



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting
 July 13, 2018
 Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2019 (1st term)
Neal de Jesus Delray Beach Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Teresa Kinstle Jacksonville Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 31, 2019 (0 term)
Bill Klein Eastern Florida State College	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 11, 2018 (2nd term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Rand Napoli	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Jon Pasqualone FL Fire Marshals/Insp. Assoc.	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2018 (2nd term)
Rick Spence Reedy Creek Fire Department	FL Professional Firefighters	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Laurie Sweeney Orange County Fire Rescue	FL Professional Firefighters	Oct. 31, 2018 (2nd term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)

ABSENT: None

The Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting was called to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council held on March 6, 2018 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *given by Julius Halas, Director*

- Display of a Decon Kit and its contents. These kits are being distributed to departments through a grant program which includes a jump drive with video. These kits are also being distributed to training centers as well. Working towards changing culture. Advocating for future grants.
 - Over 400 kits distributed
- FCDICE
 - Director Halas requested support from the Council in support of new FCDICE and State Reporting systems.

On a motion duly made, a letter of recommendation from the Council will be submitted in support of updating/replacing FCDICE and State Reporting system (FFIRS).

Motion carried.

- Grants
 - We are in year four of a grant with the University of Miami/Sylvester Cancer Center and will continue.
 - This year – 15 million in grants
 - Last year – 8 million (still open)
- August 7, 2018 a presentation will be given to CFO Patronis by the State Fire Marshal's office on;
 - Visioning Document
 - Curriculum Updates
 - US&R/HazMat/Military Training
- Lifetime Firefighter Designation is up and running.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: *given by Mike Tucker, Bureau Chief*

- Wildland Qualifications
 - Currently being updated in FCDICE
 - Strike Team Leader (207 recorded)
 - Engine Leader (644 recorded)
 - S130/S190 (5,611 recorded)
 - Still adding/vetting records
- Curriculum Updates
 - Continuing to work on including cancer/mental health awareness as well as FFIRS training into curriculum
- Listening Sessions
 - Cancer/Mental Health was held earlier today, more to come including rule workshop and rule hearing
 - Minimum Standards session will be upcoming as rewrite has been completed
- FOI
 - The Fire Officer I test was compromised.
 - The issue has been corrected.
 - Working with Pearson Vue to “up” test bank and mix tests.
- Fire Investigator
 - Now accredited through Pro Board
 - Retroactive back to January 2018
- Rule Making
 - Fire Inspector - August 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at FSFC
 - Currently the requirements appear in two separate places within Florida Statute, 69A37.065 and 69A30.005, all will be now moved into 69A30.005
 - Updating Forms – August 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at FSFC
 - Medical Examination form
 - Verification of hours form (to bring to the current 398)
 - Clean up for Instructor Certification
 - No changes, just conflicting language
- Fire Inspector III
 - Being implemented and allows students to take courses that lead to Fire Code Administrator but may not have the experience to qualify for Fire Code Administrator. It will still remain, the only inspector certification needed to conduct inspector certifications is Fire Inspector I
- Data Security
 - FCDICE – password updates coming
 - SSN – only last four digits will be visible
- Staff Changes
 - Scott Stites has stepped down and Eugenia Tucker has filled his position.
- Current Stats
 - FFII – 46, 658

- FFI – 23, 965
- We currently expire approximately 150 per month and certify approximately 150 per month which keeps the numbers consistent
- Florida Statute now requires FSFC to waive incidental fees for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. These will only be fees controlled by FSFC, i.e. books, dorm fees, tuition for;
 - Minimum Standards
 - Firesafety Inspector

OLD BUSINESS:

- Visioning Document Update
 - The Visioning document will be presented to CFO Patronis and executive staff on August 7, 2018. An update will be given at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Quality of Education (handout provided by the Florida Fire Training Director’s Association). Handout suggests;
 - Concerns about the quality, professionalism, and methods of certificate-based courses
 - Would like to require all new instructors be affiliated with a training provider
 - Ensure consistency in the formative and summative evaluations provided for all certificate-based courses
 - Looking at FDLE model

Further discussion was held on the quality of education.

AUDIENCE:

Ron Williams, Lake Tech

Supports document, feels it is important for accountability

Jim Jollie, Chairman of Fire Service Consortium

Feels consistency and direct oversight is needed

Council member, Chief Neal de Jesus

Stated that this should be looked at holistically, if the State is going to be asked to audit instructors, it should be auditing ALL instructors, instructors that are employed by a training provider and private companies. Fire Chief’s/Departments can also regulate who their employees will be covered under for training (reimbursements)

Director Halas stated the impact of an endeavor this size would have a major monetary impact. A comprehensive study may be needed.

Dan Azzaritti disagrees with going after individual instructors/certification.

Rob McGilloway, explained, it is not the intent to go after individuals or certifications

The Council agreed to form a sub-committee which will include member Neal de Jesus, to meet with constituent groups (outside of this Council) for further discussion. An update will be provided at the October meeting.

Council member Jon Pasqualone announced;

Director Julius Halas will be sworn in as President of the National Association of State Marshals on the first Monday of August.

Chief Otto Drodz was recently voted 2nd Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chief's.

Chief Kingman Schulz was voted President of the South-East Fire Chief's Association.

Bill Klein announced that his term on the Council ends on October 11, 2018. He is recommending Rob McGilloway, from the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety as his replacement.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 10 minutes after adjournment of the FFESTC meeting which begins at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting will be held in Ocala at the Florida State Fire College or via conference call**

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request