



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
January 9, 2024
Orlando, Florida

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd 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)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd 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 (2nd 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)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 nd 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 November 16, 2023, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Willie Saulsberry, SFM*

- YTD – 2, 228,000 calls run
- State reporting to NFIRS has increased
- NERIS (revision of NFRIS) will be rolling out the end of this year
 - State managers from Oregon to Florida
 - Looking at LODD/FF injuries reporting
 - Looking at other short falls or other items that should be included such as lithium-ion battery incidents, etc.
- Annual Report
 - All reports should be in by January 15 and data will be analyzed
- Community Risk Reduction position should be filled soon with an additional “Training Specialist” position to assist as back up.
- Looking at getting help for smaller departments with technical deficiencies, by recruiting high school students with computer skills looking to complete required community service hours. Have already made contact with Gadsen and Leon County school boards.

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

Introduced Sam Thurman, who will be assisting DOH with Biospatial training and assistance.

- Closing the year with over 4 million calls
- This year held the largest update of the national system, working on “getting the bugs out”.
- Biospatial continues to work on the project of adding fire data into system.
 - Testing data
 - Biospatial is holding the data, and it is able to manipulate very well
 - Took Annual Report and made viewable in Biospatial. An agency can now login and see the Annual Report, but with their data.
 - By March, we expect to be able to analyze the fire data further.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, Aaron Colburn was elected Chairman of the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory panel.

Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, Carlos Aviles was elected Vice Chairman of the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory panel.

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE:

Assistant Director John Gatlin, Division of State Fire Marshal

- Dashboards have been rolled out and work is continuing as well as training
- Have provided reporting capability and link to non-reporting departments on our website
- Rule Development Update – multiple rules open, due to staffing issues in the Office of General Council, the Division is somewhat restricted. Rules are being prioritized.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

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Audio File available upon request.