



Council Update by Dave Casey
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You are invited!

At 2:30, before the Council Meeting you are invited to tour the new Fire Protection Systems Lab and classroom, room 101. Bill Richards has arranged the donation of a wide range of fire protection system equipment from the manufacturers and dealers that goes along with our updated Fire Protection Systems I and II classes.

Please take a few minutes to look at this very impressive display that will help educate our Inspectors, Plans Reviewers and Firefighters.

1. Student Services
 - a. New Manager in place, Jerome Calhoun comes to us with considerable military and VA experience. He is overseeing all student issues other than the actual training and standards issues inclusive of registration, dorms, security, training records and certification, facility scheduling, bookstore, etc This consolidates a number of associated roles by different supervisors for better coordination and service.
 - b. Facility Security – video surveillance of dormitory building hallways in place, swipe card locks are being installed as we speak in dormitories.
 - c. Dormitories buildings are being locked at 10 pm, access after through one door by the new security office.
 - d. Biggest announcement is the online registration is up!! Allen Lovvorn, our Assistant Superintendent will brief you more thoroughly on this very exiting and student “friendlier” addition that allows students to register for classes and reserve dorms via the internet.
2. BFST Staff
 - a. Rusty Burnett, has been promoted to Instructor Supervisor.
 - b. We have so far been unable to fill two instructor positions with qualified applicants. We are preparing to advertise for the third time.
 - c. As of Monday the 6th, Bill Depauw has rejoined us in Standards and we are back to full staff for Field Examiners.
3. USAR update:
 - a. Structural Collapse Awareness – 6 to 8 hours is ready for delivery, will be via the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to each fire department and EMS provider. Contracted with Rescue Training Associates to provide curriculum in a hand-off format to all Fire Training Centers, Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services. Course is for all firefighters, EMTs/Paramedics

to take per the State Working Group. Funding to BFST by contract with the Division of Emergency Management (DCA). Needs to be added to minimum standards. Standards and Training are reviewing current curriculum and will have proposal at our January meeting. “Hand-off” will be in self-study online or in-station delivery for incumbent firefighters. Material is provided for regular class delivery also.

- b. #1 issue – will ODP allow Technician level training? Currently they are not. This is required for the USAR teams under NFPA and FEMA standards. This is an item valued at over \$2,000,000 that has been allocated to Florida.
 - c. See attached document on “USAR Overview”. USAR prop funding has been approved by Legislature, awaiting ODP approval.
 - d. Phase I of the USAR training site at FSFC is almost complete- DEM contract funded phase I, a “rat run” collapse scenario similar to Dade’s, and this is located behind the live fire training field
 - e. BFST will serve as credentialing agency for USAR teams, with FASAR/FFCA and FEMA typing.
 - f. DSFM/BFST has been tasked with the equipment purchases for the USAR teams for this year.
 - g. Mobile trainer - a mobile USAR trailer that will allow for regional delivery to reduce local agency travel and personnel costs for training has been approved by the Legislature and ODP.
4. FFOSHA:
- a. 4A-62 due to go to hearing soon
 - i. BFST is working with Florida Fire Service Organizations to implement
 - ii. Has provided training at constituent group seminars (FFCA, FSFA, FPF, FRE, etc.) and will continue to do so.
 - iii. Working to partner with Worker’s Comp and FPSH to provide regional training
 - iv. Model Comprehensive Plan and model policies to be on website (ready now)
 - b. Firefighter One
 - i. Performance Objectives on webpage now.
 - ii. Making Power Point presentations on CDs to cover the material not in the IFSTA material for Firefighter I (Florida specific and some fire protection system basics).
 - iii. Volunteer Weekends at FSFC – planning an initial series of classes, Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning for those segments of Firefighter One that may be more difficult to offer, such as the live fire segment or extinguisher practical.
 - iv. If response is good, want to expand to company officer and pump operator classes.
5. Live Fire Trainer class - The August 31 meeting went well. A survey to agencies present indicated need for state certification class for live fire instructor to include

- permanent props and acquired structures, and outdoor props excluding wildfire. Process continuing with Buck Tomlinson as our lead. A concern expressed by the FFCA is the availability of training, and the adoption of 1403 as a law. We are working with the FFCA, FPF, Training Center Directors, Instructors Society and other groups and will present our findings at Fire Rescue East.
6. Fire Rescue East – FSFC has taken a much broader role serving as co-sponsor of the educational program with the Florida Society of Fire Service Instructors. Several classes and programs are being offered by Fire College staff on topics such as fire protection systems, NFPA 1403, an 8-hour pre-conference seminar on FFOSHA Compliance, and a 40-hour Course Development course. Also, Firefighter One has been scheduled on-site for Saturday.
 7. Curriculum review process update:
 - a. We are working with the Training Centers and Community Colleges to update several classes, first up is Company Officer. Intent is to have train-the-trainer instructors teaching the current program at Fire Rescue East, followed by others. Those taking the train-the-trainer classes are issued the PowerPoint presentations, objectives, lesson plans, hand-outs, scenarios, etc.
 - b. Intent is to get away from our own books, to readily available texts, with Florida specific information available to the course instructors.
 - c. Upcoming: Hydraulics, Tactics
 8. Hazardous Materials Technician – resolving minor differences with SERC Training Committee. Working towards using DOT/IAFF Hazardous Materials Technician manual. Intent is to have first voluntary certification test at Fire Rescue East.
 9. Computerization of Registration and Training Records:
 - a. Ready now - allows application to courses, request for dorms online with immediate acceptance/approval.
 - b. Online credit card payment.
 - c. Starting very shortly, student rosters enrolled via online. Allows for better tracking and centralized record keeping
 10. Dade County LoDD – we are continuing the investigation of the death of Wayne Mitchell, however we are very limited on what can be discussed at this point as it is an active investigation. We will provide a report as was done with the Osceola firefighter fatalities.