



Firefighters Standards, Training and Employment Council
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For June 3, 2004 Meeting



1. BFST Personnel
 - a. Several good applicants to replace Chuck Smeby, one of our two academic instructors doing the UF Bachelor's program. As soon as the application period ends we will interview.
 - b. We are still looking for 2 more instructors, one will be the Firefighter I/II program chair, the other as a general instructor for college level programs. Applications with Florida credentials have been minimal.
2. Standards/Training Center workshop: the annual workshop seemed to go very well. Primary issues from my view include:
 - a. Named committee of FSFC, community college and vo-tech instructors for Tactics I and II curriculum development committee.
 - b. Demonstration of the practical test
 - c. Reception for the training center and fire college staff went well with good exchange of information.
 - d. "Executive Board" meeting with Bureau Chief went well, accomplished a lot.
 - e. Request by FFTDA to revise Firefighter II test. Discussion of standards based test that would allow use of IFSTA, Jones & Bartlett (NFPA) or Delmar-Thomson texts.
 - f. FFTDA concurrence and desire for FSFC to revise Hydraulics course to IFSTA formula (CQ^2L) and away from NFPA ($2Q^2 + Q$).
3. Have pilot class for the new National Incident Management System (NIMS) at FSFC with one of the first Train-the-trainer classes to follow. Dates are not finalized. We still don't know how this will affect NWCG training yet.
4. Training Fatalities/Injuries Reports:
 - a. Still awaiting SAO for release of Hialeah Training Center – Miami Dade Fire Rescue.
 - b. Central Florida Fire Academy/ Osceola County Fire Rescue – will set meeting with involved agencies prior to release.
5. HB 1190 and companion bill did not make it out of the final session. Buck Tomlinson, our program development chair for the Live Fire Instructor course had first curriculum development meeting on June 1 with representatives of fire schools and departments from across the state.
6. FAC 69A-62 still has not made its way out of JAPC.
7. Revisit the question of adding the Forestry classes to Firefighter I, S-130, S-190, and Florida Fire Behavior (Chief Bryson).
8. Both of the above items will require revision to FAC 69A-37.
9. Haz Mat Tech Test and Haz Mat Tech curriculum. Some training centers are balking at new program, my personal belief is the cost involved. It is relatively cheap to do three "book" classes and let FSFC or another school do the one week of practical. Program as laid out now has practical throughout and puts emphasis on practical application more than theory. Also concern from incumbents about time

frame for testing. FLAHR has a meeting June 10, I am asking them to have SERC Training Committee representatives there to resolve concerns. Also from a SERC member was the desire to have a standards driven program over a specific course (the IAFF's).

10. US&R Program:

- a. The Master Trainer program for Structural Collapse was at Texas A&M University. The 80 hour FEMA sanctioned train-the trainer program went well.
- b. Involved training providers and "Big 8" Task Forces are being asked for their Master Trainer candidates for the other topics, with those meetings at the beginning of July.

11. Second phase of computer system has been bid, vendor selected, award any day now.

12. The Medical Evaluation form does include the NFPA specific language of "Essential Firefighting Functions", however is most often not attached when returned. Final revision is not ready for review.