



Firefighters Employment, Standards, and Training Council Meeting
 May 6, 2021
 Conference Call

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2023 (2 nd term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Jerry Forte City of Palm Coast	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough C.C	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Jason Schneider Winter Garden Fire Dept.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Teresa Kinstle Jacksonville Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 31, 2023 (1 st term)

The Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting was called to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council held on January 21, 2021 were approved.

Motion carried.

REMARKS: *given by Randy Touchton, Chairman*

Welcomed new member Darrel Donatto, appointed by the League of Cities

Requested a moment of silence to all fire service members that are no longer with us and also for Wayne Watts, for a speedy recovery.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *given by Julius Halas, Director*

Grants - Florida Fire Service has been quite successful in the last five years.

- 2017/2018 9 million dollars in grants (combined)
- 2018/2019 up to 16 million (combined)
- 2019/2020 14 million
- 2020/2021 6% hold back was released
- Over 50 million in grants in the last five years (with no new staffing for SFM)

Legislation

- **Passed**
- Funding for an additional Rehabilitation Center for the Fire College
- 500,000 Domestic Security Funding
- Proposed changes to S. 633.426, F.S., allows existing fire service providers to create a process by which it allows existing volunteer firefighters who are already certified (FF I), to become employed and earn FF II within a period of 1 year while working under the supervision of a full-time certified firefighter.
- Proposed changes to S. 633.136 and 633.402, F.S., aligns the Fire Incident Reporting Systems Council (FFIRS) and the Firefighter Employment, Standards, and Training Council members to include a Department of Health representative
- **Did not Pass**
 - Request for new FCDICE system – request for Council letter of support for next year

Further discussion was held on legislation

On a motion duly made, the Council will support a new FCDCE system and submit a letter of support to the CFO.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: *given by Michael Tucker, Bureau Chief*

2020 was a challenging year. The Fire College is now back open at full capacity but still with some smaller class sizes.

FCDICE

- Data cleanup ongoing. Working with fire departments with mergers, rosters, etc. Continuing to share data with the Department of Health, the Governor's office, and the office of vital statistics. 17% reduction after clean-up of deceased profiles. We are currently at 511 fire departments recognized in the system.

Volunteer Section - Grow As You Go

- Individuals within volunteer organizations can take FF I on-line
- Currently 468 students enrolled (at different stages of the program)
- 107 certificates have already been issued through this program for completion
- We continue to try to market this program throughout the State with volunteer and combination departments.
- Volunteer Grant - since inception in 2018, we have awarded 3.7 million dollars. This year, (ytd) we have awarded another \$850,000 which brings us to 4.6 million dollars awarded for PPE, SCBA, etc.

IFSAC/ProBoard Accreditation

- Anticipating our IFSAC site visit this coming August. Bureau is ready

Certifications

- 2020 small drop in certifications due to COVID

Supplemental Compensation

- Continue to face funding shortfalls for fourth quarter

LFTI

- Updates being worked on, Listening Sessions will be held across the State

FSFC Fire Apparatus

- Submitted for a grant to replace FSFC engine, waiting on word. Our current aerial is out of service. When class is offered, we are left to borrow an aerial from Ocala Fire Rescue or other local departments

OLD BUSINESS:

Medical Officer Certification – FSFC is still working through the process with the Department of Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

AUDIENCE:

None

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 19, 2021, 3:00 p.m., 10 minutes after adjournment of FFIRS.
Panama City, Fl**

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request