



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
April 22, 2026
Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Byron Bennett North Bay Fire Control Dist.	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 st 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 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 (2nd term)
Dara Hennessey City of Cocoa Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2027 (1 st term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

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)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 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 January 6, 2026, were approved.

Motion carried.

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

- **NERIS**
 - Total incidents reported so far 1,324,000, running second to California
 - 316 departments reporting
 - 274 verified departments
 - 109 unverified departments
 - 403 inactive departments – reviewing
 - 63.71% reporting
 - 36.29% non-reporting – reaching out to these departments to see who needs assistance
 - Updates for dashboards in review
- **Challenges**
 - Data is not as complete as in NFIRS – waiting for the next update
 - Storing data should go through the Department's Records Management System. For those that do not have a Records Management System, missing fields can go in "narrative".
 - Government shutdown is holding things up (updates)
 - Help Desk is still up and running.
 - Drop off in reporting since change over
- Annual Report is in review. It should be online by June.

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

- **Updating Hospital Exchange**
 - Information from hospitals will be expanding. Will be paring down necessary topics.
 - Will be live data with immediate feedback
 - Pilot has already been carried out and it was immensely successful
 - Will be able to connect with death/vital records (establishing parameters)
 - Crews will be able to see trauma registry records
 - Stroke registry is in the works right now

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: TBD

ADJOURN.

Audio File available upon request.