



**Florida State Fire College News
Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
Division of State Fire Marshal
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ANNOUNCING

New Faces of the Department of Financial Services



Alex Sink was recently elected as Florida's new **Chief Financial Officer**. She serves as Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal.

Former Director of the Division of Fraud and Chief of the Bureau of Fire Arson Investigations, Eric Miller, now serves as the **Deputy Chief Financial Officer**.



The new **Director** of the Division of State Fire Marshal is Les Hallman. Les is a 25-year veteran in fire and rescue services, law enforcement and emergency management.

Courses being offered at the Florida State Fire College

LIVE FIRE TRAINING INSTRUCTOR I March 19 – 22, 2007 July 16 – 19, 2007	FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL AND RAPID INTERVENTION TRAINING February 5 – 9, 2007 April 30 – May 4, 2007
Visit www.fl-firecollege.com for registration information or contact Karen Collins at Marion Community Technical, Adult Education at 352-671-7200	

TESTING ON DEMAND:

Watch for announcements that will move to testing to local testing centers that have day/evening and weekend hours. Application and approval for testing will be through FCDICE, then users will be directed to the vendor so they can set their appointment to test. The results will be given right then, and uploaded to FCDICE overnight. We are on-track for a July 1, 2007 cross-over to on-demand testing. All tests will cross over except Firefighter I exams and Firefighter II initial exams.

UPCOMING RULE MAKING:

NEW NFPA 1001 STANDARDS WILL REVISE FIREFIGHTER ONE AND TWO

Firefighter I & II revisions are being prepared to meet the 2008 edition of NFPA 1001. 1001 will be released in July this year and become effective January 1, 2008. Both the NFPA intent and ours is to make Firefighter One a better "stand-alone" program. The course will have less classroom time versus practical time. Hazmat Operations has been moved from a Firefighter II to a Firefighter I requirement which increases the Firefighter I curriculum by 16 hours, with EMS First Responder becoming a co-requisite (you must have it to become certified, but does not have to be taken as part of this class). Having a valid EMT or paramedic certification is expected to waive the requirement. Other changes are contemplated, once a draft is prepared it will be posted and rule making workshops will take place for comment and input.

FORESTRY CLASSES TO BE ADDED TO FIREFIGHTER 1

The Division of Forestry (DoF) and the Florida Fire Chief's Association (FFCA) have requested that NWCG S130, Basic Wildland Fire Suppression and S190, Wildland Fire Behavior be added to Firefighter I. This will require rule making, watch for announcement.

Recent FCDICE upgrades

- Several recent upgrades to FCDICE allow you to find test or course dates even easier. Go to www.floridastatefirecollege.org, select "Locate" (you do not have to log in to search for classes or tests) then "Select Future Course Offerings" or "Future Test Offerings".
- Looking for a course that you cannot find? Log in to www.floridastatefirecollege.org and select "Customize", then "Alerts". "Alerts" allows you to set-up an auto search in accordance with your parameters. Every week the system looks for you and if it finds what you are looking for, it sends you and email....

more information on FCDICE

As you know, the FCDICE system allows you to register for courses and examinations online, as well as provides the outlet for training providers to register their courses through the system so their participants can receive CEUs for applicable certifications. Here are a few additional items from the *convenience of FCDICE*...

- When completing your profile on FCDICE, make sure you add in your email address and check the box for email contact. It gets information to you faster.
- Renewals can be done online. Check your CEU status early & often.
- Tutorials are available for assistance with the FCDICE system.

First time users: If you have never signed into the system, your initial sign-on will be: ff***** (with the asterisk representing your social security number) and the word "password" as your initial password. If you do not remember your sign-on information, on the login page, select "Update your existing profile"

*****Look for upcoming Fire College event information on*****

Standards Workshop and Instructor Development Conference, April 2 – 6, 2007
Volunteer Week, April 11 – 15, 2007

Second Annual Northwest Volunteer Firefighter Weekend
September 28th-30th, 2007, Valparaiso, Florida
Registration will begin June 1, 2007 - To sign up go to <http://vvfd.valp.org>

NOT NEW BUT YOU NEED TO KNOW

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN BRIDGE PROGRAM TO IAFF160

This 104 hour class will allow students who completed Hazardous Materials I & II classes to meet the objectives of the IAFF 160 hour program. Topics to be covered include: Health and Safety, Pre-Incident Planning, Chemistry, Detection Devices, Terrorism, Patient Support, and Practical Evolutions. This would allow individuals who did not complete the program and take the certification examination the opportunity to complete the training and take the Hazardous Materials Technician certification exam.

Individuals must complete the 104 hour program by May 15, 2007, and take the state certification examination by June 30, 2007. The SERC Task book must also be completed prior to sitting for the state certification examination. The Program begins March 19, 2007.

A LIST

Get class announcements, notices of meetings and hearings, special notices, and other important information sent directly to your e-mail. Send an e-mail to fsfc-alist@fldfs.com to be added to the list.



State Fire Marshal Website:

<http://www.fldfs.com/sfm>

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