

Standards Council Brief by Dave Casey for July 22, 2005.

Old Business:

1. Update on FCDICE phase II and credentialing by Allen Lovvorn
2. Firefighter 1 and 2 question bank updates, standards driven, not text specific – will go into effect directly. This will allow for Jones & Bartlett and Delmar texts to be used. Nationally validated banks.
3. Online testing change over has been delayed due to bid challenge by a bidder. Agent and Agency (Insurance Regulatory) now has contract, we will meet with vendor in about a month when A&A is ready.
4. Safety & Health Officer program. Discussions with training centers and community colleges, asking FPF and FFCA to join development team.
5. Life Fire Instructor – development going well, did academic walk through last week.
6. Haz Mat Tech test – per SERC and FLAHR request will extend deadline for past training under old curriculum to December 31. SERC Task book must be completed to apply to test.
7. Down & Dirty series from Illinois ready to go.

New Business:

1. Instructor Improvement Workshop with FSFSI at FSFC November 8,9,10.
2. Safety Conference with FFCA and FPF in October 25-26 in Daytona. 2-day conference primarily about FFOSHA compliance and best practices.
3. FFOSHA implementation meetings curtailed due to investigative load. Will reschedule them regionally, hopefully with chiefs and union local officials. Looking to do half day on FFOSHA and half on training and standards.
4. USAR training 50% complete, panhandle not underway strongly, working with Tallahassee's changes in leadership to get them started.
5. Billy DePauw, our interim Standards Supervisor has accepted the position of First Coast Tech's Fire Academy Director in St. Augustine. Charlie Brush will act in that capacity until a permanent replacement is named. Applications closed last Friday, notice was on People First and FFCA website. 14 applicants.
6. Standards Section service issues:
 - a. Many delays caused by implementation with FCDICE taking staff hours and system issues. Tremendous strain on staff.
 - b. Certificates and certifications delayed, although all being caught up now. Have sent faxed copies to TCs and individuals when needed.
 - c. After checking phone records, are finding calls getting "parked" at positions that the examiner is part-time or on the road for extended periods.
 - d. New direct phone number answer point is being established in Standards with "live" person that can answer most questions, direct people to right place, e-mail forms and info packets or links directly to info.

- e. New e-mail address for Standards is FireCollegeStandards@fldfs.com, for general questions, etc. With turnover e-mails are getting left in mailboxes and not responded to.
7. Rule Revisions:
- a. New medical form directed specifically by law to include nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Otherwise new form is as approved by the Council last year to have performance conditions on signature page.
 - b. Revisions to FAC 69A-37 for Live Fire Instructor to be advertised and workshops held. One will be October Safety Conference in Daytona. First draft prepared.
 - c. Further revisions to FAC 69A-37 for Firefighter 1 and 2. Need to add IS700 and IS 100 as co-requisites, make EMS First Responder a co-requisite, and other revisions. Revisiting hours per topic. Intent is not to make longer. Also to shuffle some F1 knowledge into F2 and more practical skills into F1.
 - d. 69A-62 FFOSHA – revision to “Comprehensive Plan” to clarify this is for all agencies, Remediation Plan for agencies where problems have been identified.