



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
 January 24, 2019  
 Daytona Beach, FL

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2019 (1st term)
Neal de Jesus Delray Beach Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Teresa Kinstle Jacksonville Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	January 31, 2019 (0 term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Rob McGilloway Coral Springs Fire Academy	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 11, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Rand Napoli	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Rick Spence Reedy Creek Fire Department	FL Professional Firefighters	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Joshua Sturms EMS	Bureau of EMS	June 30, 2018 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**ABSENT: None**

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 13, 2018 were approved.

**Motion carried.**

Noted; the regularly scheduled meeting for October was cancelled due to Hurricane Michael.

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:** *Julius Halas, Director*

- Hurricane Michael Update
  - Deployed approximately 30% more resources than with Hurricane Irma
  - All 8 US&R teams were deployed, including Miami, Miami/Dade (TF 1 & 2) Federal Teams
  - SERP (Stat Emergency Response Plan) had staging of Teams in Alabama which enabled help to the Panhandle within 12 hours. (Louisiana, Mississippi, Jacksonville)
  - Approximately 2,450 personnel were deployed
- School Safety
  - Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Commission Report
    - A Task Force will be formed (including SFM) to bring all partners together to ensure fire protection involvement in the safety of K-12 schools. DOE will have jurisdiction.
- Grants
  - Year 4 of University of Miami Grant – 2,000,000 appropriations
  - Rural Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, started at 230,000 in 2016 to 1,000,000 last year and another 1,000,000 this year. This grant includes them in FFIRS reporting and a safety inspection performed by SFM.
  - Last year there were 12 local, city, county, and fire district, fire equipment and infrastructure grants totaling 7.1 million. Fiscal year 2018 totaling 7.9 million. (Includes renovations and new construction)
  - Decon Kit Grant, 4,500 kits were delivered to 430 departments. The University of Miami assisted (at their cost) to make delivery possible to 80% of the fire service

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *Keith McCarthy, Safety Program Manager, SFM*  
(Handout provided)

- The 2017 Florida Fires Annual Report is finalized and out for distribution.
- Working on closing out 2018. Reporting deadline is April 30, 2019. USFA deadline is June 30, 2019
- 2017
  - 483 departments (91.5%) currently reporting
  - 200 civilian fire related deaths
  - 1,168 firefighter injuries
  - Fire Departments responded to a total of 2,775, 967 incidents
  - Complete statistics can found in the Annual Report (handout)

Chairman Napoli encouraged Panel members to keep encouraging the non-reporting departments in their areas.

The State Fire Marshal's office will also follow up with phone calls and letters of non-reporting.

The State Fire Marshal's office is continuing in their efforts to update the FFIRS reporting data base.

**REPORT FROM EMS:** *Joshua Sturms, Bureau of EMS (email update provided)*

- Awaiting appointment of new Surgeon General and Secretary of Health
- New State EMS Medical Director is Kenneth Schepke from Palm Beach
- EMS Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Friday in Ballroom A
- The newly formed Trauma System Advisory Panel also meets on Friday
- Rule Development
  - EMSTARS database dictionary, addition of 3.4 update
- Funding
  - 5 million appropriated to Opioid Epidemic for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement. Entities must apply
  - Upgrade of patient care information systems (400,000 issued by Federal Government). Details will be provided to licensed EMS agencies within the next few weeks. Encouraging all agencies to upgrade to the latest 3.4 software.
  - Needs assessment will be conducted on needs of emergency responders
- Opioid Crisis
  - New system up and running where information is updated in real-time dashboards. Trying to expand use with other agencies. Information is available to Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Webinar/Curriculum Update. Training is continuing. Webinar has not yet been completed.

Chairman Napoli discussed the positive changes with ISO and the pulling of reports as a part of the ISO grading process.

Chief Aviles requested an update of non-reporting fire departments at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice Chairman, Kasie Crowe will now fill the Chairman seat of the Panel with the departure of Rand Napoli.

On a unanimous vote, Shawn Hanson was voted Vice Chairman.

Panel member Joshua Sturms offered a demo on their new system for the Panel. New Chairman Crowe, agreed.

## **AUDIENCE:**

Cathy Klutsky, Director of North American Operations for EPR Fireworks Software, believes there is “gold” within all of the information that the FFIRS system holds. She would like to assist and facilitate with an analytical tool that allows one to drill down into the data for more specifics. Instant analytics would be available on data, also ISO, and accreditation reporting. Would love to help Florida with its reporting.

Relatively new product, not exclusive to Florida.

## **NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2019 Tallahassee, FL**

Chairman Napoli stated that it was a great pleasure serving on the Panel as well as on the Standards Council. He urged current members to remember, the Legislature established this Panel as well as the Standards Council, to be advisory to the State Fire Marshal’s Office. This sometimes means, the advice is hard, they may not want to hear it, but it is the responsibility of the members and the entities they represent, to take it seriously and to take all of the information from the meetings back to your agencies and associations you represent. It is very important.

Director Halas presented certificates of appreciation to members who were terming out.

Jon Pasqualone

Lew Simon

Bill Klein

Rand Napoli

## **ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request*