



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
 July 14, 2025  
 Miami, Florida

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Darrel Donatto Jupiter Fire Rescue	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Dara Hennessey City of Cocoa Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Jeremy Joseph Florida Forest Service	Florida Forest Service/DOA	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Patrick Kennedy Palm Beach County F/R	Florida Association of Counties	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Byron Bennett North Bay Fire Control Dist.	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 April 29, 2025, were approved.

**Motion carried.**

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

- **NERIS**
  - Sunsetting for NFIRS is Jan. 1, 2026
    - Departments should go into the data warehouse and pull their data
    - SFM also has a backup
  - NERIS Onboarding is June 2, 2025
  - 47 Florida Departments have completed onboarding
  - Onboarding information and updates are being sent out on the A-List and via email.
  - Any departments that have not received information are urged to contact the State Fire Marshal's Office FFIRS Section.
  - 379 incidents have already been reported in NERIS, more pending review.
- **Annual Report**
  - Report will be released soon on-line through the State Fire Marshal's website.
- **FFIRS Section**
  - Is now fully staffed
- **Dash Boards**
  - Still updating. Please review and contact FFIRS if you see anything that may need updating.

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

- 97.6% of all agencies submitting EMS data
  - 54 private aircraft ambulances some of which run to different countries, so they do not report (minimal calls in-state)
- Error rate is at .87. Doing very well with transmitting records back and forth.
- Next years focus "junk in, junk out". Business Rules that are built into the software alert you if you missed or left something out to provide cleaner data.
- **NFIRS data**
  - Still downloading data (by quarter), asked Biospatial to possibly go to monthly. This will provide a backup and also the ability to run analytics.
- **Oxygen Fires – reports run every month**
  - On incline
  - Capturing data, not medical information.
  - Will start including fatality and hospital data
  - No HIPPA exchange in this data
- **Florida EMSTARS**
  - Dashboard now lists "data quality"

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**AUDIENCE:**

**Assistant Director, John Gatlin**

With the change from NFIRS to NERIS, the State Fire Marshal's office will be required to modify some rules (69A.66) to where references to NFRIS are made

**Fire Chief Jonathan Lamb, Cocoa Fire Department**

Working with the State to perform Haz Mat Team Assessments. While doing assessments we will also be asking about mental health programs as well as preventative cancer measures. The State Task force will gather all information and then share with the Council.

**NEXT MEETING: TBD**

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request.*