Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting  
October 12, 2017  
Ocala, Florida

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:**

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<td>Kasie Crowe</td>
<td>Florida Fire Service</td>
<td>Jan. 31, 2019 (2nd term)</td>
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<td>Division of Forestry</td>
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<td>Bill Klein</td>
<td>State Fire Marshal</td>
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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 held on July 14, 2017 were approved.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION: given by Julius Halas, Director

- Legislation 101
  - Program hosted by multiple agencies, and is for anyone who would like to get more engaged in the legislation process.
  - Includes tour of the Capitol
  - Full day program
- Update on Grants
  - Over a dozen grants this current fiscal year
  - This year 1 million will be provided to the volunteer community
  - Cancer Research Grant
    - In year three, total up to 3.5 million
  - Grants also issued for fire stations, training centers, and apparatus with a total of 7.2 million
  - New Grant – Firefighter Cancer Exposure Mitigation – still in research and development in Legal
    - Promoting clean gear
  - Volunteer Firefighter Grant – SFM is requesting support in recruitment and retention of volunteers and has asked that all training centers streamline their volunteer programs
- The Florida Fire Chiefs’/Legislative Committee have filed a bill to promote;
  - Adding Mental Health/Cancer Awareness to the minimum standards and volunteer curriculum
  - Update tobacco affidavit to include that individuals will continue to be tobacco free during their tenure not just the year leading up to as currently stated.
- Long-time member of the Council, Greg Gay, has resigned.

REPORT FROM THE BUREAU: given by Mike Tucker, Bureau Chief

- Introduction of new Fire College staff;
  - Scott Stites- Standards Section Supervisor
  - Frank Ennist – Fire College Instructor
  - Mary-Ellen Harper – Fire College Instructor
  - Eugenia Tucker – Fire College Instructor
- Curriculum
  - Inspector (no certification changes, curriculum only)
    - Inspector II – developing task book
- Inspector III (voluntary certification) building concept around professional development and to fill the gap between Fire Inspector II and Fire Code Administrator
  - Evaluating Course Based Design
  - Bachelor’s Degree
  - 10 years of experience
  - Certified Fire Protection Specialist (NFPA)
- FFIRS
  - Incorporating hands on FFIRS training into curriculum
- Health and Safety Officer
  - Restructure to include mental health awareness and cancer prevention
- FFI Program (Volunteer)
  - Course is free
  - Currently 105 enrolled
  - 25 nearing completion
- ARFF Certification (voluntary certification)
  - Listening sessions ongoing
- Upper Level (Fire Officer)
  - Updating – No statute changes
    - More student active programs, hands on, getting away from power point presentations
    - Course sequence
- Course to Course Equivalency
  - Looking for consistency, standardized method
    - Single point of entry for process (on FSFC web page)
    - (Demonstration provided by Patrick Giacobbe)
- Lifetime Firefighter
  - Draft of application provided
    - In rule making process (form only)
- S130/S190
  - Eight Academy’s currently putting grades in FCDICE (includes past records)
- Performance Measures
  - Minimum Standards Pass rate (2011 – current) on first attempt
    - Written 93%
    - Practical 92%
  - All other exams – 81% pass rate
  - 2016 – 7, 719 certifications issued, YTD – 6, 431
  - Current Firefighter Certifications
    - FFII – 46, 168
    - FFI – 23, 658
- Campus Projects
  - Burn Building – in progress. Tentative finish date, 2nd week in Dec.
  - Rehab Building
Job Task Analysis
  o Curriculum re-write awarded to Marion Technical College
    ▪ Finish Date: April 2018
    ▪ Bring back Performance Objectives (Jan. 2018)
  o Visioning Document is in final Draft (handout provided)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Firefighter Cancer Mitigation Grant funds. Council agrees to continuing with distribution of DECON Kits.

AUDIENCE:

Clarification on Fire Officer curriculum updates by Chief Tucker.
No testing changes.

Jim Jollie, Seminole State College – inquired as to if the training centers were eligible for DECON Kits under the grant. Director Halas will look at grant language and determine if that is possible.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 18, 2018
     Daytona Beach, FL

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Audio file available upon request