



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
April 29, 2025
Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
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)
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)
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)
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)
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:

Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Darrel Donatto Jupiter Fire Rescue	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2027 (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 January 7, 2025, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Willie Saulsberry/Assistant Director John Gatlin*

- **NERIS Training/Onboarding**
 - Information sent out via A-List, FFCA etc.
 - NFIRS legacy information will remain active for 5 years
 - Training information may be found on the State Fire Marshal webpage and in the FFIRS section of the webpage. The NERIS site will assist you in creating your account, user guide, etc.
 - June 1, 2025, Rollout of NERIS
 - January 1, 2026, Activation
 - USFA communication has been spotty at best
 - Planning educational events
 - Staff has done a side-by-side comparison with NERIS and NFIRS, there are some changes but no loss of functionality.
 - SFM will still be issuing FDID numbers and will match existing numbers
- **Annual Report 2024**
 - Deadline for entering data was Feb. 15, 2025
 - Deadline for entering data for NFIRS was April 1, 2025
 - Dashboards are still up and active
- **2024 Stats**
 - 92% reporting
 - 122 fatalities
 - 2025 at 50 ytd
 - 2024 – 3,416,884 calls
 - 2023 – 3,367,765
- Samantha Parks is the new Community Risk Reduction Coordinator
- Interviewing to replace Statistician, Joanna Smyth

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

- Completed 5 years of NFIRS upload including gaps in data
- Will match numbers with FDID/NERIS
- Home Oxygen Fires
 - Will now provide monthly report, tracking through medical data

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2025, Miami, Florida

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Audio File available upon request.