

FIREFIGHTERS SAFETY AND HEALTH TASK FORCE MEETING

February 1, 2002

PRESENT: NAME

Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.
Steven Peavey, FI Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.
David Casey, Clay County Fire Rescue
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Shayne Stewart, Okaloosa Island Fire Dist.
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue
James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech
Michael Randolph, Tallahassee FD
Donna Reed, Orange County Fire Rescue

Appointed by

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

ABSENT:

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

FI League of Cities
State Fire Marshal
State Fire Marshal

DIVISION:

Charles Clark	Director, State Fire Marshal
Randall Napoli	Bureau Chief, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
Gabe Mazzeo	Division Attorney
Dennis Andrews	Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
Larry McCall	Bureau of Fire Standards and Training

AUDIENCE:

Dave Bradley	Matlacha-Pine Island FD
Charles Raiken	Broward County Fire Rescue
John Holgerson	Rescue Training Association
William Klein	Brevard Community College

Report from the Division

Director Clark reiterated the purpose of the task force is to advise the Division of State Fire Marshal on the implementation and enforcement of Rule 4A-62. Copies of the settlement agreement were provided.

Old Business:

Division Attorney, Gabe Mazzeo, explained exemptions available to fire departments and local governments as stated in Rule 4A-62. Discussion was held by task force members on logistics for investigating departments requesting exemptions. Gabe Mazzeo reminded the task force that they can go together to investigate the departments as long as it is a fact finding mission only; no task force business can be discussed.

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Dave Casey made a motion that the Special Exemption Sub-committee be no less than 5 members, no less than one each FFCA and one FPF. Seconded by Shayne Stewart. Motion amended by Chairman Randolph that one from FFCA or FPF be lead liaison of the sub-committee. Approved unanimously. Shayne Stewart will be lead liaison for the Special Exemption Sub-Committee. Members of the sub-committee are Shayne Stewart, Dave Casey, Donna Reed, Scotty Taylor and Dave Harrawood.

Chief Napoli recommended the task force work on an implementation document and adding an education sub-committee.

Chief Napoli explained that the division assumed the responsibility of the “Florida Right To Know Law” for firefighters in Rule 4A-62.004. Copies of a toxic substances poster were distributed. Dave Casey made a motion that the new poster be developed by State Fire Marshal staff. Seconded. Discussion was held on toxic substances lists and the different organizations that maintain separate lists. Staff will provide information on toxic substance lists at the next meeting. Approved unanimously.

The task force discussed how to deal with fire departments that do not comply with Rule 4A-62. Director Clark stated that upon passage of HB 135, procedures and protocols will be developed for dealing with the safety of firefighters and investigating departments that have high injury rates.

There was discussion on a Training and Education sub-committee. Chairman Randolph suggested that the committee follow the same committee structure as the Special Exemption Sub-committee and that Ron Williams be the lead liaison for this sub-committee. Members of the Education Sub-committee are Ron Williams, James Angle, Steven Peavey, Scotty Taylor and Les Hallman.

New Business:

Copies of 4A-62.005 DRAFT Exemption from 29 Code of Federal Regulations were distributed. Gabe Mazzeo reviewed the draft rule.

Copies of 1910.134 will be sent to task force members.

Audience: None

Next meeting: April 18, 2002, 1:00 p.m.
Florida State Fire College

Adjourn 4:10 p.m.

*** Meeting changed to April 8, 2002, 12:00 p.m.**