



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting  
 July 19, 2021  
 Panama City Beach, FL

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jerry Forte City of Palm Coast	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough C.C	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT:**

Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2023 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Teresa Kinstle Jacksonville Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jason Schneider Winter Garden Fire Dept.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

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 May 6, 2021 were approved.

**Motion carried.**

**REMARKS:** *given by Randy Touchton, Chairman*

- Mark Harper is the new Bureau Chief of the Florida State Fire College.
- Thomas DiBernardo, due to successful legislation, has been approved for appointment to the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council representing the Florida Department of Health (EMS).
- Surfside Collapse – Director Halas noted that the Governor, Lt. Governor and CFO all visited the site. The State sent multiple task force teams to assist including the State Fire Marshal’s Specialty Response team and Chaplains. The largest Florida US&R deployment that was not for a hurricane. Council Member Mike Bellamy stated what he and his team saw at the site.
- Thanked Chief Mike Tucker for his service at FSFC.

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

- The Council’s letter of support for a new FCDICE system was sent to the CFO, the support is much appreciated.
- The Joint Council of Fire & Emergency Services also supplied a letter of support.
- It has been approved by the CFO and Deputy CFO to go into the budget and sent to the Capitol. Will keep the Council informed of any updates.
- Surfside Collapse –Dave Downey and Jeff Strickland were on site as part of our Specialty Response Team as agency representatives, they are both former leaders on Task Force 2. The new, current chief, Chief Cominsky (Miami-Dade) was the head incident command (with a full incident support team with many assets). Chief Downey and Chief Strickland were welcomed as well as their advice. Enormous support from all of the constituent groups. Hopeful for a high-level critique.
- New Assistant Director, JoAnne Rice on board beginning August.
- Will be rewriting the Assistant Superintendent position for the Florida State Fire College.

**REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:** *given by Mark Harper Bureau Chief*

- Thanked Mike Tucker for all that he did at FSFC.
- Stats - currently
  - 44,800 FF2
  - 9,620 Volunteers
  - Slight lull from last year in FF2 certifications but ramping back up again.
  - Currently there are 46 Certified Training Centers throughout the State.
  - ProBoard/IFSAC – site visits
    - IFSAC – Sept/Oct 2021
    - Pro Board – June 2022
- Training Section – this year 9,860 requests which includes providers, instructor approvals, course approvals and class offerings.
- Grants
  - Volunteer Firefighter Grant – spent \$972,419 of 1 million
  - FF Decon Grant – \$250,000 – executed 26 contracts. Received \$500,000 for 2021/2022 and the application process is currently open.
- FCDICE – students can now print out their own certificates
- Marion County Fire Rescue will be relocating one of their stations (Station 11) to the NW corner of our additional 50 acres. The new station will also help accommodate some of the USAR equipment with matching construction to the FSFC “station”.
- In 1949, the Florida State Fire College came to be. After 91 years in motion, we are looking forward to 100-year anniversary. More information to follow.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:**

**NEXT MEETING:** **Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 ten minutes after adjournment of FFIRS which begins at 1:00 p.m. Via conference call/Florida State Fire College**

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio file available upon request*