



Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel
January 20, 2022
Daytona Beach, Fire Rescue East

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)
Thomas DiBernardo Florida Department of Health	Bureau of EMS	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Darrel Donatto Town of Palm Beach Fire	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2023 (1 st term)
Ralph Franklin Okeechobee County Fire	FL Association of Counties	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 of Sp. Districts	Oct. 31, 2022 (1 st term)
Terry Parris Panama City Beach F/R	State Fire Marshal	Jan. 1, 2023 (1 st term)
Kevin Reed Hillsborough CC	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:

Jerry Forte City of Palm Coast Fire	FL Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2022 (1 st term)
Nick Herlihy North Port Fire Rescue	FL Professional FF Assoc.	Jan. 31, 2023 (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 17, 2021 were approved.

Motion carried.

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

- Introduction of new member, Terry Parris, Panama City Beach Fire Rescue, replacing Teresa Kinstle.
- A Certificate of Appreciation will be issued to Teresa Kinstle (in person) for her years of service to FFIRS and FFESTC.
- Grants
 - This year alone, approximately 15 million going through the Division of State Fire Marshal
 - 2 million – University of Miami for Firefighter Cancer Research.
In last six years, over 8 million spent on this research
 - Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant will be 1 million for this fiscal year
 - Fire Construction and Equipment Grants is 11.25 million for this fiscal year.
 - Florida Cancer Decontamination Equipment (recurring category) last year was 250,000, this year it is 500,000 – this grant has a 25% local match.
 - Advanced Cancer Decontamination Grant is up to 750,000, which also has a 25% local match.
- January has been named “Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month” (Director Halas presented the Proclamation to the Panel)
- Annual Report 2020 is complete (handouts provided)
- The Bureau of Fire Standards & Training is conducting a “clean up” in FCDICE of fire departments to ensure a more accurate list of reporting departments.

REPORT FROM FFIRS: *given by Melissa Dembicer*

- FFIRS Section is experiencing staffing shortages
 - Statistician position (which has been vacant) will be reclassified to an IT position which will work with Tableau and the Annual Report and “real time” data
 - Position has been advertised and interviews will be done in mid-February
- Auditing of FCDICE department data is ongoing, no specifics to report at this time.
- 2021 Annual Report timeline will be shorter as to be more useful, changes will be presented soon
- (Julius Halas) with the support of IT, a place holder for \$380,000 has been put in place in the budget for every fire department to have access to Tableau.

- Connection issue with NFIRS still being worked on. USFA is under new leadership.

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

- Concluded 2021 with 4.5 million records
 - Now have 590,000 crash vehicle records/police reports and a little over 57,000 trauma center records. With Biospatial, all three data sets are now connected.
- Workforce
 - Looking at cleaning up employment data and are now requesting quarterly demographic files

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on non-reporting departments – not yet available

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion duly made, Shawn Hanson was voted Chairman (2nd term), of the Fire & Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, Randy Touchton was voted Vice Chairman (2nd term), of the Fire & Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

Mike Bellamy – Reporting critical incidents within the fire departments incident management systems.

It is not commonplace around the state for departments to indicate when incidents are critical. Tallahassee Fire is now tracking that.

Requesting from the Bureau, a summary from departments from around the State that are systematically tracking and reporting critical incidents.

2018, Worker’s Comp Law was amended with the PTSD Bill that provides for benefits/treatment for first responders (who qualify) through certain qualifying incidents (identified by law)

This will not only help safety officers within the departments but will give insight to “clusters” of personnel who have responded to multiple critical incidents and be able to address.

Darrel Donatto – One of the challenges is there is no standard, uniform format for reporting. In south Florida there has been a lot of advocacy for individuals to report on their own through NFORS. There is an app available for your phone where you can track through your own personal database. With the new leadership at NFIRS, hopefully we will see a more uniform (with data fields) way of reporting and unify throughout the country.

Julius Halas – The Joint Council of Fire & Emergency Services, a few years ago, formed a sub-committee for peer support and mental wellness. Teams, through the Health Collaborative and IAFF were sent to the Surfside collapse. Work is ongoing with the committee.

Mike Bellamy – would like to see systematic tracking of critical incidents.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Conference Call

ADJOURN.

Audio File available upon request.