



Alarm Alert

Tom Gallagher: State Fire Marshal, Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner

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Spring 2002

Fire Service Calendar

Florida State Firefighters Association 75th Annual Conference June 19—22, 2002, Sebring, FL
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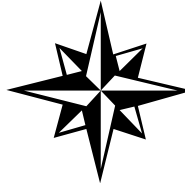
45th Annual Florida Fire Chiefs' Association's Annual Meeting and Executive Development Conference, July 20—24, 2002, Naples, FL
Contact: 386.676.2744

Florida Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting, July 23—2002, Naples, FL
Contact: 352/369-2800

Florida Weekend at the National Fire Academy, August 10—11, 2002, Emmitsburg, MD
Contact: 352.369.2800 see page 10

58th Annual Arson Seminar, September 15—20, 2002, Orlando, FL
Contact: 407-897-2892

"Team Up for Fire Safety"
Fire Prevention Week,
October 6—12, 2002



Director Clark sails into retirement – again see page 9

Florida Firefighters Occupational Safety and Health Act becomes law

Randall Napoli
Director

Division of State Fire Marshal

Governor Bush signed the Florida Firefighters Occupational Safety and Health Act (FFOSHA) into law on June 12, 2002. The Act was a part of House Bill 3E, and incorporates Chapter 4A-62 of the Florida Administrative Code, the Firefighter Employment Standards, which were adopted in November of 2001. 4A-62 includes adoption by reference OSHA Haz-Mat Standard 1910.120, OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 1910.134 (including two-in, two-out with exceptions), OSHA Confined Space Entry Standard 1910.146, and OSHA Standard 1910.156, Fire Brigades. Also included are NFPA 1500, Paragraph 5-8, the Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) Standard, and the Florida Presence of Toxic Substances, Notice to Fire Department Standard.

In addition to the provisions of 4A-62, FFOSHA directs the

Division of State Fire Marshal (DSFM) to enhance firefighter occupational safety and health in the state through the implementation and maintenance of policies, procedures, practices, rules, and standards that reduce the incidence of firefighter employee accidents, firefighter employee occupational diseases, and firefighter employee fatalities.

To help accomplish this, the Division is directed to identify individual firefighter employers with a high frequency or severity of work-related injuries, conduct safety inspections of those firefighter employers, and assist those firefighter employers in the development and implementation of firefighter employee safety and health programs. In addition, the Division is authorized to administer the provisions of the FFOSHA; provide assistance to firefighter employers, firefighter employees, and insurers; and enforce the policies, rules, and

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From the Director *Randall W. Napoli, Division of State Fire Marshal*

FFOSHA becomes law: Firefighter employment standards adopted

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standards set forth in the Act.

The provisions of the FFOSHA will require additional rule promulgation, and the DSFM will be requesting the input and assistance of the entire Florida fire service community as we begin the process of implementing the important provisions of this landmark legislation. FFOSHA was supported by all of the major fire service organizations in Florida, and the DSFM looks forward to that continued support as we schedule rule development workshops across the state.

The complete text of HB 3E can be found on the web at the following link: <http://www.doi.state.fl.us/SFM/pdf/0003E-ER.pdf>, and 4A-62 can be found at the link: http://www.doi.state.fl.us/SFM/pdf/FAC4a62_003.pdf

Safety rule implementation begins

In November 2001, Rule 4A-62, Firefighter Employment Standards was implemented. If any county, municipality or special district was unable to implement 4A-62.003, commonly referred to as the "two-in, two-out" provision by April 1, 2002, they were to notify the Division of State Fire Marshal and would be granted an automatic six-month extension. It should be noted that all other provisions of 4A-62 became effective in November of 2001. Those that requested an automatic exemption were sent a certification of exemption and a survey by the Division, asking if they would be able to comply with the rule by September 30, 2002. The Special Exemption Subcommittee of the Firefighters Health and Safety Task Force has contacted those departments that stated they would not be able to assist them with the implementation of 4A-62.003. The full text of 4A-62 can be found on the DSFM web site at: <http://www.doi.state.fl.us/SFM/sfm.htm>

See Firefighters Health and Safety Task Force to make evaluation calls on page 10.

DSFM Assistant Director appointed

Treasurer and State Fire Marshal Tom Gallagher recently announced the appointment of Harriett Abrams as Assistant Director of the DSFM. Harriett comes to the DSFM after a distinguished tenure at the Department of Agriculture, and will be a major asset in the administration of the Division.

Rand Napoli, Director of the Division said " I look forward to working with Harriett to provide the members of the Division with the tools and leadership needed to fulfill our mission of helping to make Florida safe for the citizens and visitors in our state".

Harriett began her duties on May 29.



Division website upgraded

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Crime Scenes

News from the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

FUGITIVE IN 1997 LIVE OAK ARSON APPREHENDED IN NORTH CAROLINA. *April 24, 2002 – Live Oak, FL* Authorities in North Carolina have arrested Arvind P. Patel on warrants stemming from an arson fire at his Live Oak business in 1997. An investigation conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Live Oak Fire Department revealed that the fire on May 31, 1997, which did approximately \$90,000 in damage, was the result of arson. Patel is charged with Arson, Burning to Defraud and Insurance Fraud.

STING NABS ARSONIST-FOR-HIRE WHO TORCHED CARS FOR INSURANCE MONEY.

April 22, 2002 - Tallahassee, FL An Orlando man known to law enforcement as "The Torch" was arrested in a sting operation for accepting a contract to burn a sports utility vehicle so that its owner could collect the insurance settlement money. "Apprehending this serial arsonist will help us close other cases," Florida Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Tom Gallagher said. "Arson is not a victimless crime. It costs the consumers whose premiums go up, and it costs the taxpayers who foot the bill for these investigations." Investigators said more arrests are expected, and that these arrests may contribute to the breakup of a major auto theft and arson-for-hire ring.

MURDER AND ARSON SUSPECT APPREHENDED IN HOLMES COUNTY.

April 19, 2002 – Orange Lake, FL Investigators with the State Fire Marshal's Ocala Field Office conducted a fire scene investigation at the Ranch Motel in Orange Lake involving a fire death. The fire, which was confined to one room within the motel unit, was determined to have been intentionally set. Fire damage is estimated at approximately \$5,000. Detectives received an anonymous tip that led them to the residence of Reginald V. Cochran in Holmes County. Marion County Sheriff's detectives and aviation unit, acting in conjunction with the Holmes County Sheriff's Office, arrested Cochran in the panhandle town of Westville.

OCALA FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS INVESTIGATE ANOTHER MOTEL FIRE DEATH IN MARION COUNTY.

April 19, 2002 – Silver Springs, FL State Fire Marshal Investigators, assisted by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, are investigating another fire death that occurred at a Silver Springs motel. Marion County Fire and Rescue responded to a fire at the Scottish Inn Motel in Silver Springs. When firefighters arrived on scene, the fire was extinguished and the body of a white male was discovered on the bed inside the unit. Fire damage is estimated at approximately \$5,000. Detectives have stated that this Scottish Inn Motel fire fatality is in no way related to the Ranch Motel murder and arson that occurred in Orange Lake. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call 1-877-662-7766.

RESIDENTS OF HOPE STREET ARE RELIEVED. *March 2002—Deltona, FL* During the latter part of 2000 the residents of Hope Street in Deltona, FL began experiencing a rash of fires. Investigators gathered evidence and arrested two suspects connected with the fires. After bonding out, one of the suspects became a nuisance to neighbors on Hope Street. Investigators along with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office gathered evidence and charged the suspect with grand theft for an item taken from one of the burned homes. He is now incarcerated and awaiting trial.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATORS SEEK SUSPECTS IN MARIANNA AUTO-REPAIR SHOP ARSON.

April 23, 2002 – Marianna, FL The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Marianna Police Department are conducting an investigation of a fire that occurred at Ray's Garage in Marianna. The fire was determined to be an act of arson. Damages to the building and vehicles on the property are estimated to be \$30,000.00. A reward of up to \$2,500 is being offered by the Florida Advisory Committee On Arson Prevention for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator.

DAYTONA BEACH ARSON SUSPECT ARRESTED IN PANHANDLE

April 26, 2002 – Daytona Beach, FL On January 11, 2001, the Palm Coast Fire Department and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office responded to a fire involving a house and two vehicles. Two witnesses provided sworn taped statements indicating that the suspect informed them of why and how he burned the victim's house and vehicles. On April 23, 2002 an arrest warrant was issued and served by an investigator from the Daytona Beach State Fire Marshal's Field Office, assisted by the Palm Coast Fire Department's arson investigator to the arsonist who had moved from Central Florida to the Panhandle.

Safety Day Demonstrations



Investigator Spano using the robot to place a dummy pipe bomb in the bomb disposal trailer.

On March 08, 2002 the Hernando County Sheriff's Office hosted Crime Awareness Day for the citizens of Hernando County. Investigator Joe Spano with the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal (Tampa Field Office) was invited to give a demonstration on the use of the Robot, and talk with the citizens about the job he performs as a member of the E.O.D. unit. Investigator Spano is a twelve-year veteran and is a certified Explosive Ordnance Technician. He received his training through the FBI Academy in Alabama. Investigator Spano talked with a crowd of over 300 people who showed up for the event.



Investigator Spano with protective bomb gear.



Division honor guard members Captain John Corbett, Investigator Thomas Barron, Investigator Karl Morgan, Investigator Adam Rivero, Investigator Tony Samper, Fire Protection Specialist Eric Bryant and Fire Protection Supervisor Shirley Guthrie participated in the ceremonies held at the Capitol on March 11th as Florida remembered September 11. They were among honor guard members representing law enforcement, fire, and emergency service organizations throughout Florida.

For information on the National Fire and Public Safety Honor Guard Academy visit www.fsfc.ufl.edu



Inspection Report

News from the Bureau of Fire Prevention

Public schools: Role of the Division expanded

Jim Goodloe
Bureau Chief

Bureau of Fire Prevention

The Division of State Fire Marshal (DSFM) assumes an expanded role in public school fire safety following the passage of House Bill 443. The law imposes several new responsibilities on the State Fire Marshal including the authority to adopt the uniform rules governing fire safety in public schools. In developing these rules, the DSFM must consult with the Department of Education (DOE), a further enhancement to the productive working environment fostered over the past several years between the two agencies.

The close cooperation between DOE and the DSFM was reinforced with the joint development of a Fire Safety Evaluation System

two years ago. This field tested system will be updated and adopted during the rule making process. The Fire Safety Evaluation System will for the first time make available an alternative set of fire safety standards for older educational facilities when it is found to be cost prohibitive to comply with today's prescriptive standards.

The DSFM must also establish procedures for tracking inspection reports of the inspections conducted by the local fire authorities. These reports will be made available in some electronic format to allow for ease of submission and public availability. The Division must establish a consistent means to identify life-threatening deficiencies and develop procedures for temporarily removing certain facilities from use. Any such actions of this significance will be in direct consultation with the affected

school district.

The most significant long-term impact of the law is the assumption of fire safety inspection duties by the State Fire Marshal in certain counties around the state. Six additional fire protection specialists will be hired to assist local school districts with fire safety responsibilities within their school facilities.

Preliminary plans for each of the newly assigned responsibilities are being developed. Rule development will include a series of workshops around the state at school district facilities to gain the maximum input from public school managers. The DOE will be working closely with the Division throughout this process. For up to date information on the progress of this effort, please refer to our web site www.doi.state.fl.us or call the Bureau of Fire Prevention Office at 850-413-3171.

Tips for construction inspections

Frederick Chaplin
Fire Protection Specialist
Supervisor

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Construction inspections are among the most time consuming type of inspections that our personnel are required to conduct and probably the most important because it is our one opportunity to insure that we have a building that at least meets all the requirements of the currently adopted fire codes and

standards.

If we conduct inspections during the construction process and perform a final inspection upon completion of the project, insuring all requirements have been met, then we have a building that is as fire safe as the law mandates and future inspections will just be a matter of inspecting maintenance and operational issues and requirements.

Due to the complexity of all the different fire code requirements we are charged with enforcing in construction projects, it can be quite difficult to remember to address each

one of the code and standard requirements relating to that particular project.

To assist us in remembering what is needed to be done and when, our region developed a "Construction Project Check List". The check list not only reminds us of what is needed but also found to be a very useful informational tool to hand out to the contractors. The checklist allows the contractors to know what items we will be looking at and the time frame during the construction process that we will be looking at them. To obtain a copy of a construction checklist please contact Fred Chaplin at (561) 681-6380 ext. 316.

Inspector faces special hazards

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Fire Protection Specialist

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Florida's Department of Corrections runs approximately 125 correction facilities throughout the State of Florida. Members of the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention, inspect all of these facilities annually. Of these 125 sites, 57 of them are prisons while the rest are classified as work camps, work release centers, etc. These prisons house about 84% of Florida's inmates, totaling approximately 60,239 men and women.

Florida State Prison (Bradford County) and Union Correctional Institution (Union County) are facilities that contain the state's worst offenders. Florida State Prison is the state's execution site and Union

Correctional houses all male death row inmates. Because of the high hazard nature of these inmates, correctional officers assigned to these two institutions receive additional "hazardous duty" pay while numerous civilian employees are eligible for "special risk retirement" because of their close contact with prison inmates. Physical assaults on staff can occur at any institution but because these two prisons house the state's deadliest offenders, anyone who enters these facilities must take extra precaution.

Weapons are very common within the walls of any of the state's prisons. Knives, spears, zip guns, ice picks, clubs and anything that can be made into a weapon can be in the hands of any inmate at any time. In an attempt to increase the lethal effects of these weapons, many will be coated with human waste before an attack begins. Other devices known as "water bugs" are also used to heat liquids (water, urine, etc.) and once boiling, thrown into someone's face.

During the fire safety

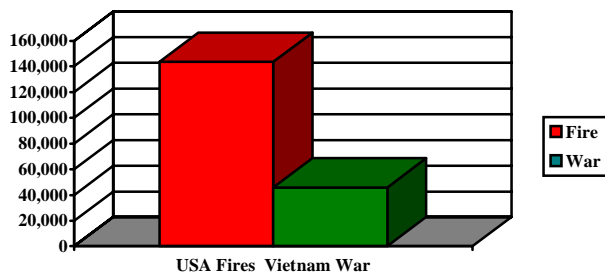
inspection, a radio equipped correctional officer, who is generally the facilities safety officer, must always accompany us. All correctional officers inside the prison are unarmed, so the portable radio becomes our lifeline. Since I began inspecting these institutions I have seen several cuttings and assaults and have been called out to several prison disturbances, which involved the setting of fires.

A prison inspection is carried out just like any other inspection except one thing. I have become very proficient in using one eye to look for a violation and the other eye to watch my back.



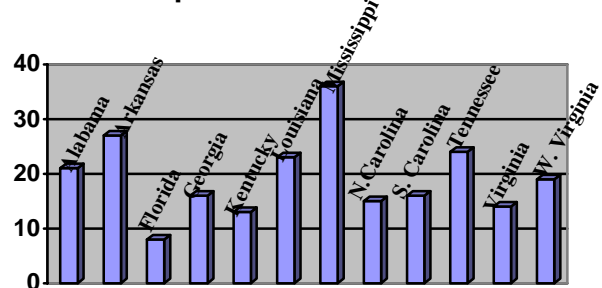
Sample of confiscated knives, ice pick and zip gun

Historical info-notes: Fire prevention programs work



History has a way of putting things in perspective. The intent of this piece is to be evocative and respectful of the sacrifice of our US soldiers, their families, and freedom they helped to secure for us. Comparisons of deaths in US military personnel (Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Air Force) resulting from actions by hostile forces in Vietnam, 1961 through 1972, and deaths from US fires for the same period. (Statistics from the Dept. of Defense and the National Fire Protection Association) .

Fire Death Rate per Million Population since 1980



Florida tied for 8th lowest in fire deaths relative to population. The Southeastern US has the worst fire losses as a region. Florida is a notable exception among Southeastern States.

" US Fire Death patterns by State" NFPA 3/2001, available free to Fire Service agencies by contacting: Nancy Schwartz NFPA's One Shop Data Shop, Fire Analysis and Research Division, Phone 617-984-7450, FAX 617-984-7478.



Lab Notebook

News from the Bureau of Fire and Arson Laboratory

Submitting cases to the lab: Analysts comments

Carl Lugviel
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*Bureau of Fire and Arson
Investigations Laboratory*

Congratulations to the investigators who regularly submit items to the laboratory for forensic testing. In general, we have seen improvement in all aspects of case submission, but still see some room for improvement. Analysts are required to examine the submission sheet and information written on the evidence can in order to determine if the samples match. We also note the condition of the can and the tape seals. Lastly, we often look up case information months or years after its original submission for a variety of reasons. We offer the following comments on some of the more important items.

The efficiency of the seal you put on the cans is important. Most of you are tape sealing your cans extremely well. That is to say, the seal you are placing on the can is located in such a manner as to make it virtually impossible for anyone to open a can and tamper with the evidence before it comes to us. The general rule of thumb should be that the can lid is tightly placed on the can and tamper evident tape (tamper proof) is placed on the can in the 2:00, 6:00, and 10:00 positions.

Investigators have improved completing the Name and Address information on submission forms. There are still those that only put a last name or agency name for the address.

Because there are address changes we may not be aware of, we need a full name and address on each submission. It is critical for us to know where the report is to be sent.

Another very important item is the Agency Case Number. When you call us for results or other information, we look up the information in the database by Agency Case Number. The Agency Case Number in our database comes directly from your submission form. If you wrote it wrong on the submission, we will have a difficult time finding it. There can be considerable wasted time looking for a case when the form had "2002-3174" written on it and you call and ask for "20-02-31-74". What makes things worse, is if multiple cases have the same Agency Case Number. When using electronic forms, please make sure to change the Agency Case Number from the previous entry. This can add considerable confusion to the process. Please provide your agency case number legibly written with all dashes, slashes, numbers, etc. as accurately as possible.

Most investigators have an excellent record in calling us about "RUSH" and other special request cases. However, we would appreciate, if you would also indicate the same information on the submission form. One might even highlight the request. As different analysts may be "up" to work a batch of cases on any particular day, and our number of case submissions has increased, we need to communicate all non-routine case information to all analysts. This will ensure that your "RUSH" case gets the

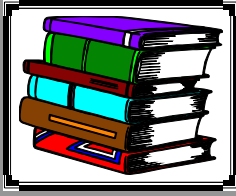
highest priority. If you only call, you need to realize that the person you speak with may not be the analyst assigned to the case. The person assigned to analyze the case may **not** get the information that the case has "RUSH" status or information regarding special circumstances associated with the case.

There are clear criteria for a case to have "RUSH" status. First, if there is a fatality or serious injury (hospitalization) associated with the case. Second would be when the suspect is a serious flight risk. Third would be when the scene is of major economic impact to the surrounding community. We always want to help expedite cases when necessary, but please do not ask for a rush case because you are curious and want to be first in line. We also have difficulty in understanding a "RUSH" status on a case when the incident date is one week prior to the submission date.

When you request a "RUSH", we will do all we can to have results as soon as possible. It is discouraging to do that work, however, and find out the investigator of record has gone on vacation for the next week or so. It makes us wonder why they requested "RUSH" status in the first place. Please indicate on the submission form who we should speak to in the event you are unavailable.

Thank you for the improvements! We ask that you keep them up and continue to improve. The better the quality of the samples we receive, the better the quality of the results we give.

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Dateline: Ocala

News from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training



Volunteer week draws 190

190 students attended this year's Volunteer Week held April 3 – 7 at the Florida State Fire College. Training programs in leadership, instruction, apparatus operations, fire ground operations, arson investigation, terrorism, and rope rescue were offered tuition free to volunteer firefighters.



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Florida TRANSCAER[®] Workshop

The 8th Annual Florida Transcaer Workshop held April 10 – 12 brought 150 emergency responders to the Florida State Fire College to learn about transportation emergencies involving hazardous chemicals taught by chemical manufacturers and transporters of hazardous materials.

Classroom sessions included chlorine, water reactives, cryogenics, flammable liquids, terrorism and trucking, and ammonia. Students were able to participate in field exercises using LP Gas, tank trucks, and railcars through live action props.



Charles Clark retires after 41 years in the fire service

When Charles Clark retired the first time in 1995, he was on a boat headed for the Bahamas when a hurricane forced him to return home. Waiting for him was a phone message and an offer to go to work for the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal.

Clark returned the phone call, and now six years later he's polishing the boat again after retiring in April as Division Director. He said the winds of fate were kind to him.

"The six years that I was there was a priceless experience I will never forget," he said. "The people I worked with in the Division of State Fire Marshal and in the other divisions of the Department of Insurance were just great people."

Clark was honored for his 41-year fire service career at a recent retirement party where it was announced that the University of Florida has established a scholarship in his name to assist students in the fire and emergency services degree program.

As Division Director, Clark led the Bureaus of Fire and Arson Investigations, Fire Standards and Training, and Fire Prevention, and the Fire and Arson Laboratory. He expanded training and brought in canine accelerant-detection teams. He established a partnership with UF to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs in emergency services management over the Internet, making it easier for working firefighters to advance their education.

He said his most satisfying achievements while at the Division were being able to help develop the new Florida Fire Prevention Code and a firefighter safety standard. He said it was important to him that he was able to help strengthen protections for Florida firefighters.

Clark avoided serious injury during his own firefighting days with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, where he served for 35 years. He worked his way through the department ranks -- from rookie firefighter at the age of 21 to Lieutenant, Captain, District Chief, Division Chief of Training, Division Chief of Prevention and Fire Marshal, and Director/Fire Chief.

He said the highlight of his firefighting career was when the Jacksonville department fought a 2.5-million gallon petroleum storage tank fire for five days with no firefighter or civilian deaths.

He has turned over the reins to former Bureau of Fire Standards and Training Chief Rand Napoli, who he hired six years ago. The two had worked together for most of the 35 years Clark served with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

Clark had no advice for Napoli, only praise.

"He's going to do a great job," he said.

"Charlie Clark has been the consummate professional throughout his fire service career. He has always led by example, and has served as an inspiration and as a mentor to many of us, and it has been a great pleasure to work with him for over 30 years" Napoli said. "He will be missed, but the fire service in Florida is better off as a result of his leadership and vision."

Clark has a degree in Fire Science, is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program and the University of North Florida's Government Fellows program. He is a member of several state and national organizations including the National Association of State Fire Marshals, Florida Fire Chiefs' Association and the Florida Fire Marshal's Association and served on various

boards and committees including the Governor's Wildfire Response and Mitigation Review Committee.

Now that he's through fighting fire, he's ready to return to another element -- water. His 42-foot Californian is ready, too.

Clark completed his tenure with these words:

"In November, 1995 I came to Tallahassee to work with the Division of State Fire Marshal. My plan was to stay three years and retire. As often happens with plans, they change. It turned out to be six enjoyable and rewarding years. During this time I had the opportunity to work with many talented, dedicated people on numerous projects which improved fire and life safety for everyone in our beautiful state. I would like to thank you all for your efforts, your team spirit, your hard work, and most of all, your friendship.

I have greatly enjoyed my tenure as Director and will carry many fond memories with me. I will miss you all and look forward to our paths crossing in the future. If you happen to see a boat with "MzCHIEF" on the transom tied to a dock, stop in for a cool drink and a tall fish tale."





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.

Firefighters Health and Safety Task Force to make evaluation calls

On May 2nd and 3rd, the Florida Firefighters Health and Safety Task Force, Committee on Exemptions began calling those Fire Departments who returned their survey stating that they will not be able to comply with the implementation of 29 C.F.R. 1910.134(g)(4). The “Two-in, Two-out” portion was adopted into 4A-37 in November and requires Departments to comply with the standard by September 30, 2002. If the Fire Department cannot comply the Task Force will provide assistance with implementation.

There are approximately

54 Departments that were contacted; 29 additional Departments were sent a Certification, but have not returned the survey, and 4 Departments stated they would comply by September 30, 2002.

This was a very quick and informal call, taking only about 10 to 15 minutes. Only a few questions were asked. If a site visit is needed the Department will be contacted again and a time will be set for members of the Committee on Exemptions to make a more detailed study of the area and department in question.

Everyone should understand

that this is not a “witch hunt”, but a constructive endeavor to help provide the members of Florida’s Fire Service a safer working environment. Your assistance and cooperation will be very helpful in moving this process forward. If your Department is in need of any assistance with implementation of the Rule, please contact the Fire College or the Director of the State Fire Marshals Office. We are here to assist you.

Thank you,
Shayne Stewart
Chairman, Committee on
Exemptions
Firefighters Health and Safety
Task Force

FLORIDA WEEKEND *at the* NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY *in Emmitsburg, MD* August 10—11, 2002

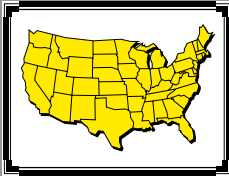
Courses offered this year:

Cooperative Leadership Issues in Wildland/Urban Interface
Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents
Incident Safety Officer
Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success
Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success
Managing Company Tactical Operations: Tactics
National Fire Incident Reporting System—Introduction to NFIRS 5.0



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Registration deadline July 1, 2002



Fire Line

News from Florida and across the country

State's fire and emergency service professionals honored by Florida's Cabinet

Treasurer Tom Gallagher, who also serves as State Fire Marshal, joined Governor Jeb Bush and members of Florida's Cabinet on March 12, 2002 in honoring several fire and emergency service professionals for their outstanding

efforts over the past year by offering a resolution in their honor.

Each year the Florida Cabinet recognizes individuals who are selected by various fire service associations for the outstanding service they provide.

The Florida fire service awards began in 1965. Nominations

for the fire service awards are submitted to the Professional Firefighters Association, the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, the Florida Fire Marshals Association and the Florida State Firefighters Association. Below is the list of recipients.

Recipients of Florida Fire Service Awards

Florida Fire Chief of the Year

Julius Halas, Chief, Longboat Key Fire Rescue

Florida Public Information Officer of the Year

Gary Weiss, Deputy Chief,
South Fort Walton Beach Fire Department

Florida Firefighter of the Year

Ken Gurdak and Robert Soto,
Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue

Florida Forestry Firefighter of the Year

Herb Franklin [deceased],
Florida Department of Agriculture,
Division of Forestry

Florida Fire Marshal of the Year

Randy Hinder, Deputy Chief,
Clearwater Fire Rescue

Florida Fire Inspector of the Year

Michael Long, Fire Inspector,
Division of State Fire Marshal

Florida Public Educator of the Year

Eric Robinson,
Fort Walton Beach Fire Department

Florida Professional Firefighter of the Year

Jim Tolley, City of Melbourne

Florida Fire Instructor of the Year

David O. Messerschmidt,
Fort Walton Beach Fire Department

Florida EMS Paramedic of the Year

Chris Dixon, Tamarac Fire Rescue

Florida EVT of the Year

Andy Milot, Andre's Auto & Truck Services, Inc.

Florida Fire Investigator of the Year

Dale Reisen, Estero Fire Rescue

Florida Volunteer Firefighter of the Year

Jennifer Borden, Desoto City Fire Dept.

EMT of the Year

Jeff Young,

Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration

Training Center of the Year

Ridge Technical Center, Winter Haven



Olympics; the Florida connection

Florida sent eight fire officials to the Winter Olympics to assist with fire prevention inspections. Pictured from left to right: Paul Forsberg, Tamarac Fire Rescue; Rick Butcher, Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue; Jeff Bunch, Fernandina Beach Fire Rescue; Steve Peavey, Altamonte Springs Fire Department; Ralph Jones, City of Lake Mary. Not pictured is Richard Brock, Safety Harbor Fire Rescue; Renzie Davidson, Casselberry Fire Department; and John Lake, Marion County Fire Rescue.

Fire College Schedule

Aerial Operations (Course #703) Sept 9—13
Apparatus Operations (Course #202/FFP 1302)
Sept 30—Oct 4
Arson Investigation (Course #407) Sept 16—20
Building Construction (Course #311/2120) Sept 9—13;
Sept 28-29 & Oct 5 -6
Clowning 1: Pub. Ed.Thru Basic Characterization (Course #308)
Aug 26—30
Codes and Standards (Course #312/1510) Aug 19—23
Company Officer (Course #209/2720) July 22—26
Confined Space Operations (Course #211/FFP 1212)
Sept 30—Oct 4
Construction Documents & Plans Review (Course #316/ 2521)
July 13-14 & July 20-21
Emergency Response to Terrorism: BC (Course #801) July 23-24
Emergency Response to Terrorism: TC:CO (Course #812)
Aug 1—2
Emergency Response to Terrorism: TC:EMS (Course #819)
Aug 7-8
Emergency Response to Terrorism: TC:HM (Course #820)
Aug 14-15
EVT F2 (Course #601) July 22—25
EVT F3(Course #602) Aug 19-22
EVT F4 (Course#603) Sept 16—19
Ethical & Legal Issues for the Fire Svc. (Course #305/FFP 2770)
Sept 9-13
FAME (Course #816) Sept 9—12
Farmedic (Course #110) Sept 7- 8

Fire and Life Safety Educator I (Course #320/FFP 1793)
Aug 5 -9
Fire and Life Safety Educator II (Course #321/FFP2794)
Sept 4-6
Fire Chemistry (Course #400/FFP 2111) Aug 26—30
Fire Extinguisher Certification (Course #708) July 15—19;
Aug 5—9; Aug 26—30, Sept 16—20
Fire Prevention Practices (Course #313/1505) July 8—12
Fire Service Course Delivery (Course#208/FFP 1740)
July 29—Aug 2
Fire Service Course Design (Course #210/FFP 2741) Aug 26-30
Fire Service Hydraulics (Course #203/FFP 1301) Sept 23-27
Firefighting Tactics I (Course #206/1810) Aug 19—23
Firefighting Tactics II (Course #304/2811) July 8 -12
FUN-SAR and SAR-TECH (Course #822) Sept 16—21
Haz Mat Tech Level III (Course 508) Week 1 Sept 16 -20;
Week 2 Sept 30—Oct 4;Week 3 Oct 14-18;
Week 4 Oct 28-Nov 1
Honor Guard Academy (Course #007) Oct. 13—18
I-200: Basic Incident Management Sys(Course #507) Sept 2-3
I-300: Intermediate Incident Management (Course #522)
Sept 4-5
Insp. of Pre-Engineered Sys (Course# 716) Aug 17—18
Latent Investigation (Course #403) July 29—Aug 2
Origin and Cause (Course #401/FFP 2610) July 8-12
Private Fire Protection Sys I (Course #314/FFP1540)
Aug 12—16
Private Fire Protection Sys II(Course #315/FFP 2541) July 22-26
Public Information Officer (Course #505) July 15-19; Sept 9-13
S205 Forestry Urban Interface (Course #925) Aug 9-11
Special Firesafety Inspector(Course #310) Sept 7-8 & Sept 14-15

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