



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
 July 17, 2023
 Naples, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Carlos Aviles St. Augustine Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Mike Bellamy Tallahassee Fire	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Brad Bischoff Bradenton Fire Department	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Jeremy Joseph Florida Forest Service	Florida Forest Service/DOA	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2027 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 31, 2026 (2 nd term)
Randy Touchton	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2 nd term)

ABSENT:

Aaron Colburn Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2027 (1 st term)
Dr. David Lee Sylvester Comprehensive	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2026 (2nd term)
Jim Millican Lealman Fire District	Florida Association of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2026 (2nd term)
Michael Woodward Oviedo Fire Department	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2026 (1 st term)

The Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel meeting was called to order.

On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel held on April 20, 2023, were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: *given by John Gatlin, Assistant Director*

- Strategic Planning
 - Identifying needs
 - Direction of SFM (State Fire Marshal)
 - Collection of data – important in critical decision making
 - Focusing on fire fatalities
- Community Risk Reduction
 - New position has been approved
 - Hoping the job advertisement can be published within the next 30 days
- Other Priorities
 - Firefighter health and safety
 - Firefighter recruitment and retention
 - Marketing
 - Much needed improvements at the Fire College. The goal is to be the premier training facility of the southeast.
- Direct Support Organization Approval
 - Non-profit
 - Goal is to raise money to support firefighter training and safety
- Budget
 - Many projects received approval. The ones that did not will be put in again for next year.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by John Gatlin, Assistant Director*

- 2022 Annual Report has been published. A handout was provided with the QR code to access the report on the website.
- Continuing to make changes to streamline the report and get it on a tighter timeline so that the data is relevant.
- Dashboards
 - Have created data warehouse – should be finalized within the next few months
 - This data will be used to customize the dashboards (multiple static type dashboards)
 - Each department will be provided with a login and create their own dashboards – training will be provided
 - The Division will be working with NFIRS, the Department of Health and the Department of Forensics & Investigative Services to be able to pull data on fire fatalities

- Ongoing issues/efforts on incomplete reports – will be targeting departments that have continuing issues with incomplete reporting or that are not reporting at all
- Will be reaching out to “high performing” departments for their policy and procedures to form a “best practices” that will be shared
- US Fire Administration (USFA) – SFM is engaged in panel discussion with them and will remain engaged. More information to come as they release their information
- Annual Report
 - 5-year average of fires – 58,000 annually
 - 2022 saw a 21% increase to 74,000
 - Big difference in fire death reporting between NFIRS and FFIRS – looking into discrepancy
- Strategic Planning
 - The Division is focusing on Strategic Planning which should be completed by the end of the year.
 - Hope to gather reporting goals during the process

Council requested a report on non-reporting departments.

REPORT FROM EMS: *Tom DiBernardo, Florida Department of Health*

- Non-reporting agencies
 - There are 46 non-participating agencies, but they are small, fixed wing airplanes which run a small amount of calls
 - There are 2, 911 providers not currently reporting but by this time next year they will be reporting which will give a 100% reporting by 911.
- Benchmarks
 - Currently up to 125 benchmarks that are built into the system that agencies can use.
 - Received funding and scope of work to backload 5 years of “fire data” from agencies that use Biospatial.
 - Paying for upgrade to link EMS and Hospital records, hope to be at 60% by the end of the year
 - At the request of Director Rice, vital records have been provided (fire deaths)
 - Also ran a report on non-deaths, smoke inhalation, burns, etc. When at some point we receive the NFIRS report, it can be attached.
 - NFIRS has a Direct Connect App, working to get Biospatial access
 - Working on a resolution to DOE not listing paramedic on their “critical jobs for funding/career sourcing list”.
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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the history of FFIRS and if it should be combined as a sub committee under the Standards Council.

It was agreed to leave as is in Statute and moving forward, make changes/adjust agendas to avoid duplication and streamline the back-to-back FFIRS/FFESTC meetings.

Director Rice reiterated that she would like to see more council member involvement in both the FFIRS and FFESTC meetings. Council members should be providing input to the Councils on the needs of the constituent group they represent.

Chief Aviles requested a report of data/information prior to the meetings of what the statewide data looks like.

Chairman Bellamy will work with SFM to determine what main issues/information that report will consist of. Tom DiBernardo will add EMS issues.

AUDIENCE:

Jon Pasqualone, FFMIA, gave additional history on FFIRS as a former council member.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m. via conference call or attend at the Florida State Fire College.

ADJOURN.

Audio File available upon request.