



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
January 6, 2026
Orlando, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Byron Bennett North Bay Fire Control Dist.	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Jupiter Fire Rescue	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 nd term)
Dara Hennessey City of Cocoa Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)
Jeremy Joseph Florida Forest Service	Florida Forest Service/DOA	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Patrick Kennedy Palm Beach County F/R	Florida Association of Counties	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 nd term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2027 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 nd term)

ABSENT:

Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2 nd term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)

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 October 28, 2025, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM NFIRS: *given by Willie Saulsberry (handout provided)*

- NFIRS will be decommissioned sometime in February 2026, expected date is Feb. 1, 2026
 - NFIRS will be inaccessible
 - You can use until this date, to import and export
 - The Division recommends all departments work with NFIRS data and complete before Feb. 1, 2026
- Methods for extracting data
 - Export Incidents Utility
 - Data Warehouse (Excel exports)
 - Form-based Incident Reports (FBIR)
- Things you need to consider
 - State and local records retention policies
 - All incident data must be in NFIRS and released by the close of business on Saturday, January 31, 2026.
- NFIRS
 - Departments who have begun reporting in NFIRS should not be reporting to NFIRS – do not use both
 - Training
 - Virtual option available – attendees must be a NFIRS program manager, a NFIRS data lead, or a state-level staff, and must register ahead of time.
 - Virtual training are at 3pm eastern time and last approximately 75-90 minutes.
 - NFIRS Help Desk does not have a phone number, please direct users to neris.helpdesk@ul.org

Further discussion was held by the Panel on NFIRS/NFIRS/FireTRAQ

REPORT FROM EMS: *Given by Tom DiBernardo, Florida Department of Health*

- Dashboard EMSTARS – based on rules that exist in system
 - Can now go into specific area or vendor and look at the data score of the agency
 - Focused on data quality
 - New dashboards/methods will help repair and improve data
 - Working with vendors is key, instead of dealing with one agency at a time
 - Sam and data team will be starting back with the monthly data calls with the vendors to speed things up. Sam is now in charge of data quality for the State
- Blood Administration, which is happening all over EMS and Fire and you can now analyze all of your administration in Biospatial
- Currently 60% of data is connected to hospitals, with new State vendor, we are hopeful to get to 80% very soon.
- Oxygen Fires (Home)
 - Now that fire reports are going into Biospatial
 - Found that almost 20% of the civilians burned by fire were only in the medical report, not on fire
 - SFM CRR group did reach out and we will be working with them

Discussion was held on how to better track fire casualties back to the incident location and not to where the individual was sent to.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, the Council will assist the State Fire Marshal's Office in a draft letter clarifying the value of reporting.

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: TBD

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Audio File available upon request.