



Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting
 July 8, 2016
 St. Petersburg, FL

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

NAME	REPRESENTING	TERM ENDING
Kasie Crowe Division of Forestry	Florida Fire Service	Jan. 31, 2019 (2 nd term)
Greg Gay Civilian	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Bill Gulbrandsen Longwood Fire Rescue	FL Association of Counties	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Bill Klein Eastern Florida State College	State Fire Marshal	Oct. 11, 2018 (2 nd term)
Bill Lombardo South Trail Fire Protection	FL Association of Special Districts	Oct. 31, 2018 (2 nd term)
Rand Napoli	Florida League of Cities	Jan. 31, 2019 (2 nd term)
Ron Parrish St. Lucie County Fire District	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Jon Pasqualone FL Fire Marshals/Insp. Assoc.	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	Oct. 31, 2018 (2 nd term)
Gene Prince City of Gainesville F/R	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Lew Simon Civilian	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)
Rick Spence Reedy Creek Fire Department	FL Professional Firefighters	Jan. 31, 2019 (2 nd term)
Laurie Sweeney Orange County Fire Rescue	FL Professional Firefighters	Oct. 31, 2018 (2 nd term)

ABSENT:

Tim Hyden East Manatee Fire Rescue		Jan. 31, 2019 (2 nd Term)
Joe Palminteri Citrus County Fire Rescue	State Fire Marshal	June 30, 2018 (2 nd term)

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 March 1, 2016 were approved.

Motion carried.

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

- Staff Announcements
 - Retirements: Assistant Director Mark Sauls and Bureau Chief Bill Wentlandt
 - Appointments: Assistant Director, Melvin Stone and State Fire Volunteer Coordinator, Charlie Frank
- Upcoming FFMIA Conference
- Grant (10k)

Handout Provided

- Legislative
 - Updates on Final Draft: F.S. 633.107 – Exemption from disqualification from licensure or certification.

On a motion duly made, the Council will write a letter requesting revision to the language in F.S. 633.107.

Amended to be submitted to Director Halas by the end of July.

Amended to include limiting the scope of the language and modeling the Florida Department of Law Enforcement current language.

- Council members will submit comments to Council Chair, Jon Pasqualone, to be included in the letter by close of business, Friday, July 15, 2016.

Motion carried.

- Firefighter Systems Grant
 - Currently \$159,000 allotted, hope to increase it
 - PPE, turn out gear, safety gear, etc...

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

- Commended Bureau staff on excellent job during Bureau Chief transition
- Firefighter Assistance Grant Program – Understanding needs workshop July 9, 2016
- Fire Investigator Certification Rule Update
 - Published draft rule
 - Hearings will be in September 2016

- Inspector Certification Rule Update
 - Holding listening sessions throughout Florida
- Campus Upgrades
 - New security System
 - Lobby floor
 - Replaced skylight
 - ADA phase 1 completed
 - Burn Building & Rehab facility
 - Looking at less than six months for construction
 - Replacing two Fire Trucks
 - Hope to dedicate during Memorial Week in October
- Recently applied for IFSAC accreditation
- Program Upgrades
 - Pump Operations and Hydraulics
 - Fire and Life Safety Educator
 - Staff members assigned to review programs for curriculum revisions to meet NFPA standards
- BFST Visioning session
 - Two sessions complete; internal and external
 - Invitations going out for two-day stake holder session at FSFC

OLD BUSINESS:

Instructor Renewal (ceu's)

Listening Session scheduled for Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the FFCA conference

- FSFC to provide time line and submit a report in writing
- Director Halas reminded of FCDICE limitations in tracking variances
 - Submitting LBR for FCDICE upgrade

On a motion duly made, the Council Chair will send a letter in support of the LBR for FCDICE.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- FFCA pursuing legislation to place firefighters who retire after 20 years of service in an inactive status to retain their Firefighter Certification
 - Program to be discussed for those wishing to enter back in fire service
 - Will benefit under various firefighter protection acts, i.e. Cancer presumptive, F.S. 119, etc...

On a motion duly made, the Council Chair will write a letter supporting the concept of maintaining firefighter certifications after firefighters retire with 20 + years of service.

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2016
10 minutes after adjournment of FFIRS meeting
Florida State Fire College, Ocala, FL

ADJOURN.

Audio file available upon request