

Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
Jacksonville, FL
January 26, 2006

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

NAME

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department
Michael Coker, Division of Forestry
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.
Scott McDermid, Bureau of EMS
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

REPRESENTING:

FL Assoc. of Special Districts
FL Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
Division of Forestry
State Fire Marshal
FL Fire Chiefs' Assoc.
Bureau of EMS
FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.
State Fire Marshal
FL Professional Firefighters
FL Professional Firefighters
State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

John Drago, City of Longwood
Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando

FL League of Cities
FL Association of Counties
State Fire Marshal

REPORT FROM DIVISION:

Division Director Randall Napoli explained the purpose of the panel. Copies of Chapter 633.115, Florida Statutes and FAC 69A-66 were distributed. Director Napoli introduced Keith McCarthy and stated that Keith manages the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System (FFIRS) program for the Division. Director Napoli stated that only approximately 65% of departments in Florida are reporting, however that covers 85% of the population.

Gabe Mazzeo of the Division advised the council that we operate under Government in the Sunshine and reminded everyone not to discuss Panel business outside of a noticed meeting.

Keith reviewed the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System and stated that Florida leads the Nation in Fire Incident Reporting. He reviewed the program and stated that some departments still report on paper and unfortunately, some have old software like the Sunpro system that is not compatible and data has to be entered manually by staff into the current NFIRS 5.0 reporting program. Discussion was held on the form of data that is submitted and communication issues with departments.

Director Napoli stated that another need for all departments to report fire incidents is so data can be presented to the legislature for funding issues to improve training, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion duly made it was decided that the election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Motion carries.

Michael Randolph and Shayne Stewart resigned from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel

AUDIENCE

NEXT MEETING

Discussion was held on meeting schedule and it was decided that this panel will meet in conjunction with the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council.

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