



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
 April 21, 2022
 Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Forest Service	Jan.31, 2023 (2 nd term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
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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 20, 2022 were approved.

Motion carried.

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

- Legislative Session
 - Only approximately 7% of bills passed this year, still waiting to be signed into law
 - Received a LBR (Legislative Budget Request) for \$380,000 for the Tableau software program
 - Received \$250,000 for a study for a new FCDICE (subject to budget approval)
 - Over 10 million in requests to assist the Urban Search and Rescue Teams for new equipment, vehicles to haul equipment for emergencies and disasters, sustainment items and training. Approved within the Emergency Management budget. SFM staff will be working with them to disseminate those funds. (subject to budget approval)

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Melissa Dembicer, JoAnne Rice, Assistant Director*

JoAnne Rice

Thanked everyone who is working to get Tableau up and running.

Melissa Dembicer working hard on trying to get the 2021 Annual Report moved up and to make it more “readable”. Working on a timeline of July for completion and hopeful to get it released by the end of the year. The goal is to get it out earlier.

Part of the \$380,000 will be used for Tableau, part for staff augmentation and IT support. SFM will be bringing on personnel, Joanna Smythe has been hired to fill the statistician role as well as data analyst.

Melissa Dembicer

- Fire Department Rosters
 - Completed review with Fire College data and have confirmed there are 842 fire departments with 53 non-reporting. 36 of the 53 are volunteer departments

- Contacted non-reporting departments, issues are;
 - Merging department
 - Lost staff
 - Need training
 - FFIRS is no longer keeping a fire department list and will rely only on FCDICE data.
 - Training
 - Lots of requests for training. West Manatee County, Washington County, etc.
 - 2021 Annual Report
 - Smaller – not as many narratives
 - Setting up work group to “re-vamp” report
 - Within the next few months, FFIRS will no longer receive reports from departments, they will be uploading data themselves through the NFRIS upload capabilities.

Looking for suggestions from Panel on top software vendors in State, seeking information on uploading requirements

- DFS is currently working on updating SFM websites which will include training videos. Any suggestions of what might also be added is appreciated.
- FFIRS has put out a call for photos – photo contest for the 2020/2021 Annual Report – due May 15, photo’s can be emailed to Melissa or FFIRS email address. All data should be in by April 30th.

Presentation: Sean Reynolds, Information Technology

The uploading process has been updated for departments to upload directly into NFIRS – demonstration provided.

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

- 2021
 - 4.6 million records
 - 74,000 trauma registry records
 - Car crash records just short of 650,000
- Over the next six months, will be working fire agencies (EMS non transport/ALS Engines) but their ALS license comes from a “parent” county. Fairly common where the county issues an EMS license but the fire department is on separate software. They are now being entered into the data set. 28 non transport ALS agencies working under another agency have been identified. They are excited to be added as they will be able to access that data.
- 75 EMS agencies out of 303 are still reporting on paper to the State.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Workgroup for updated annual report discussion

Director Halas introduced new Panel/Council members;

Brian Bishoff, Bradenton FD, Aaron Colburn, Reedy Creek Emergency Services and Chief Michael Woodward, City of Oviedo Fire Department.

AUDIENCE:

Jon Pasqualone:

The June (FFMIA) Conference will be held in Orlando and will include Florida Fire & Explosion Investigators Association. Discussion has been held referencing Q&A on reports. Specifically, fire reports, when a fire is written up as undetermined, the investigator then picks up the document and carries it forward, it could be several days/weeks/months, before a final report is issued but there is no reconciliation. This can skew data.

JoAnne Rice:

This has been brought up in discussions with Simon Blanc and DIFS (Division of Investigative & Forensic Services) and they have verified that they do share final outcomes of fire cause with the fire department.

Important that all entered data is correctly added.

Chief Carlos Aviles – In agreement, this data needs to be captured and we need to be able to “close the “loops” moving forward. Asked if there was a timeline for a resolution and if this could potentially bog down the rollout of uploading the new system in June.

John Pasqualone:

No timeline in mind. Would just like it under consideration as we move forward with revising the reporting methodology.

Tom DiBernardo:

Biospatial was successfully able to link engine records, to police records to EMS records. If SFM does an inspection and enters it into NFIRS, then the agency marks it mutual aid received and the SFM marks it as mutual aid given, the two log numbers would tie them together in the back end so they will “marry back up” (If DIFS reports to NFIRS)

Further discussion/investigation to be held on this topic.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Naples, FL

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Audio File available upon request.