

Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
July 17, 2009

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

**NAME**

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.  
Mike Coker, Division of Forestry  
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue  
Greg Gay  
Joe Palminteri  
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.  
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.  
Rick Talbert, South Walton Fire District  
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue

**REPRESENTING:**

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

**ABSENT:**

William Bryson, Miami Fire Department  
Steve McCoy  
Dr. Ron Nutter  
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

FL Fire Chiefs' Assoc.  
Bureau of EMS  
State Fire Marshal  
State Fire Marshal

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 April 14, 2009 were approved.

Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:** *Given by Director Halas*

The 2008 Florida Fire Report is close to being complete and being sent to the printer.

Deputy CFO Brian London and Director Halas spent several days in Ocala at the Fire College along with 55 other staff members from the Division, all four Bureaus

represented, and took part in a strategic planning summit along with Dr. Scott Helger, facilitator from Florida State University.

The Strategic Plan will be out within the next couple of months as the document is finalized.

There are three areas of accreditation that are being explored. The Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigation is in the accreditation process under FDLE and that should be finalized this spring. Also, the Forensic Lab is seeking accreditation through a different institution and they are under a similar timetable. The Bureau of Fire Standards & Training are also re-visiting the accreditation process and reviewing some of the programs that were accredited over a decade ago and also bring some of our new programs to the table.

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *Given by Keith McCarthy*

The 2008 Annual Report “Florida Fires” has been submitted to Pride Enterprises for production. The schedule completion date is August 15, 2009.

Letters as well as certificates of appreciation for participation are currently being prepared.

A list of non-reporting fire departments was provided to the Panel. Along with a copy of the 2008 Annual Report, these departments will be receiving a letter requesting their participation in the FFIRS program.

June 30, 2009 was the deadline for departments to submit 2008 data. (USFA guidelines)

Currently 63% of fire departments that reported for 2008 (90%) are reporting for 2009.

194 departments have not reported for 2009 as of 7/17/09.

Early reporting is strongly encouraged. It seems as though the larger departments are waiting until the end of the year to report.

The currently used federal software is available free of charge for any department that needs it.

Current problems are the issue of multiple units responding to an incident. It is important for an “Action Taken” (cancelled in route) be reported by one of the units so the report does not get canceled out.

The crosswalk with EMS is still being looked at. No new developments. Hopeful for grant funding.

Chief Angle stated that the Panel needs to move on from reporting issues which appear to have been solved. The Panel needs to concentrate on combining reporting. (USFA/EMS/FFIRS).

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday, October 9, 2009 via conference call at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**