



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
January 23, 2020
Daytona Beach, FL

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 Forest Service	Jan.31, 2023 (2 nd term)
Neal de Jesus Delray Beach Fire	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Thomas DiBernardo EMS	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Shawn Hanson Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Florida Fire Marshals Association	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Nicky Lovett Marianna Fire Rescue	Florida League of Cites	Jan. 31, 2020 (1 st term)
Rob McGilloway Coral Springs Fire Academy	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 11, 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)
Teresa Kinstle Jacksonville Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	January 31, 2023 (1st 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)

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 14, 2019 were approved.

Motion carried.

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

- Legislative Budget Request
 - FFIRS Reporting System Replacement (handout provided). Two-Phased Approach
 - Phase I – Analytics & Reporting
 - Project Start Date: 02/01/2020 – launching first steps
 - Project End Date: 06/30/2020
 - Phase II – Data Gathering & Validation
 - Project Start Date: 07/01/2020
 - Project End Date: 06/30/2020
- Florida Fires, Annual Report
 - Not yet printed. All council members will receive a copy by mail.
- Presentation by Dr. Lori Morre-Merrell on “Emerging Trends in Fire Operations Data”
 - Dr. Morre-Morrell represents the International Public Safety Data Institute which is a collaborative of fire service organizations. (Non-profit, grant funded by Homeland Security). This group is looking at enhancing data nationwide.
 - Studies suggest that fire data is of poor quality nationwide.
 - Working at a national level to get NFIRS updated. The current data set has not been updated in 20 years.
 - A few years ago, the National Fire Operations Reporting System (NFORS) was designed. This data is live/real time and there is no firefighter data entry. Connection is made through the CAD or records management system, or both, and it pulls the data. System dashboards are viewable and live.
 - This data can be used to build regional and state dashboards with live data.
 - All information is secure under DOD.
 - Dr. Morre-Morrell to provide live demo tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was held on the importance of reporting, a FFIRS reporting system update and firefighter report training.

On a motion duly made, Director Halas will have staff line up a proper presentation for decision makers. The FFIRS Panel will provide a letter of support to encourage presentation and talk about the importance of getting this program and how it will benefit the State.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Wayne Watts, FFIRS Section (handout provided)*

- Annual Report, Florida Fires, not yet ready. Will be mailed out as soon as possible
- Heat Source and Cause of Ignition
 - 50% of 2018 data reported heat source and cause of ignition “unknown/undetermined”
 - Fire Officers need to be reminded, a wrong determination on report does not leave you legally liable
- NFIRS/FFIRS training is ongoing
- On-line and podcast training are being considered, also curriculum inclusion being discussed

REPORT FROM EMS: *given by Tom DiBernardo, Bureau of EMS*

- Biospatial
 - Received data from the FFIRS office, still working on analysis of data
 - Biospatial is still a viable option for the State of Florida and hopefully still being considered
 - More than half of the agencies with Biospatial are now live
 - New features - users are now able to upload response zones/districts
 - As of Feb. 14, will include all the American Heart Association standards
 - Over the next six months, for every EMS run report, 20 data elements from the hospital will be connected to that EMS report
 - For Fire Departments doing Community Risk Reduction, Biospatial is a good tool in providing data

Director Halas stated that it has been brought to Legislative Affairs, the addition of an EMS representative to the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, Kasie Crowe was nominated and voted Chairman of the Fire & Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel for a second term.

Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, Shawn Hanson was nominated and voted Vice Chairman of the Fire & Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel for a second term.

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Florida State Fire College or via Conference call

ADJOURN.

Audio File available upon request.