

CASEY NOTES TO FESTC FEBRUARY 10, 2005

FIRE RESCUE EAST CEUs – you must go to the Florida State Fire College booth before you attend classes if you want CEUs. This year the Florida State Fire College will be in the lobby down from the registration booth.

OLD BUSINESS

- 69A-62 F.A.C. challenge was without merit, no revisions.
- Online classes – see attached requirements and list of courses that lead to certifications that can be taken by colleges that meet the requirements. We will have a list on our webpage.
- NIMS – IS-700 needed by all personnel for compliance to NIMS requirement. Can be taken online, getting version ready to Training Centers to use for F1 courses. I-100 and I-200 available online now. FSFC will accept online or traditional delivery. Feds are revising old discipline specific courses. We hosted a train-the-trainer for the fire I-200 equivalent, but we thought we were getting a all-discipline NIMS course.
- Firefighter One helmet decal being very well accepted and sought out. As individuals pass the test they are issued one with their certificate and when VFD rosters are received by BFST appropriate Firefighter One and Two decals are given to the FD.
- Training Center Directors (FFTDA) will present a draft of an entry practical test for certified Firefighter Ones that want to get into Firefighter Two. This comes from concerns that the Firefighter One candidates entering into the Firefighter Two part of the program seem to be lacking skills and abilities.
- ProBoard will not accredit Firefighter One certification unless we include a practical examination.
- Report on Dade Firefighter Recruit ready, should be issued this week.
- Buck Tomlinson, Fire College Instructor and the Bureau's lead on live fire instructor training will give a brief update here at Fire Rescue East. Legislation in this session to adopt 1402 and 1403, and requirements for live fire instructor credentialing.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

- Legislative:
 - **HB 69 - Relating to Fire Prevention & Control** by Quinones
Fire Prevention & Control; creates Fire & Emergency Incident Information Reporting Program within State Fire Marshal Div.; creates Fire & Emergency Incident Info. System Technical Advisory Panel within division; provides criminal penalties for initiating pyrotechnic display in indoor facility under certain circumstances; requires division to adopt rules re live fire training; provides

requirements, etc. Amends Ch. 633, 932.7055. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Similar bill: SB 0108 - Relating to Fire Prevention & Control by Constable

- **HB 307 - Physical Exam/Physician Assts./ARNP** by Brown

Authorizes physician assistants or advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct physical examinations of Class "G" permit applicants; authorizes physician assistants or advanced registered nurse practitioners to conduct physical examinations of any person applying for employment as firefighter. Amends 493.6108, 633.34. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2005.

- **FAC62-256.700 Open Burning**, currently has 1992 NFPA 1403 adopted. No date posted yet for hearings.

- **FAC 69A-67 FFOSHA** – in effect now.

http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/pdf/FAC_69A-62_04_1029_Final.pdf

- Instructor Supervisor hired. We took Susan Schell from the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (roughly our equivalent entity) where she had a similar position.
- Instructor – hired Charlie Brush, Charlie is a Florida Instructor III, Firefighter II, although his experience is from the Northeast. We are attempting to teach him to say “fixin’” and “ya’ll” with no avail so far.
- Engineering firm engaged for US&R additions to current burn building.
- FCDICE Phase II – JAD (Joint Applications Design) process underway, brings the Standards records online. Allen Lovvorn will give a more complete report.
- Credentialing – first phase of federal credentialing, initial testing for training use here at FRE now. Will provide photo “smart card” ID following federal requirements initially to Haz Mat team and USAR Task Force members, followed by Fire Instructors and Inspectors and later all personnel.
- CEUs for Inspector and Instructor
 - Receiving many complaints and concerns about changes in what is accepted for renewal, primarily for instructor. What is approved has actually been expanded considerably. “Instructor Improvement” was changed in 2001.
 - Instructor 69A-37.059 (6) (d) 1. Have successfully completed an approved course of instruction in a curriculum related to instructor improvement
 - Inspector 69A-37.065 (9)(d) 1. Have successfully completed an approved course of instruction in a curriculum related to the inspector certification
 - Approvals have been extended for almost all train-the-trainer courses for ODP approved programs, Prepare Florida, EMS programs (ACLS, BTLS, etc.), new FSFC t-t-t, FEMA ERT series, etc.
 - Need to get word out to all groups. Any revisions have been sent via the a-list. If your Training Officer and your troops aren’t on it, they probably don’t have the latest information. fsfc-alist@fldfs.com
- Spring Standards Workshop with Training Centers

- Annual event go over any program revisions, testing revisions, gather input from TCs on projects.
- Last year reviewed all of the Firefighter I and II Performance Objectives ad nauseum, walked through entire practical test for process and grading, etc.
- This year will have workshop on providing Instructor CEUs, which has been allowed, but not often utilized.
- Fall Instructor Improvement Conference (tentative)
 - At FSFC
 - Program Updates, new techniques and related information
 - All CEU bearing
 - For any certified instructors under 633.
- Field Operation Guideline manuals (FOGs) distribution getting better now that we keep asking everyone where theirs is. Due for update upcoming including compliance to NIMS (minor differences).
- Standards:
 - Plans to go to national question bank on hold while we evaluate moving up the schedule to transition to online testing at testing centers. Should be able to announce any revision upcoming.
- The University of Illinois Fire Service Institute has put together “Down & Dirty” CDs of company drills they distributed to all their fire departments. We have got permission and have copied them for all Florida FDs, and will follow up with similar projects.
- Volunteer Week March 30 - April 3, 2005
- TRANSCAER April 13 to 15, 2005