

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
Tallahassee, FL
April 17, 2006

Director Randall Napoli called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He introduced new Council Member Dr. Ron Nutter. Dr. Nutter retired in 2003 from the University of Florida and was involved in the design, administration, marketing and implementation of the UF Fire and Emergency Services Bachelor Degree.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Dr. Ron Nutter
Jon Pasqualone, FI Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

REPRESENTING:

FI Assoc. of Special Districts
FI Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
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State Fire Marshal
FI Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
FI Professional Firefighters
FI Professional Firefighters
State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

John Drago, City of Longwood
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando

FI League of Cities
State Fire Marshal

The Director introduced new Council Member Laurie Sweeney. Ms. Sweeney is with Orange County Professional Firefighters and in her 17th year with Orange County Fire Department. She is the Treasurer of their local union in the Orlando area.

Discussion was held on officer positions and the status of new appointments. On a motion duly made the Council recommends officer appointments be tabled until next meeting. Les Hallman was nominated to preside over this meeting. Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting held on January 26, 2006 were approved. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

The Director gave an update on the Legislative Session. He addressed a Bill that extends the timeline of the sprinkler retro-fit provision in high-rise residential structures to the year 2025. Discussion was held on previous modifications to the Bill.

Director Napoli stated that the tentative date for the US DOT Pipeline Safety Meeting will be June 19-20, 2006 in the Tampa Area. He stated the purpose of the meeting is to bring the US DOT and those who have regulatory responsibility for pipelines together with the responders and operators.

Director Napoli gave an update on rule promulgation.

69A-46 Fire Sprinkler Contractors. This rule should go to workshop in the next few weeks. He addressed fire sprinkler recalls and stated that the rule requires a tagging system and notification of any recalled components or deficiencies of the fire sprinkler system to the owner and authority having jurisdiction.

69A-58 Educational Facilities. Issues still need to be addressed after the Legislative Session.

The Director gave an update on the events surrounding the Firefighter Awards Ceremony. He also stated that the Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services made a decision to move the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony to Friday, October 13, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

Chief Dave Casey stated that the Live Fire Training program is currently being held on at the Fire College. Positive feedback has been received. The rule is still in the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC). Discussion was held on the 40-Hour and 16-Hour Adjunct Instructor offerings.

Chief Casey reviewed upcoming events.

The Standards Workshop will be June 5-7, 2006. All certified instructors, training officers, and training centers are invited. Various constituent meetings will be held during the workshop.

The Great Florida Fire School will be in November.

Dates are being finalized for the Health and Safety Conference. He stated that it may be held in Orlando and the theme of the conference is "What do you do if this happens tonight?"

Discussion was held on the Live Fire Training rules. On a motion duly made, the Council will draft a letter to JAPC supporting the live fire training program. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Casey gave an update on the courses for the Health and Safety Officer program. Discussion was held on Course Delivery being included in the program. On a motion duly made, the Council recommends adding the Course Delivery Course as one of the required courses. Motion carried. Chief Casey continued the Health and Safety Officer program update. He stated that the Incident Safety Officer 40-hour course is being developed and the revised text is being reviewed.

Chief Casey gave an update on the high school issue. He stated that recently staff met extensively with the Department of Education, Miami Dade Schools and Miami Dade Fire Rescue. The program they presented is compliant to FS 633 and laws concerning child endangerment, and are to be commended for their efforts. He reviewed the program and stated that Miami Dade Schools will revise the program based on recommendations from that meeting. Discussion was held on various offerings of firefighter training for high school students throughout the State. In addition, they are also looking at inspector programs.

Chief Casey gave an update regarding Online Testing. He stated the first testing to go online will be the fire protection equipment examinations. The anticipated date for all testing to go online will be Spring of 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Mike Long, Division of Forestry advised the Council that approximately only 1,000 firefighters have gone through S-130 and S-190 training. Discussion was held at length on requirements, instructor credentials and deadline for training. Council Member Les Hallman reviewed the need for the training as it relates to the State Emergency Response Plan and stated that if a strike team is deployed for wildland firefighting they must have this training to be able to respond, he stated that if they do not they cannot assist in wildland firefighting efforts. Discussion was held on course delivery methods. Ira Jolly, Division of Forestry, stated that they will hold the train-the-trainer course for fire departments on request, with preferably 15-20 students. Staff will work with DOF on NWCG credentials, recommendations and requirements.

Discussion was held regarding standards driven objectives and how they are measured.

AUDIENCE

Discussion was held on the new FCDICE system and problems with end user applications.

Discussion was held on NIMS compliance. Chief Casey stated there are problems with tracking the information and initial compliance. The majority is taking it through USAI or online. Discussion was held on incident management and domestic security courses accepted for Fire Officer I.

Shayne Stewart advised that there is a group out of Arkansas that offered excellent WMD PPE training and their funding has been cut 75%. He will bring information back to the Council regarding the classes that can be offered in Florida.

Ira Jolly re-addressed wildland firefighting training issues. He suggested that the course requests go through Mike Coker or Mike Kuypers from the Wildland Fire Committee. In addition, participants are given a set of wildland gear after completion of the I-100, S-130 and S-190 courses.

NEXT MEETING

July 21, 2006, 1:00 p.m. in Marco Island

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