



FLORIDA FIRE TRAINING DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

*Education and Training
... A Perfect Tradition!!!*

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Executive Board
- Our History
- Past Accomplishments & Projects
- Current Items of Interest
- Our Future

CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Kevin Reed, Chairman**
 - Hillsborough Community College
 - Serves 2-year term, alternating election cycle with the Vice Chair
- **Bill Klein, Vice Chairman**
 - Eastern Florida State College
 - Serves 2-year term, alternating election cycle with the Chair
- **Kevin Granberg, Secretary**
 - Gulf Coast State College
 - Appointed by the Chair
- **Shellie Lewis, Treasurer**
 - Seminole State College
 - Appointed by the Chair
- **Mike Kemp, Trustee**
 - Indian River State College
 - Serves 2-year term, alternating trustee election cycle
- **Charles Joseph, Trustee**
 - Suncoast Technical College
 - Serves 2-year term, alternating trustee election cycle
- **Open Seat (Consortium Trustee)**
 - Majority vote by FFTDA College Representatives

OUR HISTORY

- From Records, Minutes and Folklore...
 - Our meeting records date back to 1995, but it is very possible the FFTDA was formed prior to that date.
 - In 1996, William Miles from the Central Florida Emergency Services Institute was the chairman of the association.
 - Other organizations that were members of the FFTDA then included but are not limited to; Ridge Tech, Indian River CC, Sarasota Tech, Seminole CC, Florida CC at Jacksonville, South Tech Fire Academy, St. Augustine Fire Academy, Central Florida ESI, St Petersburg – PTEC, Lively Tech, Brevard CC... and we presume other colleges and training centers throughout the State of Florida.
 - Around 1998 Ron Williams from Lake Vo-Tech became the chairman until his retirement in 2021. Ron was the driving force in professionalizing the FFTDA.

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS & PROJECTS...

- Proposed a statewide “Training Trust Fund” in 2002
 - While the concept was well received by the membership it lacked statewide support.
- Revamped the Fire Science Technology Degree
 - Worked with the FDOE to ensure subject matter is covered in the Degree.
- Conducted a multi state Minimum Standards program study
 - In response to an impending hours decrease to ensure hours met subject matter
- Worked with fire service partners to develop the “Live Fire” training procedures adopted by the State of Florida
 - Instrumental in development and revisions.
- Created a permanent FFTDA Executive Board position for the College Consortium
 - Originally a stand-alone association, it was about to be abolished before becoming a part of the FFTDA.
- Worked on Vision 2030
 - Project designed to forecast and develop future goals, initiatives and plans to address the future Florida’s Fire Service.
- Maintain a seat on the Standards Council and Joint Council
 - Integral members of both councils charged with developing, maintaining and providing direction to the Division of State Fire Marshal

CURRENT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Minimum Standards Performance Objectives
 - Revisions take place on an annual basis, allowing for updates to occur on a regular basis.
- Live Fire Training
 - Collaborate with fire service partners to ensure compliance of the NFPA 1403 Standard.
- Monitor State Statutes and FAC Proposed Changes
 - Attend workshops and public hearings to ensure fire service training needs are not compromised.
 - Draft language based on a consensus of the FFTDA membership.
- Out of State Firefighter Certification Requirements
 - Proposed language to support a comprehensive testing & review of an applicant's skills, knowledge and abilities to function as a Florida State Certified Firefighter without compromising professional standards.
- Textbook Selection and Review Process
 - FFTDA members work with the BFST and publishers to ensure textbooks are relevant.
- Support the Firefighter Memorial day at the FSFC
 - Provide funds in support of the Memorial Breakfast.

OUR FUTURE

- Growth of the Association
 - Reach out to Colleges and Training Center managers in an effort to increase our rolls.
 - Identify members who are interested in serving on the E-Board.
 - Invite vendors to become corporate members.
- Remaining a Strong Voice
 - Actively participate as members of the Standards Council and Joint Council.
 - Continue to provide the FFTDA's position on state statute and administrative code proposals.
 - Interact with the Florida Department of Education.
- Supporting the Division of State Fire Marshal's Office
 - Collaborate with the BFST on projects designed to enhance the fire service.
 - Serve on BFST committees.

