

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
Tallahassee, FL
April 4, 2005

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Jon Pasqualone, Fl 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:

Fl Assoc. of Special Districts
Fl Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
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Fl Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
Fl Professional Firefighters
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State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
John Drago, City of Longwood
Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando

State Fire Marshal
Fl League of Cities
Fl Association of Counties
State Fire Marshal

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Member William Bryson noted a wording change of "Live" on the Council Brief sent to the Council members prior to the meeting. On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting on February 10, 2005 were approved. Council Member Jon Pasqualone noted a date correction for the NFPA meeting in Las Vegas that was referred to in the Old Business section February 10, 2005. He stated the meeting will be in 2006, not 2005. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Director Napoli gave an overview of the hydrogen fuel program. He stated they are looking to site three hydrogen fueling stations in Central Florida; two may be built by the end of this year. The Division is working with local officials and organizations to write standards.

Director Napoli stated the final rule hearings for FAC 69A-58 Uniform Firesafety Standards For Educational Facilities will be held in Tallahassee and Tampa in early May. Discussion was held on fire alarms during school lock-downs. The Director stated that the code allows an alarm to sound at the panel 180 seconds prior to the entire building alarming to determine if it is a false alarm.

The Director reviewed legislation on sprinklers in nursing homes. He stated there are only 35 out of approximately 678 that do not have fire sprinklers and reviewed the loan

guarantee program for those facilities. He also reviewed legislation on House Bill 108 as it relates to the Division.

Director Napoli addressed FEMA hurricane reimbursement.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

Bureau Chief Dave Casey reviewed the council brief distributed prior to the meeting. The brief was updated to include the following:

Chief Casey stated that the first project of the Fire College Department of Insurance Continuing Education (FCDICE) system received a Davis Productivity Award from the TaxWatch group. Assistant Superintendent Allen Lovvorn reviewed the program and progress made on phase II. Allen displayed a sample of the credential card that will be issued to responders in the field, Verizon is the cell phone carrier and all equipment will work with that service. Discussion was held on credential scanning for other agencies. Fire Rescue East was the first trial of the CEU system scanners and it worked quite well. Discussion was held on future classes for the FCDICE system.

Chief Casey directed the Live Fire Instructor update to Fire College Instructor Buck Tomlinson. Buck stated the task force has discussed a two-tier program the academic portion of the program has been completed. It is to be determined if the program will be a "qualification" or "certification". "Burn Master" is a term being considered for Florida certified instructors that complete the live fire trainer program. Discussion was held on qualification and certification.

Discussion was held on Basic and Intermediate Incident Management and the new NIMS program. Chief Casey stated Susan Schell, Instructor Supervisor will be the State Coordinator for the program and will represent the State Working Group at the "master trainer" program in Maryland.

Council Member Jimmy Angle is representing Florida Fire Chiefs on the Safety Conference committee and will meet with Bob Carver from the Florida Professional Firefighters to discuss their representative. He recruited Council Members Les Hallman and William Bryson to assist him on the committee.

Discussion was held on FFOSHA. Director Napoli asked the council members to address their city officials to clarify any concerns they may have. Chief Casey reminded that the window for volunteer firefighters to exempt training closes on December 31, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the FOG manual. Chief Casey stated that revisions are currently being made; two significant are FLAHR is working on the Haz-Mat revision and probable addition of the State Emergency Response Plan (SERP).

Discussion was held on continuity in the Standards Section due to management changes. Chief Casey assured that continuity would remain the same and that a change in communications with Department of Defense will now allow the equivalency information for DoD firefighters to be verified easier.

Volunteer Week was addressed. Chief Casey stated that staff is looking into the possibility of Volunteer Weekends being held throughout the State.

2005 Great Florida Fire School will be held again in Avon Park, November 2 – 6, 2005. He stated that the number registered was 197 even considering the 2004 Hurricanes and that it was moved from November to January. Discussion was held on the GFFS website and future class offerings.

Discussion was held on annual awards events.

AUDIENCE

Mike Vroegop, Tallahassee Fire Department asked about Urban Search and Rescue standard requirements. Chief Casey stated there are position requirements for the different levels within the teams and listed examples of what is required for the specific positions.

NEXT MEETING

July 22, 2005 in conjunction with the Florida Fire Chiefs' Annual Conference.
9:00 a.m.

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