



Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
 January 22, 2015
 Daytona Beach, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>	<u>TERM ENDING:</u>
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Forest Service	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Greg Gay Civilian	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2nd term)
Bill Gulbrandsen Longwood Fire Rescue	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Tim Hyden East Manatee Fire Rescue District	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 31, 2019 (2 nd term)
Bill Klein Eastern Florida State College	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 11, 2018 (1 st term)
Bill Lombardo South Trail Fire Protection	FL Association of Special Districts	Oct. 31, 2018 (1 st term)
Rand Napoli	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Joe Palminteri Citrus County Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Ron Parrish St. Lucie County Fire District	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2018 (2nd term)
Jon Pasqualone Martin County Fire Rescue	FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Association	Oct. 31, 2018 (1 st term)
Gene Prince City of Gainesville F/R	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	Jan. 14, 2018 (2nd term)
Lew Simon	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Rick Spence Reedy Creek Fire Dept.	FL Professional Firefighters	Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)
Laurie Sweeney Orange County F/R Dept.	FL Professional Firefighters	Oct. 31, 2018 (1 st term)

ABSENT:

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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 meeting held on October 2, 2014 were approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Chief Gene Prince acknowledged the retirement of Bureau Chief Barry Baker and thanked him for his service. He also recognized the appointment of Chief Bill Wentlandt to the position of Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, Florida State Fire College.

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

- Fire Service Awards to be held on April 13 – 14, 2015
- Tallahassee Memorial Ribbon Cutting to be held on March 17, 2015
- Legislation
 - SB 244 – proposing to exempt all cities under 12,000 population, from F.S. Ch. 4 & 5, which is training, certification, standards and firefighter safety. This initiative is being addressed.
 - Firefighter Retention – language clean up
 - Felony Convictions – language clean up on revocations
 - NFPA Fire Code
 - Informational: FD hiring process interest in statewide CPAT

On a motion duly made, the Council shall send a letter of support to the CFO addressing SB 244.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: *given by Bill Wentlandt, Bureau Chief*

- Volunteer Firefighter's – certificate glitch for volunteers that happened sporadically after 2009. This is being reconciled and new certificates are being issued.
- Beginning January 1, 2015, when a class completes minimum standards, they automatically meet the Firefighter I standard and will receive a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate.
- Volunteer Firefighter Weekend at the Florida State Fire College will be held on April 21 – 26, 2015.
- Job Task Analysis
 - Posting current information on our website
 - Initiating on-site fire department interviews by contractor, 25 FD's will be visited
 - The second phase will identify appropriate training, hours and curriculum

- Chief Keith Cartwright, Reedy Creek
 - Highlighted Health and Safety Conference
 - 230 attendees
 - 14.5 ceu's offered
 - Surveyed attendees for location preferences – everyone is content with it being in Orlando since it is centrally located
 - Next year's conference will be held December 7 – 9, 2015
- New Programs
 - Safety Officer Certification will be adopted in rule within the next 60 days
 - FLUSAR/HAZMAT – looking to adopt these program areas. Anticipate completion by the second quarter of this year
 - Initiating rule making to review the fire investigator program in the second half of this year. Will provide updates in future meetings
- Certification Exam Outcomes
 - Fire Officer exam pass rates – over 700 test takers
 - Fire Officer I – 90%
 - Fire Officer II – 80%
 - Fire Officer III – 87%
 - Fire Officer IV – 100%
 - Minimum Standards Written Exams through PearsonVue
 - 1,200 test takers - 94% pass rate
- Exam Development
 - Ongoing cycle of updates/review of every certification exam
 - Upcoming in first quarter – New Live Fire Instructor Exam
 - Upcoming in first quarter – Safety Officer Exam
 - Upcoming in second quarter – Firesafety Inspector Exam
- Rule Development
 - Mandatory Rule Development is ongoing
 - 69A-62.024 – requires standards for repair and maintenance of fire house and fire facilities – rule is still open
 - Bureau form updates
 - Firefighter Exam Day – specific to Minimum Standards requirements – anticipate a third workshop (two have been completed)
- Fire College Updates
 - New carpeting in classrooms and auditorium
 - New tile floor in cafeteria
 - New sound system is being requisitioned for auditorium
 - Dredging Pond (silt removal)
 - Smoke Tower repairs
 - ADA project
 - 1.9 million dollar burn building replacement
 - Submitted for grant to replace fire apparatus

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, Jon Pasqualone was nominated and elected Chairman of the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council.

Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, Bill Gulbrandsen was nominated and elected Vice Chairman of the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council.

Motion carried.

Discussion held on training hours/medical requirements prior to training.

St. Petersburg College has received this year's Training Center of the Year Award.

AUDIENCE:

Shayne Stewart
Instructor CEU's/attending/teaching/developing

William Byrd
Input on medical

Paul Anderson
Input on FF Certification - documenting volunteer activity

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 13, 2015 10 minutes after the adjournment of the FFIRS meeting which begins at 1:30 p.m. Atrium Conference Room, 3rd Floor Tallahassee, FL or via conference call.

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request.