



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel  
January 19, 2023  
Daytona Beach, FL

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

| <b>NAME</b>                                       | <b>REPRESENTING</b>                  | <b>TERM ENDING</b>                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Carlos Aviles<br>St. Augustine Fire               | FL Fire Chiefs' Association          | June 30, 2026<br>(2nd term)             |
| Mike Bellamy<br>Tallahassee Fire                  | State Fire Marshal                   | June 30, 2026<br>(2nd term)             |
| Brad Bischoff<br>Bradenton Fire Department        | FL Professional FF Assoc.            | Jan. 31, 2023<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term) |
| Aaron Colburn<br>Reedy Creek Emergency Svs.       | FL Professional FF Assoc.            | Jan. 31, 2023<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term) |
| Kasie Crowe<br>Division of Forestry               | Florida Forest Service               | Jan.31, 2023<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> term)  |
| Thomas DiBernardo<br>Florida Department of Health | Bureau of EMS                        | Jan. 31, 2023<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term) |
| Darrel Donatto<br>Town of Palm Beach Fire         | Florida League of Cities             | Jan. 31, 2023<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term) |
| Ralph Franklin<br>Okeechobee County Fire          | FL Association of Counties           | June 30, 2026<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |
| Shawn Hanson<br>Greater Naples Fire Rescue        | Florida Fire Marshals Association    | Oct. 31, 2026<br>(2nd term)             |
| Jim Millican<br>Lealman Fire District             | Florida Association of Sp. Districts | Oct. 31, 2026<br>(2nd term)             |
| Terry Parris<br>Panama City Beach F/R             | State Fire Marshal                   | Jan. 1, 2023<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term)  |
| Kevin Reed<br>Hillsborough CC                     | State Fire Marshal                   | Oct. 31, 2026<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |
| Michael Woodward<br>Oviedo Fire Department        | FL Fire Chiefs' Association          | June 30, 2026<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> term) |

**ABSENT:**

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| Dr. David Lee<br>Sylvester Comprehensive | State Fire Marshal | June 30, 2026<br>(2nd term)             |
| Randy Touchton                           | State Fire Marshal | June 30, 2026<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 November 17, 2022, were approved.

**Motion carried.**

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:** *given by JoAnne Rice, Director*

- Continuing to meet with stake holders to keep things moving forward and to confirm and build on relationships
- Meeting with small groups internally to make sure needs are being met and gathering information to work on the Strategic Plan
- Looking forward to hosting the (2 day – late spring) Fire Service Summit
  - Will look at strategies being used nationwide
  - USFA put out the executive summary from their National Fire Service Summit and noted that civilians are more likely to die in a (home) house fire today than 40 years ago
  - Interesting fact - they have been gathering data over the last few years on fire fatalities through scanning media and social media. There were 2280 fire fatalities nationwide in 2022. 64 of those were in Florida. This information was gathered from media/social media, not from reporting.
  - We (Florida) have work to do in
    - Community Risk Reduction (looking for Coordinator)
    - Reporting
  - No new changes in National Reporting for at least five years.
- Assistant Director position with the State Fire Marshal's office is an open competitive process, applications being accepted through Feb. 2, 2023
- Legislative Budget Requests
  - Again asking for 10 million for US&R
  - Funding for Florida State Fire College projects (infrastructure)
- FCDICE – feasibility study in progress. SFM needs the support of the FFIRS and FFESTC councils.

**REPORT FROM FFIRS:** *given by Willie Saulsberry, Jonna Smyth, SFM*

- This year there was a \$280,000 appropriation used for fire department dashboards
- Encouraging weekly/monthly reporting so data is more “real-time” and useful
- As we work on community risk reduction/state risk assessment, this will also be useful information for the fire service

Discussion was held on the lack of reporting during Hurricane Ian from strike teams and also documenting/reporting EV fires.

- During 2022, the FFIRS section participated in several NFIRS classes ranging from new users to permissions levels, what departments have versus the state
- FFIRS no longer uploads data into NFRIS, the departments now do that themselves.
- At a 73% rate for reporting and still working on that process
- Working on developing new dashboards – looking for input
  - Displayed a “mock” dashboard
- Initiative for 2023 is to display the system through training
- Annual Report
  - Deadline is February 15 for submitting data
  - Deadline is February 15 for submitting for photo contest
- Speaking with vendor regarding the error loop issues where the error message is not being sent back down to the user
- Updating contact information within system

Discussion was held on automatic submissions, accurate reporting, dashboards and the annual report.

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

- Bureau of EMS now has a full-time data quality manager, Luis Dominguez, he will start attending FFIRS meetings.
- Moving to the National 3.5. Subtle but good changes
- CDC has now acknowledged the high-quality data in Florida. Florida is now number one in quality reports for Opioid use. Florida is able to produce reports on the Opioid crisis unlike any other state. Through this data, the CDC is funding some departments to not only give Narcan but start the antidote on a reversal medication. Nine communities were selected and will be starting next month. So not only will they give patients Narcan but will provide medication to get them permanently off the drug. If used properly, there is an 80% chance of relapse.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**On a motion duly made,** Mike Bellamy was voted Chairman of the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel.

**Motion carried.**

**On a motion duly made,** Aaron Colburn was voted Vice Chairman of the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel.

**Motion carried.**

**AUDIENCE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 – Conference Call

**ADJOURN.**

*Audio File available upon request.*