

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
Ocala, FL
October 12, 2007

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
John Drago, City of Longwood
Greg Gay
Dr. Ron Nutter
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.
Shayne Stewart, Okaloosa Island Fire District
Laurie Sweeney, Orange County Fire-Rescue Dept.
Rick Talbert, South Walton Fire District
Charles "Scotty" R. Taylor, Gainesville Fire Rescue
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

REPRESENTING:

FL Association of Special Districts
State Fire Marshal
FL League of Cities
State Fire Marshal
State Fire Marshal
FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
FL Professional Firefighters
FL Fire Chiefs' Association
FL Professional Firefighters
State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando

FL Fire Chiefs' Association
State Fire Marshal

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting held on July 20, 2007 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Director Hallman gave an update on council member Stockton Reeves. Mr. Reeves has not attended a council meeting since 2004. Director Hallman personally contacted Mr. Reeves and he is no longer interested in being on this council. This position, under 633 is appointed by the CFO and is to be a non fire related person. The CFO's office is already working on a replacement.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:

New "Action Item" forms were e-mailed to council members prior to the meeting. Chief Casey explained, with so much needing to be accomplished at each meeting, by using these forms, the council would be able to take action on items that need attention. The value is to try to make it more concise and expedient.

Council members liked and agreed to use the new forms.

Marion Legislative Home Day: The Florida State Fire College was the host of the “3rd Annual Marion Legislative Home Day”. This was the first time the Bureau was asked to participate in the even and the first time it has been hosted at the Fire College. In attendance were the Fire Apparatus Manufacturer’s Association, Class One, Emergency One, ProPoly etc. Also invited were the elected officials from the area. There was a very good turn out and the event brought a lot of interest to the facility.

The Bureau has received approval to replace the two open Field Representative positions. T.J. Johnson and Phil Oxendine who have already been with the Bureau in a part-time role will both join our staff full-time. This will work well for continuity. This will bring the Standards office up to staff. Larry McCall will be retiring on December 7, 2007.

Two Fire College instructor openings have been advertised, interviews will be next week.

The 3rd Annual Safety Conference planned for October 9 – 11 had to be cancelled due to a conflict of scheduling with the EMS Council meeting and with a private vendor that came in to do a show in conjunction with the EMS Conference. It will be back next year and will be held in September in Orlando.

Panhandle Volunteer Weekend was excellent. They had over 140 attendees with very good news coverage.

2007 Firefighter Memorial was held today and went very well.

North American Fire Training Directors Conference : Many similar concerns – changes in NFPA 1001. Florida seems to be ahead of most of the states. There was much discussion on federal money to the states. Florida seems to be the only State Fire College that receives federal funding.

The Live Fire Training Instructor program was discussed and feedback was very favorable. Florida’s live fire training is being provided in Colorado right now and will also be given in Ohio this January.

All of the publishers have their new editions coming out to meet the new NFPA 1001 standard which “kicks in” this January. The Bureau has to adopt it into the Administrative Code. Those changes to the Administrative Code have been drafted and we’ll soon have a date on when the hearings will be. There will also be several changes to FAC 69A-37 which are primarily “clean-up” items. Some things being addresses will be high school programs, age for volunteers, Supplemental Compensation and some of the old terminology.

The Alliance of State Urban Search and Rescue (SUSAR) Conference will be hosted by the Bureau along with the Florida Fire Chiefs’ and the Florida Association of Search and

Rescue in Ocala at the Holiday Inn beginning Sunday, November 11, 2007. This is a really big conference and will include thirty (30) states and three (3) countries. Florida has taken a bit of the leadership role over the last few years.

The Fire College has received a new aerial truck from Sarasota and it is up for service. Also, the City of Tallahassee donated a medical rescue unit which will be used for several programs including the anticipated growth into EMT training as part of the Firefighter 2 class (this will not be a State standard).

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution to Dade Request for Rule-Making regarding Training Center Requirements.

Chief Casey stated, this will only pertain to Hialeah. Any other agency that is in this situation would have to bring a report to this council.

On a motion duly made, Action Item #10/07.006 was approved as stated. (Attached)

Motion carried.

Further discussion was held on training center compliance.

Written Firefighter 1 and 2 Testing at Training Centers:

Chief Casey stated that Promissor has been contacted and they are willing, if a training center has a computer lab to provide testing ability. However, there will be additional costs involved. Also involved will be the additional cost of the Bureau sending monitors to the sites.

Further discussion was held on Promissor testing and student travel.

Chief Casey will provide the Council an interim report from Promissor on their concerns.

Live Fire Training Rules: have been turned into legal. The Bureau right now, has the ability to take any violators of those rules to court in that jurisdiction. The desire is to streamline that process and make it work a little bit easier. Legal has what needs to be done and now it's up to them coming back with a draft and going to rule making.

Further discussion was held on Live Fire Instructor 2. The goal is for there to be consistency among instructors. Council has some training concerns. Chief Casey will re-check interpretation and bring back information to Council in January.

Rule Making: It is the request of the Council to be notified of all hearing dates. The draft for rule making right now is in separate segments. It is the desire by legal to try to

have the postings and hearings together but if any one segment should become mired down, it will not hold up the rest of it.

Firefighter I/II Curriculum: As of right now, any of the three text books can be used. It was determined during the Training Director's Meeting is that none of the books match. There are significant differences in terminology and specific data as well as how some of the topics are treated. The consensus of the Training Director's is that at the Annual Standards Workshop in the spring, make a collective decision, along with legal's input, pick one book with a Florida supplement which would be drafted by the training director's and Standards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Physical Fitness Committee Recommendations: Ron Williams reminded the Council that the charge of this council is to set standards and presently there are no physical fitness standards.

On a motion duly made, the Physical Fitness Committee Recommendations issue was tabled until the January meeting when Chief Bryson and several other members will be present.

Motion carried.

Presentation by Mike Coker, Division of Forestry - NWCG S-130, 190:

Mike Coker provided a presentation on Distance Learning, a web based driven program for S-130/190, I-100, L-180

The program includes an Instructor and Student packet/CD with printing capabilities. It provides "Anytime-Anywhere Learning". All that is needed is an internet connection. It is a cost effective tool which reduces instructor "seat time" and provides more time for out in the field. It provides flexibility for both students and instructors.

CD's were passed out to Council members. Instruction provided on how to use the CD. CD includes:

- Visuals
- Reading section (assignments)
- Videos
- Interaction
- Quizzes (CD will grade and keep track of scores)
- Student/Instructor e-mail
- Report capabilities – rosters, contact info, course completion etc.

Mike Coker encouraged the council, training directors, and fire departments to try this program and provide feedback.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 24, 2008 – Jacksonville (Fire Rescue East)

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ACTION ITEM #10/07.006

TO: Florida Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council (FFESTC)

FROM: Bureau of Fire Standards & Training (BFST)

DATE: 10/3/07

ITEM: INTERIM RESOLUTION TO HIALEAH FIRE DEPT. TRAINING CENTER STATUS

DISCUSSION: Resolution to discussion/direction of Council at last meeting

The Bureau of Fire Standards & Training (BFST) intends to revise FAC 69A-37 via the rule making process as to the requirements for training center certification. In the interim, specific to Hialeah BFST proposes:

1. limit training to your own personnel or the personnel of other local fire departments;
2. have in place a current Memorandum of Understanding on file with the Bureau of Fire Standards & Training (BFST) prior to the beginning of each Fire Fighter II certification class wherein the contracting certified training center agrees to provide those activities not available at your facility;
3. require for live fire training that the Instructor-in-Charge (I.I.C.) and operator(s) of the prop controls be (“employees of” or “the same as those providing training at”) the center being utilized, for all of its live fire training, and
4. schedule of all training provided at the off campus facility, which sets forth the dates/times of all off campus training, submitted to BFST prior to the practical and written examination.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval by Council

FFESTC ACTION: APPROVED

DATE: 10/12/07

COMMENTS: This is strictly limited to the Hialeah Fire Department Training Center.

