

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
Ocala, FL
October 8, 2004

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
John Drago, City of Longwood
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Michael Randolph, Tallahassee FD
Shayne Stewart, Okaloosa Island Fire Dist.
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

APPOINTED BY:

Fl Assoc. of Special Districts
Fl Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
Fl League of Cities
Fl Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
Fl Professional Firefighters
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State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.	Fl Association of Counties
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando	State Fire Marshal
Jon Pasqualone, Fl Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.	Fl Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and corrected the next meeting date published on the June 3, 2004 minutes to read October 8, 2004, not October 9, 2004.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting on June 3, 2004 were approved. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Division Director Randall Napoli reviewed the Division's role at the State Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Support Functions 4 and 9 during the recent hurricane responses. He gave a brief history of activations and stated that this year the State's Urban Search and Rescue teams were utilized.

Director Napoli gave an update on the Florida Fire Prevention Code. He stated that the Florida Building Code may not be implemented until July 1, 2005, however the Fire Prevention Code will go into effect on January 1, 2005. The codes were closely reviewed and it was determined that there should not be any conflicts that can't be worked out administratively within that six-month period.

69A-62 F.A.C. became effective on September 6, 2004. The Director stated there is a challenge to the rule, which is currently being addressed and will follow the administrative process.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

Copies of the council brief from Bureau Chief Dave Casey were distributed and reviewed. Chief Casey updated the brief to include the following information:

BFST Staff:

- Chief Casey reviewed John DeIorio's credentials and stated that there are 126 students registered in the Bachelor's Degree program.
- Applicants for the Instructor Supervisor position will be interviewed on October 22.

Curriculum:

- Chief Casey sent a letter to the National Incident Management Integration Center via email and received a timely response stating they will honor all I-100, I-200, and I-300. An announcement will be made at Fire Rescue East and a deadline will be set for the transition from I-100 and I-200 to the new IS-195 and IS-700 courses.
- He reviewed issues with the lack of Field Operation Guideline manuals (FOGs) in the field during the recent hurricanes and stated that many departments said they never received them. Discussion was held on the content of the FOG's that were written for NIIMS and the differences with the current NIMS.
- Buck Tomlinson, Fire College Instructor and the Bureau's lead on live fire instructor training will give a brief update at Fire Rescue East.
- Chief Casey noted that by the end of the year there will be 12 new class offerings; 10 of which are federally funded USAR courses. Discussion was held on USAR training issues.
- FACAP is cancelled this year.

Standards:

- Chief Casey made a correction to the brief in the first item of the standards section to include nationally validated "banks" not "books"

NIMS:

- Discussion was held on locations to host future NIMS classes.

Chief Casey showed the council a helmet decal and stated that it would be given to all FFI's.

Chief Casey stated that there are concerns with the credentials of firefighter I students entering into the firefighter II program. The training centers are looking into an entry test to make sure the candidate has the practical skills required coming into the firefighter II program.

The University of Illinois Fire Service Institute has put together “Down & Dirty” CDs of company drills that they distribute to all their fire departments. They agreed to send these CDs to Florida and gave permission to copy and distribute as long as their copyright information remained on the copies. Discussion was held on topics specific to Florida.

Chief Casey stated that the standards section has approved the first online program for CEU’s.

Chief Casey reviewed the FCDICE system. Discussion was held on provider issues.

Council member Shayne Stewart asked about the investigation of the two training incidents. Chief Casey stated that the Osceola County report is out; the report from BFST for Port Everglades is done, however the case is still open and it cannot be released as of yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Ron Williams distributed copies of the requirements for the Florida Fire Service Training & Education Provider of the Year Award. Currently the FFTDA is reviewing applicants and will provide a recommendation to the council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Shayne Stewart asked which online courses are going to be accepted for certificate programs. Chief Casey stated the courses will only be accepted by DOE accredited providers and there is a draft list of classes to be finalized soon.

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 2005
Prime Osborn Convention Center
Jacksonville, FL

ADJOURN



BRIEFING FOR STANDARDS COUNCIL

BY BUREAU CHIEF DAVE CASEY

October 8, 2004

1. BFST Staff:
 - a. John DeIorio, Interim Chief of Town of Palm Beach has replaced Chuck Smeby, who is now with U.F. full time.
 - b. Advertised Instructor Supervisor, Al Williams has requested to return to instructor position. Will move as soon as hurricanes will leave us alone.
2. Curriculum:
 - a. New curriculum for hydraulics not yet ready, Broward Fire Academy is providing. We will use IFSTA Driver/Operator Handbook, which is also used for the Apparatus course.
 - b. Tactics curriculum committee is recommending "Fireground Strategies", by Anthony A. Avillo, published by PennWell for Tactics One. Wish to require the new IS-195, IS-700 (Intro. to NIMS IS-700 – online) and a new proposal on-line course on SERP and FOG as pre-requisites, replace I-100, I-200 in FO1.
 - c. Request for FFTDs to change text for Course Delivery, desire of Superintendent (me) is to include student safety issues in Delivery. We need FFTDA to name a representative to the development committee for January to start reviewing texts.
 - d. Hurricanes and Domestic Security have held up Safety Officer training programs and certification. Request to appoint a development committee of:
 - FFOSHA: Walt Malo
 - FSFC: Klingensmith or DeIorio
 - FFCA:
 - FDF:
 - TCs:
 - CCs:...with people with specific topic and teaching experience.
 - e. Live Fire Instructor curriculum development has been incredible. Large group, but with big results, as opposed to usual large committee work. Still intend Train-the Trainer be offered regionally and then by regional Training Centers. Next meeting November 9. Expect the product in late spring. Lead is Buck Tomlinson.
3. Great Florida Fire School – in Avon Park has been officially postponed until January 12 - 16, 2005. The decision to postpone was based on the desire to produce a quality program and the recent hurricanes have made that a nearly impossible task for November.
4. Working with Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation for volunteer specific offerings.
5. Standards
 - a. New Firefighter I and II question banks should be ready by March. Will allow use of IFSTA, Delmar or IAFC/NFPA (Jones & Bartlett), textbooks, nationally validated books.

- b. Driver/Operator next for new bank.
 - c. Have OPS personnel in Panhandle and at FSFC.
- 6. FFOSHA
 - a. Now in effect
 - b. Challenged (depo on 10/5) by Putnam County Volunteer, apparently on his belief that this is a ploy to get more paid firefighters, although he likes the curriculum. FPF and FFCA to support keeping "as is".
 - c. Offer still stands to offer Compliance/implementation training at constituent group meetings.
- 7. NIMS

New federal initiative under Homeland Security for one mandatory Incident Command System. Required for federal funding. Train -the Trainer here to select groups of fire, law enforcement training entities to be followed by several offerings so all training centers (fire, law enforcement, etc) can teach for certification.
- 8. PPE for EMS

Plan with DOE and SWG was for fire training centers to provide basically the same program as done for law enforcement, except covering the PAPRs and some equipment.