

FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2002

PRESENT:

Michael Randolph, Chairman	Fire Officer Member	Tallahassee Fire Department
Dave Casey	Fire Chief Member	Clay County Fire Rescue
Les Hallman	Fire Chief Member	South Walton Fire District
Donna Reed	Fire Officer Member	Orange County Fire Rescue
Clarence Roberts	Firefighter Member	Jacksonville Fire Rescue
Scotty Taylor	Firefighter Member	Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams	Fire Training Member	Lake County Vo-Tech Center

ABSENT:

Stuart Kaufman	Citizen Member	Plantation
Stockton Reeves VI	Citizen Member	Orlando

DIVISION:

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

AUDIENCE:

Shayne Stewart	Okaloosa Island Fire Department
Dave Bradley	Matalacha-Pine Island Fire Department
William Klein	Brevard Community College
David Harrawood	Sarasota County Fire Department
Charles Raiken	Broward County Fire Rescue

Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Randolph at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Randolph welcomed the new members of the council.

The minutes from the October 12, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

**REPORT FROM DIRECTOR CLARK**

Director Clark reported on the progress of HB 135, Firefighter Health and Safety. The Division is working on implementation procedures and protocols for the rule and the requirements of HB 135 once it becomes law.

**REPORT FROM BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

Chief Napoli, Bureau Chief referenced rules 4A-39, 4A-37 and 4A-62 and reminded the council that the rules became effective in November and December.

New members of the council received copies of *Government in the Sunshine*. Division Attorney, Gabe Mazzeo reminded the council members not to discuss any business of the council aside from a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting.

Chief Napoli stated that there is some confusion within the state about the duties of the Firefighters Standards and Training Council and the Firefighters Health and Safety Task Force. He reference rule 4A-62 and encouraged the council to review the rule in its entirety.

There are 8 programs from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training that have been nationally accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. Chief Napoli explained that the programs are so thorough that a person certified as a Fire Inspector I in Florida who submits for national accreditation will receive accreditation for Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II and Plans Examiner I, all on the national level. He continued to say that the Fire and Life Safety Educator programs, and Fire Instructor I and II have also been accepted for national accreditation.

Chief Napoli referenced domestic preparedness and the executive order signed by the Governor at the end of last year, and the legislative changes that occurred during the special session. He stated that the State Working Group for Domestic Preparedness was (SWGDP) started in Florida about 3 years ago. This group has been working on identifying needs in Florida for weapons of mass destruction incidents and also working on developing statewide standards for training various responder levels. A WMD conference was held in December at the Florida State Fire College for fire service executives that overviewed what was going on statewide for domestic preparedness. He stated that the FSFC, over the past three years has instructed 69 response to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction classes and 19 train-the-trainer classes, reaching almost 3,000 students.

Chief Napoli gave an overview of the events of the Florida State Fire College. The Great Florida Fire School (GFFS) 2001 was held in Marion County for the first time in November; GFFS 2002 will be in Lee/Collier County. Volunteer Week is scheduled for April 3 – 7, 2002. Transcaer is scheduled for April 10 – 12, 2002. The Conference on Instructional Excellence is scheduled for May.

Les Hallman commended the bureau for the national accreditation of programs.

Ron Williams asked about funding for weapons of mass destruction training. Chief Napoli stated that he recently received information that there is a substantial amount of money being proposed at the Federal level, and if available, will be allocated through the Governor's office in conjunction with the State domestic preparedness strategy.

#### **REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Report on firefighter fitness and wellness initiative is tabled until next meeting.

Discussion was held about the Fire Training Center of the Year Award. Allen Lovvorn, Assistant Superintendent, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, distributed copies of the synopsis of pass/

fail ratios for all minimum standards tests, calendar year 2001. Mr. Lovvorn explained the history of the award and that it is awarded on original testing, not re-takes. He stated that the council should be aware of the number of classes and students taught. A sub-committee was convened of Ron Williams, Donna Reed and Les Hallman to evaluate the numbers. The sub-committee will meet immediately after the council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on textbook selection for Fire Officer and Fire Inspector Certification programs. Chief Napoli stated the textbooks are currently identified by instructors teaching the courses by certified training centers and local fire departments, and are then reviewed by staff prior to adoption. Also considered are textbooks that are used for national standards and by the National Fire Academy. There is a textbook list published on both the Fire College website and catalog. Chief Napoli clarified that the textbooks on the list are not mandated, however, the certification exams are written from the listed texts. Also, if there is a textbook change, training centers are normally given at least 9 months for implementation.

Program updates were discussed. Chief Napoli stated that there are programs currently being revised and FSFC reviews all programs on a three-year cycle.

A discussion was held on re-certification requirements for individuals certified as a Fire Instructors. Copies were distributed of courses that have been approved for renewal hours for Instructor I, II and III, and Firesafety Inspector and Special Inspector.

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** \* April 18, 2002, 11:00 a.m.  
Florida State Fire College

**ADJOURNED** 1:50 p.m.

**TRAINING CENTER OF THE YEAR SUB-COMMITTEE :**

It was decided that Ridge Vo-Tech is the recipient for the 2001 Training Center of the Year Award. The sub-committee will continue to evaluate the most efficient and fair way to award a Training Center of the Year in the future.

**\* Meeting date changed to April 8, 2002, 2:00 p.m.**