

Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
October 9, 2009
Conference Call/Ocala, Florida

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

REPRESENTING:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.	FL Association of Special Districts
Mike Coker, Division of Forestry	Division of Forestry
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal
Steve McCoy, Bureau of EMS	Bureau of EMS
Joe Palminteri, Citrus County Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal
Ron Parrish, St. Lucie County Fire District	FL Fire Chiefs' Association
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.	FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.	FL Professional Firefighters
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech	State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

Greg Gay	State Fire Marshal
Dr. Ron Nutter	State Fire Marshal
Rick Talbert, South Walton Fire District	FL Fire Chiefs' Association
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue	FL Professional Firefighters

The Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on July 17, 2009 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *Given by Chief Barry Baker*

We have a number of things going on. We just finished up a strategic plan and that plan should be finalized within the next few weeks. A committee has been put together to implement that plan.

All four bureaus are currently going through an accreditation process. We are hopeful that by early next year that all four bureaus will be accredited through their respective professional organizations.

As you all know, we are entering into the legislative session. We again made some changes to 633 to enhance its opportunity to be heard. The last couple of years, the 633 legislation has never really gotten out of committee, largely because of all the budgetary issues. What we have done this time is tried to produce a smaller package and have taken out all of the arson changes which is pretty significant.

Jon Pasqualone requested the Council be provided with the draft of 633.

Budget:

We are facing a pretty significant deficit. Most are hopeful that we are coming out of the recession. We are now facing approximately a 2.6 billion dollar deficit largely because of excessive spending and Medicaid.

The entire Division has gone through an exercise of 10% reductions and obviously we are at the point where those reductions affect bodies. Right now it is just a list and we are hopeful that we will not have to implement that list. If we do, it is very clear that it will affect services in a pretty significant way. We will keep you apprised as this whole process goes on.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *Given by Keith McCarthy*

The 2008 Annual Report has been completed and mailed to all fire departments. It is also available in electronic format through the State Fire Marshal Section of the Florida Department of Financial Services website. www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm.

Certificates and letters of appreciation were mailed out along with the Annual Report.

NFIRS Data Entry classes were held in the following counties:

Taylor
Washington
Brevard
Highlands
Pinellas

A brief overview was given of all reporting and non-reporting departments.
(Report e-mailed to Panel members).

Chief Baker relayed a message to Keith McCarthy from the Director. The Director wanted Keith and his team to know that he has received a number of very positive comments on the Annual Report. Job well done.

Chief Angle asked for an update on the crosswalk between Fire and EMS.

Steve McCoy stated that their Bureau is moving along pretty well with their reporting system. Currently they are the 2nd largest contributor to the national data base. They are working on a “data warehouse” which would be linking data with other agencies to share information.

NIFRS is supposed to become “new system software compliant” within the next few years. If this is the case and once that happens, linking of the records would become almost seamless.

The Bureau of EMS is currently working on some data quality issues and have been reaching out and doing one-on-one’s and regional workshops to try and improve the quality of data.

(some technical difficulties were experienced with the conference call and some of Steve McCoy’s report was cut off)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Fire Rescue East in Daytona Beach.

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