING:

FL Association of Special Districts
FL Fire Chiefs' Association
Division of Forestry
State Fire Marshal
FL League of Cities
State Fire Marshal
Bureau of EMS
FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
FL Professional Firefighters
State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

Dr. Ron Nutter	State Fire Marshal
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.	FL Professional Firefighters
Rick Talbert, South Walton Fire District	FL Fire Chiefs' Association

As Acting Chairman, William Bryson called the meeting to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on April 15, 2008 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *Given by Director Hallman*

Update on Legislative Session – As reported at the last meeting, the focus of the legislative session was on the budget. As far as the State Fire Marshal's Office, overall, we were very fortunate. We only lost one position in the early rounds of the budget cuts. They were attempting to take four more positions from us but we were successful in negotiating keeping those positions. We did very well, especially compared to some of the other state agencies. We are already off to a bad start this year. The governor has already held back 4% of our budget and we are about to enter another exercise where we will be asked to cut 10% on paper. We're hearing rumors, the original forecast suggested that things would turn around in spring of 2009 but the forecast has changed and it will most likely be the end of 2009 or early 2010 before the state will see any change in the

economy. When forecasters indicate that information to the legislatures, it certainly gives them concern. We may or may not see a session based on budget alone, prior to the regular session which starts in March.

There were three primary fire service bills that were being monitored. One was the (Aldridge Benge) Firefighter Safety Act which passed. This bill will be in rule making shortly. The New Jersey law has been looked at for reference. They symbol/information will be sent out to all. This should be in place by the next time this council meets.

House Bill 1167 – (fire safe cigarettes) passed also. By the year 2010, Florida will be a fire safe cigarette state which means that all cigarettes sold in the state will have to use the fire reduction paper. The bands on the paper are designed to self extinguish the cigarette once it reaches the bands. Our lab has been asked to be involved in testing. The cigarette industry is behind this bill.

House Bill 1041 (SFM bill) died a slow painful death. It started out doing well but became of less interest. We are working on sponsors going back next year. We have a very good end product and it will be introduced again next year, hopefully with better results.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *Given by Keith McCarthy*

Keith McCarthy handed out a written FFIRS report which included:

- 2007 FFIRS Data Received Compared to 2006
- Two Year Comparison 2006/2007 by fire incident data
- Current 4.1 YTD data status vs. 2007
- Status report on 4.1 use.

The FFIRS section is now fully staffed. The newest statistician, Matt Hinson, is currently attending the NFIRS program training in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The newest edition to the staff is Crystal Glisar, Records Specialist.

The Annual Report has been compiled and submitted to PRIDE and will be printed by August 15, 2008. The deadline for FFIRS to mail out reports and letters is August 30, 2008.

The letters going out will state that data via survey will no longer be accepted. Also, that data submitted through the 4.1 version software will no longer be accepted after December 31, 2008.

An invitation will be issued to non-reporting fire departments and fire departments utilizing 4.1 version software to attend a free training session upon Division approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve McCoy, from the Bureau of EMS, reported that they are in the process of developing a list of vendors who have the capability of extracting data.

Unfortunately the project manager who was working this project has left. A new project manager will be starting within the next two or three weeks and the project will be back on track.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

AUDIENCE:

None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at the Florida State Fire College, Ocala.

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