



AlarmAlert

Tom Gallagher: State Fire Marshal, Treasurer, and Insurance Commissioner

Summer 2001

Fire Service Calendar

NFA Course - Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service Organizations

August 20 - 31, 2001, FSFC, Ocala, FL Contact: 352/732-1330 *See page 6*

Fire Rescue International

2001 Aug. 24 - 27, 2001, New Orleans, LA Contact: 800/541-6058

57th Annual Florida Arson

Seminar Aug. 26 - 30, 2001, Orlando, FL Visit: www.floridaarsonseminar.com

Firefighters Standards and Training Council Meeting

October 12, 2001, FSFC Ocala, FL Contact: 352/732-1330

Joint Council Meeting

October 12, 2001, FSFC Ocala, FL Contact: 850/224-7333

53rd Annual Fire Prevention

Conference Nov. 5-8, 2001, Ft. Myers, FL Visit: www.ffma.org

Great Florida Fire School

Nov. 28 - Dec. 2, 2001, FSFC, Ocala, FL Contact: 352/732-1330 *See page 9*

Please join us for Florida's Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service on October 13, 2001 at the Florida State Fire College. See page 2

Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13, 2001
NFPA announces "Cover the bases and strike out fire" as 2001 theme. *See page 7*

Division members assist with FIRE Act grant evaluation: Over 30,000 requests

Dennis M. Andrews
Training and Research Manager

Bureau of Fire Standards and Training

Four members of the Division of State Fire Marshal traveled to Emmitsburg, Maryland for one week each to assist the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in the review process for the FIRE Act 2001 \$100 million Grant Program. In attendance were James E. Goodloe, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention and Bureau of Fire Standards and Training members: Dennis M. Andrews, Training and Research Manager; Barbara Klingensmith, Academic Instructor; and Karen Barber, Fire College Instructor. An average

of eight to ten hours was spent each day for five days reviewing and scoring some of the 30,000 requests for assistance which totaled nearly \$3 billion. The requests were from six categories of which fire departments could apply for assistance in any two. The categories were, Fire Prevention, Firefighting Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, Training, Vehicle, and Wellness and Fitness.

Each member was part of a team of 75 reviewers that were assembled each week at the National Fire Academy, much like a sequestered jury. We took nothing in, we took nothing out and were kept in a separate area. Each member had a special ID tag that had to be worn at all times and students had been instructed not

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Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service announced

Each October, Florida remembers its fallen firefighters in a ceremony held during Fire Prevention Week. Rich in tradition, this ceremony celebrates the service of these brave men and women, and what they meant to their communities.

Each year fire service members and civilians from across Florida attend the event held on the campus of the Florida State Fire College in Ocala, which is hosted by the Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services and the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. Honor Guard members from across Florida join together in a united show of respect for their fallen comrades and their families.

This year's ceremony will be held on October 13, 2001, and the day will begin with a Prayer Breakfast at 0830, followed by a Memorial Service for Florida's Fallen Firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice in 2000, and a remembrance of those 111 previously recognized Florida firefighters whose names are engraved on the monument.

This year we will be honoring George Burton from the Florida Division of Forestry, Michael Yahraus from Sarasota County Emergency Services, Maurice Bartholemew from the Pensacola Fire Department and also adding the name of William Johnson who lost his life in 1933.

Maurice Bartholemew

Pensacola Fire Department
November 25, 2000

Firefighter Maurice Bartholomew was conducting a victim search in a burning structure when he became trapped.

George Burton

Florida Division of Forestry
June 4, 2000

Pilot Burton died from injuries sustained in a helicopter crash while fighting a wildfire in Lee County.

Michael Yahraus

Sarasota County Emergency Services
September 11, 2000

FF Paramedic Yahraus died from an accidental gunshot wound during a training exercise in support of a law enforcement SWAT exercise.

William Robert Johnson

Indian River Co. Fire Department
September 8, 1933

FF Johnson slipped and was struck while attempting to board a fire truck as it responded to an incident.

History of the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial

Shortly after funds were appropriated for the new Florida State Fire College it was proposed that a memorial be erected at the Fire College dedicated to those Florida firefighters who had made the supreme sacrifice. Within two years, over fifty thousand dollars had been collected from donors who came from all walks of life, including career and volunteer firefighters of every rank, civilians, and fire service organizations. Virtually every firefighter in Florida contributed to the memorial.

Artist Don Murray of Gainesville, Florida, whose father was a firefighter, was commissioned to create the statue that has become the focal point of the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial. The life size bronze statue of a firefighter does not depict the type of heroic pose we often see, but is instead modeled in a pose that is in keeping with the purpose and meaning of the memorial, that being a "Firefighter at Rest". The base of the memorial was designed by Fire College staff, and was constructed by them with assistance from professional masons.

The Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial was dedicated on January 11, 1992, and occupies a place of honor at the center of the Florida State Fire College campus. The Florida Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services and the staff of the FSFC maintain the memorial in perpetuity.

While visiting the memorial, please remember that this small piece of earth is dedicated to the memory of those who have given their lives so that others might live.

-This is truly hallowed ground-



Crime Scenes

News from the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

State Fire Marshal joins statewide dispatch

Mary Fields, Crime Intelligence Analyst II
Jeff Merritt, Law Enforcement Lieutenant

Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

To better serve the citizens of Florida, the Division of State Fire Marshal announces that it will become a member of the Statewide Joint Dispatch program. Dispatch centers are located throughout the state and are supported by the Florida Highway Patrol. These centers will become the main dispatch for purposes of responding to requests for fire investigations and EOD assistance by the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations. Currently the Bureau is supported by one dispatch center in Tallahassee. The increase in additional dispatch capabilities will provide quicker response and better officer safety.

Fire service and law enforcement agencies who request assistance for fire investigations or EOD response can contact their local dispatch center for assistance from the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations law enforcement investigators. Additionally requests can be made directly through each of the State Fire Marshal's Field Offices during working hours. The Bureau will also maintain its current 1-800-NET-FIRE (638-3473) for investigative requests.

This change is tentatively scheduled to take affect on September 1, 2001, however, all requesting agencies should verify through their local Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigation Field Offices before utilizing the central dispatch centers. If any agency experiences problems the 1-800-NET-FIRE line should be used.

Requests for investigative assistance can be made through the following centers or Bureau field offices:

Dispatch Centers

Southeast Florida Area

Lake Worth: 561/357-6366
561/357-6667

Central Florida Area

Orlando: 407/249-6540
407/249-6541

West, North, Northeast and Southwest Florida areas

Tallahassee: 850/487-4283
850/487-9590
850/487-9635
850/487-9859

Or by calling 1-800-NET-FIRE

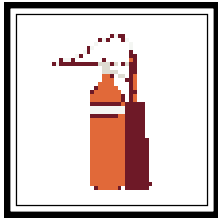
Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigations

Field Offices (8a-5p)

Ft. Walton Beach 850/833-9125
Tallahassee 850/413-3901
Jacksonville 904/727-5530
Daytona 904/947-1707
Orlando 407/897-2892
Tampa 813/871-7201
Bartow 863/534-0087
Ft. Myers 941/338-2327
Ocala 352/732-1743
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Inspection Report

News from the Bureau of Fire Prevention

Florida Boiler Safety Rules amended

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Bureau of Fire Prevention

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 4A-51, Boiler Safety Rules, has been amended by the Department of Insurance, Treasury and Fire Marshal, effective October 23, 2000. This is the first major change to the state's boiler safety rules since being adopted in 1989.

The amendment includes updating of the state boiler code from the 1989 edition to the 1999 edition, introduction of national standard inspection forms, change in definitions, and adoption of complete ASME CSD-1 Code.

The department has amended

rule Paragraph 4A-51.010, adopted and incorporated by reference the following national codes as the State Boiler Code for the safe construction, installation, inspection, maintenance and repair of boilers.

(1) The ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1998 edition and all 1999 amendments, addenda, and interpretations thereto; **Section I** – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers; **Section II** - Parts A, B, C, & D – Materials; **Section IV**- Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers; **Section V**-Nondestructive Examination; **Section VI** - Recommended Rules for the Care and Operation of Heating Boilers; **Section IX** – Welding and Brazing Qualifications; **B31.1** - Power Piping; and **CSD-1**- Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers.

Copies of these Codes may be obtained from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International, 22

Law Drive, Box 2300, Fairfield, NJ 0700-2300, phone 1-800-THE-ASME.

(2) The National Board Inspection Code (NBIC)-1998 edition and all 1999 amendments, addenda, and interpretations thereto. Copies of this Code may be obtained from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, 1055 Crupper Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229, phone 614-888-8320.

The above Codes may be consulted at the offices of the Boiler Safety Program, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Division of State Fire Marshal, 325 John Knox Road, Atrium Building, Third Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, phone 850-413-3722, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Those requesting additional information about the boiler safety rules may contact me by phone at 850-413-3614, or via e-mail at malekm@doi.state.fl.us.

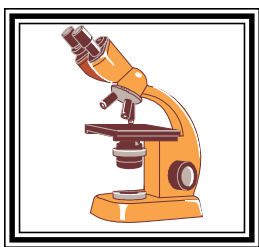
FLORIDA FIREWISE COMMUNITIES. The Southern Region FireWise Workshop was held April 4 and 5, 2001 in Jacksonville Florida. In attendance were participants from Florida and several Southeastern States. This Fire Prevention program



addresses the multi-jurisdictional wildland urban interface fire problem. Workshops include fast paced multimedia and interactive sessions based on NFPA Standard 299, Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire.

A few members of the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal helped facilitate the event: Bureau of Fire Prevention Regional Supervisors Fred Chaplin West Palm Beach Office, Jim Lepick Jacksonville Office, and Karl Mahaffey Orlando Office; and Beth Hardee, Instructor, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. These members have completed facilitator training and are able provide FireWise/Wildfire Prevention education to Florida Communities

To host a FireWise Communities Workshop in your area or to get more information visit <http://www.firewise.org/> or E-Mail, lepickj@doi.state.fl.us



Lab Notebook

News from the State Fire and Arson Laboratory

Fire and Arson Laboratory nears end of renovations

Carl Chasteen
Crime Lab Analyst Supervisor

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and Arson Investigations*

For the past nine months the laboratory has been undergoing many changes. New laboratory areas and offices have been added. The photo laboratory has been expanded and the training room has been re-fitted. All-in-all over 3000 square feet of space has been added. One of the most exciting changes is the re-painting of the interior and the new carpet throughout the building.

The new explosives prep-room and explosives instrument lab will allow the laboratory to begin offering analysis of chemical reaction bombs and incendiaries. Some new equipment has been moved into the new labs, and more will be installed in the next year. At this point the lab already has a backlog of over 12 cases to be worked in this area. This will allow the lab to utilize an existing preparation room as a fingerprint laboratory. Analysts will be able to use chemical methods to enhance latent fingerprints from items recovered from fire scenes.

A room has been set aside as a library where all of the laboratory's extensive reference material on chemistry, forensic science, fire investigation, photography and improvised explosives will be available for research. The library may be used by any fire investigation or law enforcement officer in the state of

Florida. While reference material will not be allowed out of the laboratory, the library will provide a pleasant environment where research can be conducted.

Several employees who had to share office space for years will now have their own individual offices. We see this as an improvement in the employee's abilities to provide better customer service. New storage areas have also been added. These will allow the laboratory to have a central archive for sensitive papers, photographic negatives, and post-analysis carbon membranes.

The conference/training room has been re-oriented and new equipment for presentations has been installed. Additionally, the restrooms have been expanded. The old courtyard was sacrificed for the new

offices, but a smaller patio has been built just outside the conference room.

While all of these changes are wonderful, the really remarkable factor is that the laboratory never had to completely shut down. We had days when we had to close off certain sections. We had to close the photo lab for five weeks, but Melissa Stephens and Ann Walker were able to eliminate the 600 roll backlog within a week of re-opening. The greatest inconvenience was when we were down to one bathroom for several months. A hand made occupancy sign (which some people forgot to "flip") made that ordeal bearable. All in all, the improvements are great. We hope you'll stop by next time you travel along route 90 towards Quincy to say "hi" and see the changes.





Dateline: Ocala

News from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training

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to discuss grants or any issues about the applications with team members.

The volunteers worked in groups of three and usually were able to review six to ten application packets per hour. Each request was reviewed and scored by each member of the three-person team. Specific questions that were answered were scored from 0 to 100. An example from the apparatus request was "What is the age of your oldest first-in unit?" Unfortunately, there are a number of departments that still use 1950's pumping apparatus as first-in equipment. Another question was "Have you purchased a new apparatus of the kind you are requesting funding for within the last year?" They also had to give supporting information about their current funding, such as a copy of the current budget or at least the amount of funding available to them and how they collected the funds. This process was repeated for each category.

The review process went faster than FEMA had anticipated which was good since the next step was to process all of the scored requests and decide on the amount of funding awarded to each department. All grant awards must be completed by September 30, 2001.

Next year there may be \$200 million available. The system worked well from our standpoint. Hopefully some of you will have the opportunity to be part of the review process in the future. It was a lot of work and an experience we will not soon forget.

Fire and life safety education steps forward

Beth Hardee
Fire College Instructor

*Bureau of Fire Standards
and Training*

With the development of the new Fire and Life Safety Educator II class by the Florida State Fire College, which will be coupled with the existing Fire and Life Safety Educator I, Florida fire and life safety educators are once again on the leading edge of public education training.

This combination will be elevated to program status at the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, which means that completion of FLSE I and II will allow an individual to sit for the state examination leading to the Florida Fire and Life Safety Educator Certificate. Successful completion of

this program will ensure that an individual who receives the FLSE certificate is fully prepared to deliver and design educational programs for the public.

This program is being submitted to the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications for national accreditation and will place Florida at the forefront of national public educator training. There are only a few other states that are delivering programs at the FLSE II level.

Many thanks to the Fire and Life Safety Educators from around the state who assisted the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training by developing examination questions in a workshop held at the Fire College on July 12th. These questions will be placed in a database and randomly selected to generate the state examination.



The Florida State Fire College is proud to offer
the National Fire Academy
Field Delivery of the Resident course of

Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service Organizations

August 20 to August 31, 2001

This course is designed to prepare fire service managers to work more effectively with other personnel in their organizations. Participants begin with a critical self-assessment of their individual managerial strengths and weaknesses, with results in a specific plan for their own professional and personal development. Techniques for creating effective organizational environments are defined.

To register: Submit the NFA General Admission Application (FEMA Form 75-5, dated July 2000) to Florida State Fire College, Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service Organizations, 11655 NW Gainesville Road, Ocala, FL 34482. If you need further information, contact Karen Barber, Project Manager at the Florida State Fire College, (352) 732-1330, or by e-mail at barberk@doi.state.fl.us.

NFPA announces “Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire” as theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2001

Quincy, MA April 23, 2001- The nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for 79 years, today announced a baseball theme, entitled “Cover the Bases & Strike Out fire,” for this year’s campaign, October 7-13.

FPW 2001 combines America’s favorite pastime with important fire safety tips to teach children and their families how they can “cover the bases” to “strike out: preventable home fires.” Sparky the Fire Dog®, celebrating his 50th birthday this year as NFPA’s mascot, will play a visible role in coaching families and communities on the simple steps they can take to avoid fires.

“Every year, we make a special effort to include children in our Fire Prevention Week campaign, with help from firefighters and teachers,” says Meri-K Appy, vice president of public education for NFPA. “Kids are very effective at driving fire safety messages home, which is where the risk of fire is greatest. This year, we’ll use a baseball

diamond as a visual cue; each home base on the FPW diamond represents important safety tips.”

Cooking, heating and electrical fires account for half of all home fires. So, “Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire” positions kitchen safety at first base, heating safety at second base and electrical safety at third. Home plate serves as a reminder to kids to conduct smoke alarm testing and home fire escape planning with parents and caregivers.

“Just like baseball, fire prevention is a team game, and we encourage parents to work closely with their children to stay safe,” said Appy.

NFPA’s FPW campaigns are often cited by fire safety experts as being extremely useful in delivering fire safety messages to families. For the last three years, “Fire Drills: The Great Escape!” was FPW’s campaign theme focusing on home fire escape planning and practice. That campaign reached 7 million children through collaborative work of the fire service, public and private school, and *Weekly Reader*, a widely-read grade

school publication. So far, documented reports confirm that 74 lives have been saved—mostly children—as a result of the campaign.

As in previous years, NFPA will distribute free FPW materials to more than 40,000 fire departments throughout North America for use as the foundation of their FPW activities in schools and their communities. Also, NFPA will team up with *Weekly Reader* again, this time targeting school age children, grades 2-4.

Major funding for FPW 2001 is provided by FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration, with generous support from KIDDE, and contributions from Underwriters Laboratories INC (UL), and USAA Property and casualty Insurance Group.

For more information on FPW, please log on to www.firepreventionweek.org or visit www.nfpa.org. For an electronic version of this year’s FPW artwork, please call the public affairs office at 617-984-7275.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by developing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Publisher of the *National Electrical Code*®, the *Life Safety Code*®, and 300 other codes and standards through a full, open-consensus process, NFPA is currently developing NFPA 5000, *Building Code*™, the first consensus-based building code. NFPA also produces educational curricula, including the *Risk Watch*® community-based injury prevention curriculum and the *Learn Not to Burn*® fire safety curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, MA. Visit NFPA’s Web site at www.nfpa.org.



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Firefighters Standards and Training Council

Established by Chapter 633 of the Florida Statutes to recommend uniform standards in the employment and training of firefighters, and to recommend minimum curriculum requirements for institutions operated by or for any employing agency for the specific purpose of training firefighters.

Brief of Activities for April 9, 2001 and July 24, 2001 meetings

Shayne Stewart, Firefighter Member
Dave Casey, Fire Chief Member

Firefighters Standards and Training Council

April 9, 2001, Tallahassee, FL. The Florida Firefighters Standards and Training Council welcomes Chief Dave Casey from Clay County Fire Rescue. Chief Casey has been chief in Clay County for the past 8 years. We welcome him and are sure Chief Casey will bring some new ideas to the Council.

Director Clark reported on the Legislative Session. The new Chief Financial Officer Cabinet position will absorb the Comptroller and Insurance Commissioner / Treasurer / State Fire Marshal.

Director Clark also reported that the implementation of the new Fire Code has been pushed back to January 1, 2002.

Chief Napoli was next on the agenda and reported that the new 7-acre Transportation Emergency Training Facility (TEFT) is opening at the Fire College. This training facility is equipped with railcars, tankers, natural and LP gas setups, loading docks and other training aids. In conjunction with the opening, chemical and transportation companies are holding a training class (TRANSCAER) at the College with over 50 instructors from these companies. Haz-Mat responders will learn from the folks who deal with these

hazards on a daily basis. These same chemical and transportation companies donated money for the facility.

The State Emergency Response Commission has asked the Bureau to develop a standard for a voluntary Haz-Mat Technician class. The Commission sets standards for Haz-Mat Companies.

Under reports from Council Members: Chief Vicki Sheppard reported on wildland firefighting training issues. Ira Jolley from the Division of Forestry was in attendance and assisted Chief Sheppard with her report. The Train the Trainer classes for S-130 and S-190 have been developed and are currently being taught. A 24-hour class is being proposed and the committee will be meeting again to iron out any problems sometime in August.

Shayne Stewart reported to the Council on the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and the Wellness and Fitness Initiative. Cynthia Diven and Shayne have the challenge to find a way to help our firefighters become healthier and to better prepare them to meet the stresses of our job. While it was determined that the CPAT is a wonderful tool to recruit new firefighters, it is beyond the scope of the Council at this time. It was determined that the test is a condition of employment and cannot be implemented by the Council into Standards. On the issue of Wellness and Fitness, Shayne asked that this issue be given more time for study. In its present form, the program developed by the International Association of Fire Fighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs is again a condition of employment. What we were looking for is

an exercise program that can be used in Minimum Standards that will strengthen our new firefighters and enable them to perform the job ahead. Shayne will be talking with exercise experts around the state to see if a general program can be developed for Minimum Standards and report back to the full Council at our next meeting.

July 24, 2001, Stuart, FL.

The Florida Firefighters Standards and Training Council welcomes Mr. Stuart Kaufman as the newest member of the Council. Mr. Kaufman has an extensive background in the fire service and was previously Miami Dade Fire Rescue's Public Information Officer.

Chief Napoli reported that there is a final rule hearing for the proposed curriculum revisions scheduled for July 26 at the Florida State Fire College. If there is no opposition, the rule will be official thirty days after the hearing.

Chief Napoli also reported that the development of the standard for the voluntary Hazardous Materials Technician Certification may be based on 29CFR1910.120 and NFPA 472. The intent is to form a state-wide baseline along with a state-wide response program. There may also be proposed curriculum on a voluntary Safety Officer program.

Mike Gonzalez proposed a question (in writing) concerning the re-testing requirements for Fire Inspector (allowing only one re-test). Chief Napoli informed the Council that the Inspector test is not based on Florida Statute like Firefighter I and II, it is a rule. The Bureau's position is for the testing requirements to remain the

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same. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Even though the Firefighter I and II Certification Programs are nationally accredited, it does not open reciprocity to other states, however Florida will still allow for the challenge of the minimum standards exam.

Reports on physical fitness, CPAT and fire training center awards are tabled until next meeting.

Director Clark reported on the proposed Firefighter Safety Rules and stated that an agreement may be reached soon. *Editors Note: See Breaking News below.*

Rich Gorden joined us from the Division of Forestry to go over the S130 and S190 programs. He informed the Council that the Train-the-Trainer should be offered in August. Dave Casey moved to add the 14 hours for wildfire training into the Firefighter I program. This will require a rule change and could be implemented within 90 days.

Our next meeting is in Ocala on October 12, 2001. The Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service is on October 13, please join us.

BREAKING NEWS

As we went to print, the Division of State Fire Marshal reached an agreement to settle the challenge to the proposed firefighter safety rules. The settlement agreement with the organizations who challenged the safety rule will allow the Division to move ahead with implementation of the rule package, which is designed to enhance the safety of Florida's firefighters during interior firefighting and other hazardous operations.

Details will be published in the next edition of Alarm Alert, and is also being disseminated by the Division through other outlets.

Great Florida Fire School

November 28 – December 2, 2001

Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
Florida State Fire College
11655 NW Gainesville Road
Ocala, FL 34482

Classes offered in five key tracks

Wildland Operations:

Basic Wildland Fire Classes
I-100, S-130, S-190
Standards for Survival
Urban Interface Operations S-205

Basic Fire Operations:

Apparatus
Technical Rescue
Emergency Medicine
Basic Fire Ground Tactics

Specialized Operations:

Hazardous Materials
Unusual Responses

Command/Management:

Fire Service Course Delivery

Prevention, Inspections and Investigation:

Basic Fire Inspector
Basic Public Information Officer

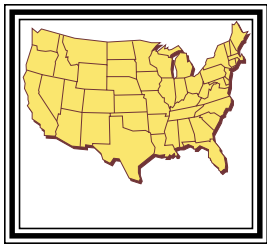
Tuition is \$85.00

You can attend as many classes as will fit in your schedule.
Most are in 4 and 8-hour configurations.
Several will be full 40-hour classes.

Complete registration packets will be mailed out in August. If you have not received an advance flyer by now and want to make sure that you are on the mailing list please contact: Jerone Gamble, Manager Continuing Education, CFCC, P.O. Box 1388, Ocala, FL 34478; phone (352) 854-2322 x 4-1468 or E-mail: gamblej@cfcc.cc.fl.us

Plan to attend – this is an exceptional opportunity

Courtesy of Central Florida Community College, Florida State Fire College, Ocala Fire Department, Marion County Fire Department, and ICERTA (ARFF Training Facility)



FireLine

News from Florida and across the country

Disaster relief: Hurricane floods

Chris Floyd

Disaster Services Director

*Capital Area Chapter
American Red Cross*

Hurricanes are the greatest storms on earth. Most coastal damage caused by hurricanes is the result of flooding from giant waves driven by the hurricane winds. As a hurricane moves inland, its wind forces weaken rapidly, but inland flooding caused by hurricanes can be extensive. The tons of water the storm picked up over the ocean will be released as the storm moves inland. Both coastal and inland residents need to be aware of the damage that flooding can cause in the event of a hurricane.

Before the flood...

- Purchase flood insurance. Damage to home and its contents are **not covered** by homeowner's insurance. Even if flooding measures only one or two inches, it can mean ruined carpets, some furniture destruction, perhaps even the loss of a major appliance. And if the water did structural damage, the costs of repair and restoration could be a major financial setback. If your community has joined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you will be eligible to apply for flood insurance. The NFIP serves over two million policy holders in more than 18,000 communities across the country. In low to moderate risk areas, coverage is available

for as little as \$80 per year. NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). To find out more about flood insurance and whether your community is participating, ask any licensed property agent or insurance company.

- Make an itemized list of all personal property - your clothing, furnishings and valuables. This list will help prove your claims are valid. It is a good idea to take pictures of these items and of your home, both inside and out.
- Keep your policy and your list of personal property in a safe place. It is a good idea to send a copy of the list to an out-of-state friend. Know the name and address of the agents or broker who wrote your policy.
- Learn the safest routes from your home or place of business to high, safe ground, should a flood occur. Practice taking these routes.

During the Flood...

- Keep your battery operated radio tuned to a local station and follow all instructions. Keep calm, but if you are told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Turn off all utilities at the main switch if evacuation is necessary - **BUT ONLY IF TIME PERMITS**. Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area or you are standing on a piece of dry wood with rubber footwear and gloves on.
- Open basement windows to equal-

ize water pressure on the foundations and walls - **BUT ONLY IF TIME PERMITS**.

- Move all the valuables you can to a higher floor if there is one - **BUT, AGAIN, ONLY IF TIME PERMITS**.
- Avoid already flooded areas. Do not attempt to cross any stretch of flood waters on foot if the water is above your knees.
- Do not drive where water is over roads. Under flood waters, the road could already be washed away and rapidly rising water could lift the car and carry it away with you in it.
- Be extra careful if you have to evacuate in your car at night. In the dark, you cannot see the flood dangers. If, by mistake, you find yourself driving in water and the car stalls, get out of the car and climb to high ground immediately.
- If you are caught in the house by the suddenly rising flood waters, move to the second floor and/or, if necessary, to the roof. Take warm clothing and a flashlight with you, as well as your battery operated radio. Do not try to swim to safety. Wait for help. Rescue teams will be looking for you.

After the flood...

- Call your insurance agent or broker immediately if your home or business has been damaged by the flood. Those with the most serious damages will be handled first.

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- Have handy your insurance policy and your list of possessions to simplify the adjuster's work. This will help settle your claim sooner.
- When it is safe to return to your home, before you enter the house, be sure that the structure is not in danger of collapsing.
- Open windows and doors to let air circulate, remove foul odors, and protect you from escaping gas.
- Take pictures of the damage both to the house and its contents.
- Do not strike a match or use a flame when you enter the house. Escaping gas could cause an ex-

plosion. Watch for live electrical wires. Be sure the electrical current is turned off, and do not attempt to turn on any electrically operated light or appliance until an electrician has checked your system.

- Begin clean up as soon as possible. Throw out any perishable foods—they may be contaminated. Hose down hard goods such as appliances and furniture, even if they are destroyed. Keep these for the adjuster's inspection.
- Pump out the basement if it is flooded, but do so gradually. Drain one-third of the waters each day, to minimize further structure dam-

age.

- Make any temporary repairs necessary to stop further losses from the elements or from looting.

Floods cause more damage nationwide than any other natural disaster. Protect yourself and your family this hurricane season. Call your local insurance agent or broker now to ask about flood insurance.

For additional information on emergency preparedness please contact the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in Tallahassee at 850/878-6080 or visit our web site at www.tallytown.com/redcross.

SEI adopts new testing criteria for life safety rope used by emergency responders

McLean, VA... May 2, 2001. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce that its 7-member Board of Directors has unanimously voted to adopt the new NFPA criteria for testing fire service life safety rope, NFPA 1983, Standard for Life Safety Rope and System Components, 2001 Edition. SEI-certified rope meeting the new NFPA criteria will soon be available for use.

The independent testing of life safety rope will continue to be conducted at SEI's contract testing laboratory for all SEI protective clothing programs, Intertek Testing Services (ITS), Cortland, NY. The staff at SEI and ITS closely monitored the progress of the new standard through participation on the Technical Committee of the NFPA, and are well-equipped for such testing.

SEI has the capability to offer certification to qualified manufacturers who immediately want to certify their fire service life safety rope.

The revised NFPA standard was approved by the NFPA Standards Council on January 13, 2001, with an effective date of February 9, 2001.

This standard was updated as part of the NFPA 5-year revision cycle process. Chapter 2 on Certification now includes language stating that certification organizations must be accredited for personal protective equipment in accordance with ISO Guide 65, General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Programs. A requirement for manufacturers to be registered to ISO 9001 by March 1, 2003 has also been added.

This edition includes requirements for a new type of rope - a throwline - a floating rope that is intended to be thrown to a person in water, or used as a tether for rescuers during water rescue incidents. New requirements for pulleys and portable anchors were also added to the 2001 edition of NFPA 1983.

Some load classifications were changed and testing methods for descent control devices were modified to provide more accurate testing for the three types of descenders.

In addition to annual compliance testing of all fire service life safety rope, manufacturers who participate in the SEI certification program must pass

a rigorous quality assurance audit of their manufacturing facility. Also, all products carrying the SEI label are required to be re-certified annually. This means that all products must be re-tested annually, and the manufacturing facility must continue to successfully meet all SEI quality assurance requirements during follow-up audits.

"As a non-profit organization, we are committed to making sure emergency responders have confidence in the safety products they rely on for protection from workplace hazards", stated Patricia A. Gleason, SEI President. SEI's sole purpose for existence is to assure that products have been manufactured to specifications and should perform at expected levels. SEI-certified life safety rope that meets the new criteria will soon be available as an option for emergency responders.

Information about SEI's certification program and the most current version of the SEI Certified Product List, can be accessed on SEI's web site www.SEInet.org

Fire College Schedule

Aerial Operations (Course #703) Sept. 10-14, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2

Air Monitoring for Haz Mat (Course #510) Nov. 5-9

Apparatus Operations (Course #202/FFP 1601)

Oct. 1-5, Dec. 17-21

Arson Investigation (Course #407) Sept. 17-21

Building Construction (Course #311/2320)

Sept 10-14, Sept 29-30/Oct 6-7, Nov. 5-9

Chlorine Emergencies (Course #515) Sept 5-7

Clowning 1: Pub. Ed.Thru Basic Characterization (Course #308)

Oct 22-26

Codes and Standards (Course #312/1300) Dec 3-7

Company Officer (Course #209/2130) Dec 17 - 21

Confined Space Operations (Course #211) Oct 1 - 5

Construction Documents & Plans Review (Course #316/ 2326)

Sept 24 - 28

Emergency Response to Terrorism: BC (Course #801) Dec. 5-6

EVT F4 (Course #603) Sept 17-20

EVT F5 (Course #604) Dec. 10-13

EVT F6 (Course#605) Oct. 2-3

Ethical & Legal Issues for the Fire Svc. (Course #305)

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Farmedic (Course #110) Sept 8-9, Oct. 27-28

Fire and Life Safety Educator (Course #320) Oct 15-19

Fire Chemistry (Course #400) Oct 22-26

Fire Dept. Administration (FSFC #303/2100) Oct 15-19

Fire Extinguisher Certification (Course #708) Sept 17-21,
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Fire Prevention Practices (Course #313/1200)

Oct 29 - Nov 2, Dec 8-9/15-16

Fire Service Course Delivery (Course#208/FFP 2150) Oct 1-5

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Firefighting Tactics II (Course #304/2420) Oct 22- 26

Fire Service Hydraulics (Course #203/FFP 2640)

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FUN-SAR and SAR-TECH (Course #822) Sept. 17-21

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Oct 15 - 19 Week 2, Nov. 5 - 9 Week 3

Hazwoper/Emerg. Resp. Inc. (Course #513) Oct 29 - Nov 2

I-200: Basic Incident Management Sys (Course #507) Nov 5-6

I-300: Intermediate Incident Management (Course #522)

Nov 7-8

Legal Issues for Investigators (Course #403/FFP 2403)

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Origin and Cause (Course #401/FFP 2210) Oct 8-12

Private Fire Protection Sys I (Course #314/FFP1620) Oct 15-19

Private Fire Protection Sys II (Course #315) Nov 3-4/10-11

Public Information Officer (Course #505) Sept 10-14

Rope Rescue I & II (Course #204/FFP 2660) Oct 15-19

Rope Rescue III (Course #213) Dec. 10-17

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Nov 9-10

Special Firesafety Inspector - Part III (Course #310)

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