



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical  
Advisory Panel  
March 19, 2012  
Conference Call/Tallahassee, FL

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:

NAME

Bill Gulbrandsen  
Bill Klein, Brevard Community College  
Bill Lombardo, South Trail Fire  
Steve McCoy, Bureau of EMS  
Rand Napoli  
Ron Parrish, St. Lucie County Fire District  
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.  
Gene Prince, City of Gainesville F/R  
Lew Simon  
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.

REPRESENTING:

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

ABSENT:

Greg Gay  
Daniel McAvoy, Osceola County F/R  
Joe Palminteri, Citrus County Fire Rescue  
Rick Spence, Reedy Creek F.D.

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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 January 19, 2012 were approved.

Motion carried.

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

Regulatory Review:

The Regulatory Review is still being worked on which will enable the Division to be more effective and efficient.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has issued a general informational bulletin requesting all grant holders expedite the spending of all monies. The memorandum is very general and has caused some confusion for grant holders and their spending authority.

As a result, an Emergency Funding Summit has been scheduled to address spending issues. The US&R/Haz Mat teams will be addressed and given information on their spending authority, how to handle and identify needed purchases and how to rescind unspent funds. There will be no more extensions.

Dave Halstead, Department of Emergency Management will be retiring effective June 1, 2012.

Legislature:

A final report will be available at the July meeting. The Division of State Fire Marshal will have a strong Bill for next year.

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

(Hand out provided)

The FFIRS Section is currently compiling 2011 data. Submission deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The NFIRS Coding Questions Manual on USFA's website is being updated. An email will be sent out when it is available for download.

2012 Training:

Wetumpka VFD – Completed training.  
West Manatee Fire Rescue District – Pending  
NFIC Training at NETC – April 29 – May 1, 2012

### NFIRS Updates:

Incident type 611 (cancelled enroute), Actions Taken must be 93 (cancelled enroute).

If a fire involves equipment, the fields in the Fire Module under Equipment Involved, must be filled in.

Wildland Fire Module now requires Human Factors, Contributing Factors and Heat Source to be filled in.

The new version of DET 5.9.2 is now available for download.

### YTD 2010/2011 Statistics:

Fire Calls down .45%

EMS Calls up 2.7%

Non-Fire/Non EMS Calls down .9%

Fire related deaths for 2011 are down.

There are currently 533 fire departments participating in the FFIRS Program (92.53%).

Florida continues to lead the nation in incident reporting.

**REPORT FROM EMS:** *Given by Steve McCoy*

### Legislature:

HB 1263 – PASSED. The impact to the Bureau of EMS is that the responsibility of EMT/Paramedics will now fall under the guidance of the Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) Division. This creates no change other than that MQA will now handle all prosecutions.

The other Bill that passed will allow law enforcement officers to be emergency dispatchers in a part-time fashion and has exempted them from some of the fees associated with that.

Replacement of EMSTARS – the “business case” has been completed. The RFP (request for proposals) will now go out and should be released on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> or this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Rand Napoli asked if the letter discussed in the prior meeting, addressing the linking of Fire and EMS reporting has been issued.

Chairman Pasqualone stated that they were waiting to see what the outcome of the Bureau of EMS transition was going to be through the legislature but are now ready to take action.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Paqualone recommended the Panel have a cycle for the Chairman and Vice-Chair of a 2 year period.

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday, July 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. Orlando, FL

**ADJOURN.**