**Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting**  
*October 13, 2016*  
*Ocala, FL*

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

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<td>Division of Forestry</td>
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<td>Bill Gulbrandsen</td>
<td>Longwood Fire Rescue</td>
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<td>Bill Klein</td>
<td>Eastern Florida State College</td>
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<td>Bill Lombardo</td>
<td>South Trail Fire Protection</td>
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<td>Rand Napoli</td>
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<td>St. Lucie County Fire District</td>
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The Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting was called to order “unofficially”.

Due to the Skype/Phone Conference system being down at the Fire College, this will not be considered an official meeting. No voting will take place as it was advertised as a conference call meeting.

The minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting held on July 8, 2016 will be up for approval at the January meeting.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: given by Julius Halas, Director

- Rule Development
  - Ag Tourism
  - Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant
- New Assistant Director appointed
  - Melvin Stone, former Training Center Director of Tallahassee Community College, and also formerly from Tampa Fire Rescue
- Trending
  - Firefighter injuries
  - Will take to national level
- Fire Prevention Codes
  - Going through workshops/hearings in progress
- New Initiative
  - Governor and CFO want all rules reviewed
  - This is Division wide
  - Emphasis on corrective action
- Felony Exemption Program
  - Research completed
  - Met with EMS
  - FDLE has offered assistance/good information
  - Exemption is only for “eligibility” for certification
  - Modeled after FS 633.107
  - If exemption is denied, applicants can seek an administrative review through FS 120.52
  - If exemption IS granted, it means only that the individual is no longer disqualified by criminal history from being considered for certification or licensure. The applicant must still meet all other requirements of certification or licensure.
  - Employment still remains in the hands of the hiring agency
REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: given by Mike Tucker, Acting Bureau Chief

- Requests made to Bureau of Fire Standards & Training
  - ARF Working group to discuss possibility of Florida specific certification
  - Continuing education units for instructor’s who teach class –
    - Working on a system for FCDICE to capture and track data
- FCDICE
  - 1.2 million LBR submitted for revamp
  - October 19, 2016 course prefix changes deploy (handout provided)
- Rules
  - FF Grant Assistance – routed for rule hearing
  - Fire Investigator – routed for rule hearing
  - Fire Inspector – listening sessions in progress, possible workshop at Fire Rescue East
  - Exam Day Rule – in legal, will then go to rule workshop
  - FF Death Benefit – no request for hearing, moving forward
  - FF Training Course – update in process. Medical exam, added “while wearing SCBA”.
- Cancer Symposium at FSFC
  - Great turnout
  - University of Miami did great presentation
  - BFST will hold this symposium every year
- Annual mental health conference – in the works
- “Visioning Session”
  - To be held January 5 – 6, 2017 at Fire College
  - Expecting 80 participants
- Curriculum Development
  - Result of Job Task Analysis
  - Worked with legal, now moving forward. Request for quote has been issued.
  - Vendors have six months to submit program.
- Campus Updates
  - Burn building should be completed by April
  - Rehab building will be started soon
  - Old Burn Building will be brought down

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE:

Discussion on felony exemption/hospital policy not allowing felons at facility for clinical rotations, ride alongs, etc.
Discussion on better distinction for prefix on classes for training centers.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19, 2017, ten minutes after adjournment of FFIRS which begins at 1:00 p.m.
Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request