

FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2002

PRESENT:

Michael Randolph, Chairman	Fire Officer Member	Tallahassee Fire Department
Dave Casey	Fire Chief Member	Clay County Fire Rescue
Stuart Kaufman	Citizen Member	Plantation
Les Hallman	Fire Chief Member	South Walton Fire District
Donna Reed	Fire Officer Member	Orange County Fire Rescue
Stockton Reeves VI	Citizen Member	Orlando
Scotty Taylor	Firefighter Member	Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams	Fire Training Member	Lake County Vo-Tech Center

ABSENT:

Clarence Roberts	Firefighter Member	Jacksonville Fire Rescue
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DIVISION:

Randall Napoli	Director, State Fire Marshal
Gabe Mazzeo	Division Attorney

AUDIENCE:

None

Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Randolph at 2:00 p.m. On a motion duly made, the minutes from February 1, 2002 were approved.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR NAPOLI

Director Napoli stated that the responsibility of examinations for all disciplines of fire extinguisher technician certifications will be administered through the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training; the Bureau of Fire Prevention will continue to be the regulatory and licensing agency. Copies were distributed of the fire extinguisher certification course syllabus. The division is reviewing recommendations for curriculum changes made by various organizations and will bring updates to the council.

REPORT FROM BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING

The bureau is currently looking at poor/low performance of training centers that are certified by the bureau to deliver the Firefighter I and Firefighter II programs. Director Napoli stated that criteria is being developed to determine performance standards/levels. During the process, the bureau will identify training center weaknesses and will review recommendations with the council.

Director Napoli informed the council of accreditation changes. The National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) originally would only issue a national certificate of compliance to individuals that were certified by the bureau after the accreditation date; now they will issue a national certificate of compliance to individuals who were certified before that date. Staff will review the notification process of previously certified individuals at a future meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Firefighter physical fitness and wellness initiative: This item has been tabled for a few meetings. Chairman Randolph informed the council that Shayne Stewart will make a presentation to the new members of the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the Training of the Year selection process and funding for the award. Subcommittee Chair, Ron Williams, will review the process and make recommendations to the council.

Domestic preparedness issues: Director Napoli stated that the State Working Group for Domestic Preparedness (SWGDP) identified equipment needs for the regions and is now tasked with establishing various levels of training requirements. The SWGDP will meet at the Fire College on April 23 to look at all incident management/incident command courses.

The council revisited the instructor renewal issue from the previous meeting. Copies of the renewal hour lists were distributed. Dave Casey suggested that all train the trainer courses approved by FSFC be counted towards re-certification. Also to offer Train-The-Trainers for courses that are added, revised, or being revised and offer CEU's for those Train-The-Trainer courses for instructor renewal. Staff will review the recommendation and report to the council. Information will be published to inform all instructors that the instructor renewal process has moved from subject matter to renewing through improvement in instructional techniques.

Discussion was held on possibly implementing a safety officer certification program. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the hazardous materials technician program. Staff will continue to work on curriculum and determine how to administer the examinations.

Discussion was held on the Arson Investigator II program concerning the post-blast investigation course and the System I and System II programs concerning inspector instructors.

The Director stated that law enforcement is now mandated to attend incident management/ incident command classes including unified command.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: July 23, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
Florida Fire Chiefs' Annual Meeting

On a motion duly made the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.