

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
Jacksonville, FL
February 10, 2005

PRESENT:

NAME

William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
John Drago, City of Longwood
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Jon Pasqualone, FI Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.
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:

FI Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
FI League of Cities
FI Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
FI Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
FI Professional Firefighters
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ABSENT:

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist. FI Assoc. of Special Districts
Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co. FI Association of Counties
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando State Fire Marshal

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting on October 8, 2004 were approved. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Division Director Napoli stated the revision of the Florida Fire Prevention Code went into effect in January 2005.

The Division is currently working on 69A-58 F.A.C., which is part of the Florida Fire Prevention Code that relates to public schools. The Director reviewed issues with time-out rooms and the court decision that gave the Division and local fire officials the authority having jurisdiction for new schools. He stated that the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST) will look at curriculum revisions and CEU issues.

The Director addressed domestic security issues and BFST's staff administration of millions of dollars to fire departments for training and equipment.

The Director stated 69A-62 F.A.C. that implements the Firefighter Occupational Health and Safety Act went through the administrative process and was challenged. The Administrative Law Judge agreed with the Division and the rule is now in effect. He stated that BFST will be working on an implementation strategy.

Discussion was held on local fire codes relating to State buildings.

Discussion was held on time-out rooms.

Discussion was held on the implementation and education strategy of 69A-62 and what FFOSHA covers relating to EMS responders. Chief Casey reiterated the need to be trained commensurate to duty for any type of response.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

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

- Copies of information regarding online courses approved for fire officer, fire inspector and instructor certification including a list of colleges and courses that are approved for online delivery were distributed. This list will be posted on the Bureau's website. Discussion was held on providers, curriculum, delivery methods and the accreditation of online courses.
- Chief Casey made a correction under Report from the Bureau: Legislative section: FAC 69A-67 is corrected to read FAC 69A-62
- Chief Casey updated USAR issues. He stated to date the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training is administering \$32,400,000.00 for assistance to local fire services, which includes training and equipment.
- Assistant Superintendent Allen Lovvorn reviewed the FCDICE system. He stated that the initial system has been in place for over a year and the second phase, the actual credentialing phase, has been in programming efforts for about 3 months. He explained the barcode scanning efforts being made at Fire Rescue East and for future events to capture information for each individual to be credited for CEU bearing classes. Feedback has been positive. He also explained the intent for credential "smart cards" to be used on-scene.
- Chief Casey stated FFOSHA workshops are being scheduled at 8 locations throughout Florida.

Director Napoli re-addressed the Division Report. He stated that the Annual Awards Ceremony will be April 4 and 5 this year and will be held in the old Capitol. He also stated that the Florida Fallen Firefighter Wall of Honor Dedication, located in the Capitol will be dedicated on April 5 at 3:00 p.m.. Director Napoli informed the Council that the Cabinet recognition of awards has changed. Each organization from the Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services can choose one of their sponsored awards to be recognized at the ceremony. Chairman Randolph noted the agenda and addressed the Training Center of the Year Award item under old business. Ron Williams distributed copies of the recommended Award for the Florida Fire Service Training and Education Provider of the Year Award and noted that the name of the award was changed to reflect all fire service training facilities. He reviewed the selection criteria that the council previously approved for the award. He stated that the Florida Fire Training Director's Association

recommends Central Florida Fire Academy as this year's award recipient. On a motion duly made, the Council accepts the recommendation. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The council discussed the Fire Code Administrator and Florida Fire Rescue Health and Safety Officer voluntary certification programs. Chief Casey stated that until the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) adopts their final standards, progress on the Fire Code Administrator program is on hold. On a motion duly made the council recommends to table the Fire Code Administrator and Florida Fire Rescue Health and Safety Officer until further direction from staff. Council Member Jon Pasqualone stated that NFPA should adopt their equivalent standard to a fire code administrator at their meeting in June. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Les Hallman stated that there is a House Bill that has been introduced to legislature regarding tobacco use. He reviewed the current law and stated the new House Bill will make non-tobacco use for firefighters a lifetime requirement.

AUDIENCE

Lt. Johnson, Gainesville Fire Department, Florida USAR Task Force 8 addressed the council regarding online training. He stated that the City of Gainesville has an affiliation with Santa Fe Community College to accredit their online training offered via GFR's intranet. He offered assistance to others who would like to do the same.

Chief Bob Majka, Bay County asked that under the new rule once the departments are identified is there going to be a review of those departments to make sure they comply with the rule. Director Napoli stated yes, the rule now says you have to meet certain criteria to be a fire department. He added that staff will work with local County Emergency Managers to help identify and assist the departments within their counties.

Rich Gorden, Training Coordinator, Division of Forestry inquired about the 160-Hour Firefighter I program and allocated training hours. Discussion was held on making First Responder a co-requisite and hours of training. Chief Casey stated that there has not been a request from any entity to add the forestry classes to the program, however there are components of S130 and S190 currently included in the program. Discussion was held on NWCG (National Wildfire Coordination Group) instructor certifications. Chief Casey stated that there is a request to add Prepare Florida and Structural Collapse awareness.

Bill Lombardo, South Trail Fire District addressed Chief Casey regarding USAR teams and physical agility testing. Chief Casey stated that is an issue for authority having jurisdiction. Mr. Lombardo inquired about the health and safety officer curriculum and asked if a consideration would be to add a physical fitness component. Chief Casey

stated there is a block in there on physical fitness programs and how to research and administer them.

Jesse Lapin-Bertone, Tamarac Fire Rescue addressed issues with the Bureau's website. Mr. Bertone asked if documents included in the meetings can also be posted along with the minutes on the website. Chairman Randolph stated the council is aware of the website issues and are being addressed, also the briefings and other documents will be included on the web. Discussion was held on hybrid course deliveries and provider approvals. Mr. Bertone made a suggestion to use *Occupational Safety and Health in the Emergency Services, 2nd Edition* by James Angle for one of the classes for Health and Safety Officer.

Greg Lanning, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue Training Chief stated that he has worked with the online system and asked if there was going to be a user's guide available for the system. Chief Casey stated that there are plans to do another instructional delivery regionally through the training directors after the second phase is complete.

Captain Paul Anderson, Clermont Fire Rescue asked about the deadline for accepting previous training for the Hazardous Materials Technician certification. Chief Casey stated the deadline was extended until June 30, 2005 for incumbent personnel to document previous equivalent training and sit for the examination, the new curriculum began the beginning of 2004. Discussion was held on the deadline for submitting the State Emergency Response Commission task book. Discussion was held on the train-the-trainer and qualifications to be able to teach the program.

Council Member Shayne Stewart informed of Thomas Santner's passing. He was the Chief of the North Bay Fire District.

Council Member Shorty Bryson stated in his 30 years in the fire service he has never seen the Division and the Bureau involved in so many projects and gives his appreciation for the work getting done.

NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2005, 3:00 p.m.

Tallahassee, FL

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