



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical
Advisory Panel
July 23, 2012
ChampionsGate, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME

Greg Gay
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.
Lew Simon
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.

REPRESENTING:

State Fire Marshal
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.
State Fire Marshal
FL Professional Firefighters

ABSENT:

Daniel McAvoy, Osceola County F/R
Joe Palminteri, Citrus County Fire Rescue
Gene Prince, City of Gainesville F/R
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 March 19, 2012 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *Given by Director Julius Halas*

- Accreditation update
- Florida Statute 633 “Clean-up” on-going.
- Legislative Affairs Regulatory Review remains high priority for the Department of Financial Services.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *Given by Jon Pasqualone (Chair)*

- 2011 – 533 fire departments participated in FFIRS (92.53%) 2.5 million incidents.
- New version of DET 5.9.2 is available for download.
- Training continues throughout the State.

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

- Rules & Legislation – HB 1263 passed, Bureau is now know as the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight and includes;
 - EMS
 - Trauma
 - Injury Prevention
 - Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program
- Licensure
 - 271 services
 - 4,000 permitted vehicles
 - 78 inspections (50% announced)
- Grants
 - 139 applications
 - 52 awarded (2.4 million)
- EMT/Paramedics – 65,000
- Schools – 181
- Licensed Dispatch – over 5,000
- EMS Children’s Program continues to provide free training for EMS providers. If interested in receiving training, contact the Bureau.
- Investigations
 - 128 Complaints (EMT/Paramedics) last quarter
 - 28 Complaints on agencies
 - Actions
 - 7 relinquished licenses
 - 58 fined

- 61 cases closed
- EMSTARS
 - 138 out of 271 providers submitting data into the system, the remaining agencies submit quarterly.
 - Florida is still the largest reporting state in the country contributing to the national data set.
 - The system has been upgraded (only upgrade in last 6 years) this update caused the State to have to make changes to its system.
 - Work is ongoing for the new system. EM Systems is the vendor that will be used for the new system. They will be conducting a business plan to interface the two systems (Fire/EMS). Florida will be a “test state” for this program. They were unable to commit to a time-line as of yet.
 - The new (3.0 product) will be tested over the next six months and the Bureau hopes to be entering data by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2013.

In the meantime the current program EMSTARS 1.4 will stay up and running.

- Working on linking hospital data with EMS records and will be able to provided outcome data back to the EMS agencies. This has been approved through DOH.
- Drug shortage (nationally) – Bureau has developed a task force to work on this serious issue.

Director Halas noted that there has been some discussion on combining EMT/Firefighter into on program “Firemedic”.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, a policy will be established for the Panel to rotate Chairman and Vice Chairman annually.

Amended motion: The Bureau staff will look into the most appropriate way to rotate Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Fire & Emergency Incident System Technical Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

Chairman Jon Pasqualone stated that in the event he wins the seat on the House of Representatives, he will then have to resign from both the Fire & Emergency Incident System Technical Advisory Panel as well as the Firefighters Employment, Standards & Training Council.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 11, 2012 1:00 p.m. at the Florida State Fire College, also via conference call.

ADJOURN.