



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
 October 28, 2025
 Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
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)
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)
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:

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)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd 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 July 14, 2025, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Willie Saulsberry*

- NFIRS will be sunseting January 1, 2026
- NERIS Onboarding began June 2, 2025
 - All fire departments have received emails from the Division to complete onboarding and to start reporting Nov. 1, 2025.
 - Assisting departments with the transfer
 - Encouraging departments to retrieve data from the NFIRS warehouse. The Division will also have a backup.
 - 53 departments already reporting in NERIS (90% of state not yet reporting). Anticipating a large number of departments to transfer over on Nov 1st, and then again on Jan. 1 (depending on departments accreditations, etc.)
 - The information that has been sent out to the fire departments has been well received and they are providing good feedback.
- Annual Report
 - Completed and sent to Capitol
 - Available for viewing on the SFM website, archives also available.
- Dashboards
 - Being updated – send all suggestions to Willie Saulsberry
- 69A-66
 - Copy of rule sent out to Council members prior to meeting
 - Please review and submit feedback
 - Submit feedback to Willies Sauls/Mary Ann Benson

Chief Donatto, question on reporting casualties – no changes.

Discussion was held on proposed rule changes.

Chief Stevens, LaBelle Fire

Appropriations/Grants attached to current reporting system. Will not be able to transition by deadline. Current vendor not cooperating in assisting with NERIS compliance.

Willie will reach out to State representative to assist.

Willie also looking into NERIS and HIPPA compliance.

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

Not Given

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: January, Orlando, Florida Fire Conference

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Audio File available upon request.